

Privileged to Serve

Speaker ... Tom Fair (am); Andy Duncan (pm)
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader.....Andy D. (am); Tom F. (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 April
 Month of May.....

Nursery Attendant; Backup

April 25 Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
 May 2..... Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening - April 28, 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

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| Sunday Bible Class | cancelled |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 31 |
| Sunday Morning via Live-Stream | 21 |
| Sunday Evening Worship | 10 |
| Sunday Evening via Live-Stream | 4 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | - |

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,795.00

* Figures Unavailable



April 25, 2021 Meridian Messenger Welcome Visitors!

God IS Good!

A Christian sees a doctor, a trouble-spot is found within the body. The physician orders a biopsy. Anxious moments are spent in prayer as the tests are done and then analyzed. Finally, the news comes back: No cancer! The unanimous opinion of all concerned is that God is good!

Another Christian is involved in an accident. Attempts are made to save him. That man is patient, kind and gentle. He is soul winner and a spiritual leader. Fervent petitions are offered to God on his behalf. However good and faithful the man may have been, he dies. The opinions expressed about God in this second case are not vocalized nearly as loudly as those in the previous case. God may still be seen as good, but it is hard for those nearby to express that.

Most of us have seen scenarios similar to those described above, and maybe, a few of us have been involved in similar situations. We dare not say that God is not good, because we know that the Bible says that he is (Psalm 110:5; Matthew 19:17; Romans 2:4. However, it is difficult for us to say that he is good when something we perceive to be bad happens to us or someone we love. We need to prepare to answer ourselves as well as other people when these things occur (1 Peter 3:15). So, with that in mind, let us remember at least three things:

1. **God is blamed for things he does not do.** In creating mankind, God gave men and women free will (sometimes referred to as "volition"). Not only did Adam and Eve bring consequences upon themselves, but their decision resulted in the consequences of sin upon the earth and mankind (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 8:19-20). When a person of free will decides to kill someone else, or take actions that result in the death of someone else, that is not God's doing.
2. **Sometimes, painful (bad) things are necessary in order for good things to come forth.** Taking a knife and slicing someone open would be considered bad if done by a criminal. However, if done by a surgeon, it may result in the saving of a life.
3. **We do not know enough to finally decide everything that is "good" and "bad."** Proper discipline done by a knowledgeable, loving parent is "good" (Hebrews 12:7ff). However, that same action may be perceived by an immature child as "bad" or even, "mean." The God we profess to believe (Hebrew 11:6) disciplines also (Hebrews 12:7).

So, let us always acknowledge that God is good! – But let us also know that we may not always understand what "good" is (Romans 11:33).

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