

### Privileged to Serve

Speaker ....Andy 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 September .....  
 Month of October .....

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

September 20 .....Lara King; Katie Agan  
 September 27 .....Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

#### Wednesday Evening – September 23, 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	36
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	26
Sunday Evening Worship	10
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	29
Wednesday Bible Study	*

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,175.00

\* Figures Unavailable



September 20, 2020 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

## Have You Considered My Servant?

Have you read the first chapter of the book of Job recently? If not, do me a favor right now and read that chapter.

What strikes me most from this passage is Job's faithfulness, even before we get to the meat of the story. From the very beginning, we see that Job was blameless, upright, God-fearing, and he turned away from evil. Scripture goes on to tell about how wealthy Job was. What we see next is (what I would imagine to be) an intense conversation between God and Satan. God says in verse 8: "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" Satan, in all of his confidence, then tells God that Job only trusts in him because of all his blessings from God. Satan is certain that if God takes away his possessions, Job will curse God to his face. God says to Satan in verse 12: "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand."

Can you imagine the strength of Job's faith that God was confident enough to tell Satan to take everything from him except his life? The question I want to pose to all of us is this: If Satan and God had a conversation about me, would God tell Satan to consider His servant \_\_\_\_? Would God feel confident enough in my faith to tell Satan to, for all intents and purposes, ruin my life and watch how strong I would be in my faith? That question scares me, because as I continue to read through the book of Job, I think about the immense amount of faith it took for Job to remain strong in his faith, even when his wife told me to curse God and die. Job had everything stripped from him. His life could have been virtually over. How in the world did Job remain strong in his faith?

I believe the answer is rooted in one simple truth that we see in the end of chapter one. When everything else was taken from Job, he held onto all he had left, the one constant in his life – his Almighty Father. Verse 20 tells us that when all was taken from Job, he fell down to the ground and worshiped. He did not stand up and curse God, blaming him for all his sorrows. He worshiped. He held onto the only constant in his life. That is the faith that pushed God to ask Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job?"

As we continue to run our race, let us all work to have a faith where God can look in the face of Satan and say, "Have you considered my servant \_\_\_\_?" God loves you, and so do I.

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