

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 16.....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
 August 23.....Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening - August 19, 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	31
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	24
Sunday Evening Worship	12
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	31
Wednesday Bible Study	15

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,241.00

*Figures Unavailable



August 16, 2020 *Meridian Messenger* *Welcome Visitors!*

CONFUSING TIMES

It was sunny, hot summer day and we were well into the thirty-day mask mandate issued by our governor to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus, (aka, COVID-19). Wearing sunglasses was already a part of my established routine and grabbing a mask as I left the car was also on its way to being entrenched in my habits. As is often the case, I was thinking about other tasks, and I found myself standing just inside the door of the grocery store, feeling that something was not quite right. Sure enough, my self-examination resulted in me realizing that I had pulled my sunglasses down over my eyes, had taken off my mask, and was standing there, holding my mask in my hand!

Well, these are confusing times. When COVID-19 first began to be seriously contemplated and intervention was needed, information came pouring in: “Wear a mask and gloves!” “You don’t really need a mask!” “Be careful of the things you touch!” “No, it is really in the air!” And, we are still hearing messages that confuse us. However, the wearing of a mask, the frequent washing of hands, and the keeping of at least six feet between people in crowds, seem to make up the basic message that helps us in these confusing times.

Likewise, we are hearing confusing messages on so many levels in our daily lives: “Police officers can’t be trusted!” “Racism is built into American life!” “The coronavirus is God’s judgment on the world!” “Violence is justified if it is for the right cause!” Confusing times call for a return to basics—A coach in athletics who sees his team confused by another team’s strategy admonishes them to stress the fundamentals. A military leader whose army is ambushed calls his unit together and stresses the basics on which they were trained.

Today, as we face confusing and trying times, we do ourselves a favor by slowing down (“Be still,” Psalm 46:10) and stressing the basics of our faith toward God—Love God; Love (all) people; Love God’s word.

Our devotion to God must not lag during a pandemic! Daily prayer and willfully doing what is right, as well as regular worship, keep us focused on God— “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). Our love of people will be manifested in a genuine practice of the “Golden Rule” (Matthew 7:12) and consistent demonstrations of kindness. “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37). Finally, our priorities and direction are maintained by a love of, and a following of, the word of God. “But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night” (Psalm 1:2).

Feeling confused? Return to the basics!

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