

Privileged to Serve

Speaker ..Tom Fair (am); Andy Duncan (pm)
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader..... Andy Duncan
 Attendance.....Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer
 Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer.....

Evening

Opening Prayer
 Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer.....

Communion Preparation

Month of July.....
 Month of August.....

Nursery Attendant; Backup

July 26Lara King; Katie Agan
 August 2 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Wednesday Evening - July 29, 2020

Prayer/Announcements.....
 Song Leader.....
 Devotional.....

Service Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study..... 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship..... 10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.

Elders

ANDY DUNCAN (662) 416-2222
 TOM FAIR (601) 681-8293

Deacons

LAMAR KING (601) 604-2656
 BUILDING/GROUNDS
 BYRON MADISON..... (601) 227-1374
 YOUTH
 RANDY RIVES..... (601) 513-4785
 EDUCATION & WORSHIP
 ALBERT ST. CLAIR (601) 626-7815

Works Supported

Robert Martin
 Stacey Ferguson
 South Pacific Missions
 Pine Vale Children's Home
 Corinth, Mississippi

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Bible Class	cancelled
Sunday Morning Worship	23
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	31
Sunday Evening Worship	10
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	18
Wednesday Bible Study	*

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,640.00

*Figures Unavailable



July 26, 2020

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

My Weak and Tired Prayers

“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus”
 (Acts 4:29-30).

Acts 4 contains one of my absolute favorite prayers in all the Bible. To provide context for this prayer, we find this passage a mere two chapters after the first Gospel sermon on Pentecost. In Acts 3, we find Peter and John healing the lame beggar and preaching the word of Christ. Annoyed, the Jewish officials had Peter and John arrested.

In Acts 4:23, we are told that Peter and John, after their release from the custody of the Sanhedrin, met with their fellow disciples and shared with them what the chief priests and elders told them. Keep in mind, the Jewish leaders commanded them to stop proclaiming the name of Jesus. What we see next is a beautiful display of true faith. The disciples prayed to God asking for boldness. They did not ask for deliverance from persecution. They did not even ask for God to protect them from the very people that led the charge in the death of Christ. Instead, these faithful disciples prayed for boldness to proclaim the name of Christ—even in the face of persecution.

When I study this passage, I ask myself, do my prayers match the prayers of these tired, weak, and scared followers? I can only imagine the emotions these disciples were feeling in the face of persecution and oppression from the Jewish leaders. So, what do my prayers sound like when I am tired, weak, and scared? When the storms and darkness of life come at me, what am I praying? Am I praying for a more comfortable life? Or am I praying for the boldness to keep running the race of faith that it set before me?

When you are weak, tired, and scared in your faith, I urge you to not pray solely for God to take away all of your problems and make your life more comfortable. I challenge you to go before the throne of God asking Him to grant you the confidence to overcome your problems, the courage to continue running your race of faith, and the boldness to always proclaim the name of Jesus Christ. God has the power to help you overcome the storms in your life. The question is, do you have the bold faith it takes to surrender your life over to His power? God loves you and so do I.

Jared Green ♦ The Encourager – July 26, 2020 ♦ Calvert City Church of Christ, Calvert City, KY