| Privileged to Serve |
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| Speaker Tom Fair(am); Andy Duncan(pm) |
| Announcements/PrayerRandy Rives |
| Song LeaderAndy D.(am); Tom F.(p.m.) |
| Attendance |
| Morning |
| Scripture/Opening Prayer |
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| Communion Preparation |
| Month of October |
| Month of November |
| Nursery Attendant; Backup |
| November 15Lara King; Katie Agan |
| November 22Katie Agan; Angela Duncan |
| Wednesday Evening - November 18, 2020 |
| Prayer/Announcements |
| Song Leader |
| Devotional |

| Service Times | - 000 |
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| SUNDAY | |
| Bible Study9:00 a.m. | |
| Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. | |
| Evening Worship5:00 p.m. | |
| WEDNESDAY | |
| Bible Study | _£ |

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| LAMAR KING (601) 604-2656 BUILDING/GROUNDS |
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| South Pacific Missions |
| Pine Vale Children's Home Corinth, Mississippi |

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November 15, 2020 Some Visitors! Just Two Bags

A family had been faithful to the Lord for over fifty years. They had raised faithful children and had faithful children. When the father and grandfather of the family died at the age of 83, the mother moved in with one of the children. I was involved in helping with the move, and as you might expect it took a lot of sorting out, still there were a lot of things and a lot of memories in each box.

A few years later, I helped her move to a senior living facility. Of course, there were not as many boxes, bags and crates as with the first move. But still, it seemed like a lot.

The mother still came to services along with her children and grandchildren. But as the time passed, it was necessary to move her to a care facility.

This move to me was very sad. She moved with only two bags of personal things and one dress, the dress she said she would be buried in. In four moves I could see she moved fewer and fewer things until it truly was just two bags, the many things of this world were all left behind.

Now I would think most of us could tell a similar story of people that spend their lives collecting and acquiring things of this world, and of course, left it all behind.

The scripture teaches us how to think properly about the things of this world. Notice with me just a few:

1Timothy 6:7-10 "⁷For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. ⁸If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. ⁹But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

Job 1:20-21 "²⁰Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshipped. ²¹He said, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."

Matthew 6:19-21 "¹⁹Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Ephesians 4:28 "²⁸Let the thief no longer steal. Instead, he is to do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need."

So as we work day-by-day to support our family, helping others and being a good steward before the Lord, let us also keep in mind that the riches of this world is not our goal

Maybe all we do need are "two bags" and a dress or a suit.

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