

### Privileged to Serve

Speaker ....Tom Fair(am); Andy Duncan(pm)  
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives  
 Song Leader .....Andy 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 September .....  
 Month of October .....

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

September 13 Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison  
 September 20 .....Lara King; Katie Agan

#### Wednesday Evening – September 16, 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) 681-8298

### 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	33
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	26
Sunday Evening Worship	30
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	16
Wednesday Bible Study	*

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,920.00

\*Figures Unavailable



September 13, 2020 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

## Mightily Blessed!

He was in his seventies when I first met him. He was in relatively good health and so was his wife. I don't know when I first heard him say it, but I know I heard it numerous times through the years - I knew. His elegant Southern drawl and his unique way of rolling the words off his tongue bring the memories freshly to mind. "How are you doing?" someone would ask. He would reply, "I'm mightily blessed!"

I know the aches and pains he must have felt, the disappointments and sorrows he had experienced in his lifetime. I know he and his wife were not wealthy and were dependent upon the limited income of retirement and church support. I now know that the time of physical decline for him and for his wife was about to begin. Yet even with these factors in place, as well as others that would come, his summation of his situation was that he was "mightily blessed."

This man's life, in many ways reminds me of the Apostle Paul, who wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." In the midst of his weariness and work, Paul was inspired to write concerning the reality of the gifts of God which are not apparent to the physical eye. Page after page of commentary space has been filled and in many sermons have been preached to enumerate and evaluate each blessing, one by one.

However, there is also great benefit to be found in simply perusing the first fourteen verses of Ephesians 1, and then listing the blessings as they are set forth by Paul. As God's children we are chosen, adopted, predestined, redeemed, forgiven, recipients of grace, part of the mystery, sealed, heirs. You might not have often pondered these blessings, but they are wonderful, indeed! They are not to be confused with physical blessings but are to be appreciated for their "beyondness." They are not tied to physical wealth, power, or position. They are available and are part of every faithful Christian's life and future.

The disappointments, heartaches, and physical sufferings of this life have a tendency to wear a person down. The spiritual blessings may not be clearly "seen" because of the physical sufferings which obscure them. In a letter to another church, Paul stated, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed in us." In other words, it is "no contest." If you could actually lay the two side by side, our physical problems would not even come close to earning what we have as a child of God through God's grace!

**Present Blessings + Future Glory = Mightily Blessed!**

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