

**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 October .....  
 Month of November .....

**Nursery Attendant; Backup**

October 4 ..... Angela Duncan; Lara King  
 October 11 ....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

**Wednesday Evening – October 7, 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	30
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	18
Sunday Evening Worship	9
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	25
Wednesday Bible Study	*

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,610.25

\* Figures Unavailable



*October 4, 2020*      *Meridian Messenger*      *Welcome Visitors!*

**Confidence Is the Key**

There are many factors that play into being a successful athlete. Many of those things can and should be perfected through practicing. For a basketball player, the only way for him to increase his free-throw percentage is to spend time practicing it. For a quarterback to increase his completion percentage, he has to work on his accuracy in practice. Working on these skills are extremely important for athletes, but there is one thing many athletes will tell you is key to success, just as much as those important skills. The key is confidence. A player could hit every free-throw in practice, but if he lacks confidence, when he steps up to the free-throw line with the game hanging in the balance, chances are, he is going to miss his shot. Just as confidence is important in an athlete's game, it carries a great amount of importance in the lives of Christians.

Even though we are a sinful people, 1 John 5:13 tells us, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life." How can we have this confidence? I want to point us to three things that can help us truly be confident in our salvation.

**THE BLOOD OF JESUS NOT ONLY TAKES AWAY OUR SINS, IT MAKES US RIGHTEOUS.** 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." When I think about the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, I have hope knowing that Jesus did not become sin on the cross simply to forgive me. He took it a step further! As a Christian, washed in the blood of Jesus, I am made righteous in the eyes of God.

**GOD IS MY HELPER.** 1 John 5:14-15 says, "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." I can have confidence that I am not alone in this life. Though the Christian journey is often tough, I have the greatest Helper imaginable. It is a great encouragement to know that I serve a God who desires to both hear from me and to help me.

**I HAVE A FAMILY OF FELLOW BELIEVERS TO HELP ME IN MY JOURNEY.** In Galatians 6:2, Paul tells the Christians in Galatia to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." In my race of faith, I can have confidence that I not only have a helper in God, but also in my fellow Christians. I can have confidence knowing that when I am in need, I have my God-given family by my side.

What a blessing it is to know that we have eternal life! God loves you, and so do I.

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