

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

December 6...Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
 December 13Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening - December 9, 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	24
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	23
Sunday Evening Worship	9
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	1
Wednesday Bible Study	*

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,435.00

* Figures Unavailable



December 6, 2020

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Respect for Authority

~ IN HOME, SCHOOL AND CHURCH ~

In "The Authority Song" by John Cougar Mellancamp, the premise is about the young person that goes against society and religion and how he "fights authority" but in the end "authority always wins".

Even though this was written in the 80's it still holds true today for many young people, (and older ones as well)! Is this the proper way that a Christian should respond in our world? Let's look at three areas in which we should RESPECT authority and honor them.

A definition: **Re-spect**: esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person, a personal quality or ability, or something considered as a manifestation of a personal quality or ability: *I have great respect for her judgment.*

1. Respect for authority at HOME. If you are student of the bible you know the passages "Honor your father and mother" and "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right" (Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:1). God put parents in the authority role to bring up children to love Him. It is the parent's responsibility to train, nurture and admonish (Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4) and that role is NOT easy. Children want their parents to be friends and that just cannot be the case all of the time. Parents must make decisions that set their children's lives on a path to heaven. It is the child's responsibility to be obedient to that parent as they walk in the light of the Lord.

Question: How would you feel as a teen that because of your disobedience to your parents, you would lose your soul? How about parents that fail in bringing up children in the way of the Lord? How would you feel knowing they were lost because they did not do what God had asked them to do?

Respect at home begins with understanding. Understanding that it is NOT the car, NOT the house, NOT the best clothes, but understanding that it IS ABOUT loving each other, ABOUT caring for each other, ABOUT bringing a FAMILY HOME TO GOD!!!

2. Respect for authority at SCHOOL. Okay, I know, you really do not want to hear about this, but allow me to write just a bit about this. In school you are to receive an education and part of that process involves administration, teachers and students (peers). I remember as a child I was terrified of the "PRINCIPAL" I knew the paddle he carried was a "2x4 by 4 feet long". No one wanted to cross him for fear of the "Board of Education" (that being the paddle). The responsibility that the administration carries is phenomenal and when rules are not enforced, things can become very bad, very quickly. Respect the administration for looking after you and making sure that you are in a safe environment to receive your education.

Teachers are a special breed in my opinion. Yes, there are good ones and some, well, not so good. It does not mean that they do not deserve respect. We are to give honor to them for their work and efforts. They are the ones that teach, test, grade, report, discipline, listen, care, cry, hurt and love. The passage "love one another" comes to mind because they encounter so much that most teens are not even aware of. They spend out of their pockets to feed, clothe, and supply the needs of those that do not have it in school. Yet sometimes we "call them out", gossip ...~continued inside~

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