

Privileged to Serve	
Speaker .....	Tom Fair(am); Randy Rives(pm)
Announcements/Prayer.....	Randy Rives
Song Leader.....	Tom Fair (am & 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 18 .....	Lara King; Katie Agan
October 25 .....	Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
Wednesday Evening - October 21, 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	
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Deacons	
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BYRON MADISON.....	(601) 227-1374
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RANDY RIVES.....	(601) 513-4785
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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	28
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	6
Sunday Evening Worship	15
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	26
Wednesday Bible Study	*
Contributions & Other Income	
Contribution Last Week	\$ 1,516.00
*Figures Unavailable	



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## How to avoid a Judgment Day surprise

One of the most sobering passages in all of Scripture comes in Matthew 7:21-23. As Jesus wrapped up the Sermon on the Mount, He pointed out that there will be many (not just a few, not just some) who will get to the Judgment, think they're on their way in, and be turned away at the door.

I desperately do not want to be in that "many." I think it's fair to assume you don't want to be, either. How do we stay out of that group, then?

**The first step is to read the verse with this realization: "He could be talking about me."** The people Jesus will condemn in this section are quite clearly those who will never see it coming. They are people who will call Jesus "Lord, Lord," which tells us He wasn't talking about the world, i.e. those who never claimed Him. They are also people who can point to things they did in His name - prophesying, casting out demons, performing miracles - which tells us He wasn't talking about nominal Christians whose religion doesn't affect their life at all.

If you've heard much preaching in the churches of Christ, you may have heard this verse explained as being about the denominational world, that they claim Jesus as Lord but haven't obeyed Him on certain doctrinal points and haven't "done the will of My Father who is in heaven." While I don't mean to downplay doctrine, I don't believe that's what Jesus had in mind, either, as we'll cover in the next point. Ironically, it's that very kind of thinking that could put us in position for a Judgment Day surprise. "Lord, Lord, didn't we worship acapella, and didn't we take communion every Sunday, and didn't we have male leadership?" That's precisely why they'll be caught off guard: they were so ...

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