

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 October
 Month of November

Nursery Attendant; Backup

October 11Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
 October 18Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening - October 18, 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	26
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	21
Sunday Evening Worship	9
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	35
Wednesday Bible Study	*

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,603.00

*Figures Unavailable



October 11, 2020

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

In the Darkness, Trust

There is no need to mince words or beat around the bush: 2020 has been a difficult, challenging, even painful year for most of us.

Obviously, you can start with the millions of people who have caught the virus, along with the families of those who have died from it. Then there are the many who are understandably fearful of catching it or having a loved one catch it. There are the millions who have been economically impacted by the lockdown measures. There are the many who have dealt with depression and/or anxiety sparked by loneliness, worry, or any other number of factors.

The list could continue to go on for multiple pages, I'm sure. I'll let you fill in the blank with the additional challenges you've faced this year as well. In short, it's been a tough year.

For today's article I want to share a verse that has helped me through my own struggles lately. Check out Psalm 27:13, first in the NKJV and then in the ESV.

*I would have lost heart, unless I had believed
 That I would see the goodness of the Lord
 In the land of the living.*

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Notice the slight difference in wording, particularly the added italic section in the NKJV. What we have there is the translators' attempt to convey the meaning of the verse, but (to the best of my understanding), the Hebrew tails off and leaves the sentence unfinished. Much like we would say after a near car wreck, for example, "Boy, if I hadn't slammed on the brakes when I did..."

We don't need the "... " to be completed, because we can see where that sentence is going. The implication is almost "I don't even want to think about what would have happened if not for that."

This is much like what David is saying in Psalm 27:13. "Man, if I didn't have faith that God's goodness would come through..." David's story, of course, involves King Saul's attempts to murder him, his exile as he ran for his life and was separated from seeing his family and being able to worship, and false witnesses slandering his good name. ... ~continued inside~