

Privileged to Serve

SpeakerTom Fair(am); Andy Duncan(pm)
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song LeaderAndy D.(am); Tom F.(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 9 Angela Duncan; Lara King
 August 16Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

Wednesday Evening - August 12, 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	29
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	23
Sunday Evening Worship	8
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	17
Wednesday Bible Study	14

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,320.00

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August 9, 2020 *Meridian Messenger* *Welcome Visitors!*

Uncomfortable

Do you have what it takes to be uncomfortable? We don't like the idea of being uncomfortable. We spend much of our lives focused on making sure that we are comfortable. We work to make enough money to have the most comfort possible. We contribute money to a retirement account throughout our whole working careers to ensure that we can retire comfortably. We love comfort.

One of the most countercultural teachings of Scripture is the idea that faith necessitates a willingness to live uncomfortably. In talking about what it looks like to be a disciple of Christ, we often look to the source, the original twelve disciples of Jesus. These men knew exactly what it looked like to follow Jesus. Sure, they were imperfect men, but they all had one thing in common: they gave up the comforts of this world to live solely in service of Jesus.

This past Sunday morning, we looked at the teachings of Jesus that we find in Mark 10. After he tells the rich young man that he needs to sell all his possessions and give to the poor, Jesus tells his disciples that it's difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. This was an eye-opening moment for the disciples, because Jesus made it clear that in order to follow him, one must be willing to give everything up. In verse 28, Peter said this to Jesus: "See, we have left everything and followed you." Peter, along with the other apostles, truly had given up all their earthly comforts for the cause of Christ.

Replying to Peter, Jesus says in verse 29, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life."

Are you willing to live an uncomfortable life for Christ? For many, that may not mean physically giving up your house or family or lands in the same way the apostles did. For others, that may be exactly what is necessary. For all of us, it means being ready and willing for God to use us to serve His kingdom—in whatever way He sees fit. Based on what we see in Scripture, it's highly likely that we will experience discomfort in the ways God chooses to use us. However, the same words of comfort which Jesus offered his disciples remain true to us today. Christians who are willing to live a life of total submission to the will of God, no matter the level of earthly comfort, will receive the ultimate comfort available, a life eternal in the presence of our Lord. God loves you and so do I.