

Privileged to Serve	
Speaker ...	Tom Fair (am); Andy Duncan (pm)
Announcements/Prayer.....	Randy Rives
Song Leader.....	Andy D (am); Tom Fair (pm)
Attendance.....	
<b>Morning</b>	
Scripture/Opening Prayer .....	
Lord's Supper	
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Closing Prayer.....	
<b>Evening</b>	
Opening Prayer .....	
Lord's Supper	
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Closing Prayer.....	
<b>Communion Preparation</b>	
Month of December .....	
Month of January.....	
<b>Nursery Attendant; Backup</b>	
January 3.....	Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
January 10.....	Lara King; Katie Agan
<b>Wednesday Evening - January 6, 2021</b>	
Prayer/Announcements.....	
Song Leader.....	
Devotional.....	

Service Times	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Bible Study.....	9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....	10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....	5:00 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Bible Study.....	6:00 p.m.

Elders	
<b>ANDY DUNCAN</b> .....	(662) 416-2222
<b>TOM FAIR</b> .....	(601) 681-8293
Deacons	
<b>LAMAR KING</b> .....	(601) 604-2656
BUILDING/GROUNDS	
<b>RANDY RIVES</b> .....	(601) 513-4785
EDUCATION & WORSHIP	
<b>ALBERT ST. CLAIR</b> .....	(601) 626-7815
Works Supported	
<b>Robert Martin</b>	
<b>Stacey Ferguson</b>	
South Pacific Missions	
<b>Pine Vale Children's Home</b>	
Corinth, Mississippi	

Attendance Last Week	
Sunday Bible Class	cancelled
Sunday Morning Worship	35
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	21
Sunday Evening Worship	16
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	25
Wednesday Bible Study	11
Contributions & Other Income	
Contribution Last Week	\$ 2,470.00
* Figures Unavailable	



*January 3, 2021*      *Meridian Messenger*      *Welcome Visitors!*  
**THE FIERY SERMON**

A member of the church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back down in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.



*The Lord is my Shepherd* ..... that's a **RELATIONSHIP**  
*I shall not want*..... that's **SUPPLY**  
*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures* ..... that's **REST**  
*He leadeth me beside the still waters*..... that's **REFRESHMENT**  
*He restoreth my soul* .....that's **HEALING**  
*He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness*..... that's **GUIDANCE**  
*For His name sake* ..... that's **PURPOSE**