

**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 May.....  
 Month of June .....

**Nursery Attendant; Backup**

May 9.....Katie Agan; Angela Duncan  
 May 16..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

**Wednesday Evening - May 12, 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	37
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	13
Sunday Evening Worship	15
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	18
Wednesday Bible Study	13

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,535.00

\* Figures Unavailable



*May 9, 2021*      *Meridian Messenger*      *Welcome Visitors!*

**HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR MOM TODAY?**

There's no gift more precious from God to a son or daughter than having a godly mother (Proverbs 31:25-28). For over sixty years, this writer was blessed with having a godly mother who greatly influenced my life for good. She has since gone to be with the Lord, but her Christian influence and example still loudly speaks to me today (2 Timothy 1:5; Titus 2:3-4; Hebrews 11:4)

My mother was a woman of great integrity and high moral values, instilling in me a sense of doing what is right, no matter what the outcome. Not only was she my mother, she was my best friend, and when I visited her from time to time, we would talk about anything and everything – I sorely miss that verbal interaction with her.

But the one thing I miss the most, is another opportunity to hug my mother. When I would visit her, her arms would open wide to hug me and mine to hug her. There's just something about the act of hugging that brings two people closer together, showing a natural affection of loving and caring about another human being. In fact, research shows that hugging gives a child a feeling of self-esteem and self-worth – a sense of abiding security in an insecure world.

Brethren and friends, if you've been blessed by still having your mom with you, have you hugged her today? If you haven't, please do so at every opportunity, because one day, she will no longer be around to hug. Treasure those times when you and your mom are drawn closer to one another through the simple act of hugging. I look forward to the day when I can once again hug my mother in heaven.

May the Lord richly bless all Moms this Mother's Day, and may you as their child, express you tender love, care, and affection for them through the simple act of hugging.

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