

Privileged to Serve	
Speaker ...	Andy Duncan (am); Tom Fair (pm)
Announcements/Prayer.....	Randy Rives
Song Leader.....	Tom F. (am); Andy D. (pm)
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 December	
Month of January.....	
Nursery Attendant; Backup	
March 21	Angela Duncan; Lara King
March 28	Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
Wednesday Evening - March 24, 2021	
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	30
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	32
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	*
Wednesday Bible Study	*
Contributions & Other Income	
Contribution Last Week	\$ 1,725.00
*Figures Unavailable	



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The Wrong Side of History . . . Or the Wrong Side of God?

The last twenty to thirty years have seen gigantic shifts in social norms and behavior. Since these changes have taken place at the same time as technological progress, they have been attributed to the intelligent progress of mankind. The message is not subtle, if you do not agree with their views of sexual and moral “freedom,” you are unenlightened (read: ignorant, dumb, stupid). The mantra of these forces can be summed up in this way—“Follow us or you will be found to be on the wrong side of history!” Pronouncement of this phrase amounts to bullying of any and all who disagree.

The interesting part of this bullying tactic is that history has no right or wrong side. History is just the telling of the events that have happened, with the participants being seen as they were. Now, I know that the recorders of history have points of view and prejudice, but pure history contains the record of the past and the reader is left to analyze the results of the actions taken.

Ancient history is replete with the actions of men and women who conquered the “then-known-world.” The Egyptians are prominent in history and their story overshadows that of many nations of their time, but that does not mean that the Egyptians were morally superior to those nations. Likewise, the Assyrians, the greatly-feared conquerors of Old Testament times (see the books of Isaiah and Nahum) were not morally correct—they were blood-thirsty warriors who defeated many nations. History shows them as victors, but the same history, in light of morality, shows them as losers.

We must remember that our battle is not against “flesh and blood” (Ephesians 6: 12). This not only accounts for the non-physical nature of our warfare, but also for the fact that the measurements being used to proclaim victory or defeat are not valid in the sight of God.

Jesus and the first-century Christians lived during the time of the Roman Empire. History has much to say about that civilization, but the morality of the Romans was very low. It was during this time that Jesus said, “Therefore, render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21). It was also the time in which Peter said, “We must obey God rather than man” (Acts 5:29). All the bullying in the world does not make the cause right.

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