

Privileged to Serve

SpeakerAndy Duncan(am); Tom Fair(pm)
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader Tom F.(am); Andy D.(p.m.)
 Attendance.....

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 August.....
 Month of September.....

Nursery Attendant; Backup

August 2 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
 August 9 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening - August 5, 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	19
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	36
Sunday Evening Worship	11
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	16
Wednesday Bible Study	*

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,892.00

* Figures Unavailable



August 2, 2020

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

The Blessings of Memory

I am in the midst of reading a book about a person who was stricken with early onset Alzheimer's disease. Although "Alzheimer's" usually strikes the elderly, it can and does affect those we do not consider "old," such as those in their 40's or 50's.

Often, we consider the frightening aspect of diseases such as cancer, ALS and other maladies. Yet, we feel equally alarmed by the type of disease that, even though it has a physical root, takes away the mind, especially memories. Maybe, now might be a good time to reflect on the wonderful blessings God provides through memory.

Memory is Constructive. When we are born, we are given the ability to store and recall information—names, faces, places, facts. These are just a few of the things that make up our memory. Collectively, they "hold together" much like a building that we construct. Though the proverb is religious in nature, the general rule of "train up a child" (Proverbs 22:6) is also true in everyday life. If you learn to do something properly, it is going to stick with you until there is a reason to depart from it.

Memory is Confirming. In a similar manner to the constructive part of our memory, confirmation of key information is good for us. If we encounter a law, rule or other principle that is in agreement with something that has been taught previously, our memory confirms that. One of the positive things about education can be that we are taught things that confirm and reinforce things taught in our homes. Peter wrote in his letter that he wanted to "stir you up by way of reminder" (2 Peter 1:13).

Memory is Corrective. Sometimes, unless we are reminded by someone of something we have done that is wrong, we won't take any action to correct it. Nathan used a story that reminded David of his sin to spur him to repentance (2 Samuel 12:13). In a similar manner, Peter reminded the people on the Day of Pentecost that they had crucified Jesus (Acts 2:36). They would have never taken action if they had not remembered the event and felt the regret that came with the memory.

Memory is Comforting. Grief is real and memories of a loved one at the time of death can be painful because of the deep sense of loss and emptiness. However, if managed properly, those same memories can be the source of comfort and joy later. Now to be sure, the joy is not the same as that which is present when our loved ones are alive, but they can be mental anchors for us to hold onto even after their death. May God continue to bless us with the ability to use our memories well for as long as we have them.

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