

Privileged to Serve

SpeakerAndy 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 October
 Month of November

Nursery Attendant; Backup

November 22Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
 November 29 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening – November 25, 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

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	33
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	15
Sunday Evening Worship	14
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	15
Wednesday Bible Study	15

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,745.00

*Figures Unavailable



November 22, 2020 ~ *Meridian Messenger* ~ *Welcome Visitors!*
Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving for the Christian is not just one day out of the year. It is a life that he or she lives day by day. Paul said that a Christian should not be anxious for anything but that in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving to let their requests be made known unto God (Philippians 4:6). Sometimes we become self-centered. This is particularly true when we have problems in our life. We need to spend some time with the book of Philippians.

It has often been said (at least by me) that what Paul wrote to the Philippians is what the Philippians could have written to Paul. Paul is in a Roman prison for the cause of Christ. He is facing execution for being a Christian. Yet, he writes to the Philippians to encourage his brethren to be of good cheer.

Paul has a tremendous outlook on life because of his relationship with Christ. The physical life and circumstances were not always pleasant for Paul (2 Corinthians 11:23-33). Yet throughout the book of Philippians Paul presents a very positive picture. In chapter 4:4, *“Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.”* If God is our father, if Jesus is our savior, if the Holy Spirit dwell in us, how could we not but rejoice? Yet, sometimes we let the physical problems of life discourage us.

The Christian is to let his moderation, forbearance, be made known unto all men. Indeed, the Lord is at hand (Philippians 4:5). The Christian is to practice self-control and to do that which is appropriate. The Lord is always nearby. He has promised never to leave us or to forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). He is there to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 2:18). We are able to boldly approach the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace in the time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

Paul said that we ought to be anxious for nothing (Philippians 4:6). Not always easy to do in this life, but Paul did it and so can we. Jesus talked about our being anxious in Matthew 6:24-34. If God is our Master, we ought to trust Him and follow His teaching. Peter said that we should cast all our anxieties upon Him because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7).

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7). How can one read that verse and not be encouraged? There is our help and our strength. This peace of God guards our hearts and our minds. God is there as we walk through this life. The next verse, Philippians 4:8 shows us how we can do this. Think on these good things. Paul told the Romans to renew their minds (Romans 12:2). He told the Colossians to let the Word of Christ to richly dwell within them (Colossians 3:16).

Paul said to do what he had been talking about and the God of peace shall be with you (Philippians 4:9). Put it into practice in your daily life.

Something to think about!

David B. McElwain, November, 2009