

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 Randy Rives

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Closing Prayer.....

Evening

Opening Prayer
 Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer.....

Communion Preparation

Month of June
 Month of July.....

Nursery Attendant; Backup

June 20 Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
 June 27 Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening - June 23, 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	39
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	wifi issues
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	cancelled
	due to Weather Power Outage
Wednesday Bible Study	17

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,665.00

*Figures Unavailable



June 20, 2021

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

A Father or a Daddy?

As I think of Father's Day, I think of my father. He has now left this world, but I learn more about his wisdom every day. We all honor our dads on Father's Day. There are various honors that fathers receive, but perhaps the greatest is respect.

The writer of Hebrews tells of the respect of our earthly fathers and connects it to respecting our heavenly Father. The writer states, "We have had human fathers who corrected us and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?" (NKJV) One way of showing respect is the way we speak to or about our father.

I would not think of calling my earthly father by his first name. Even though I am a lot older, when my dad was living, I still showed him respect. Likewise, we should show our heavenly Father respect. Jesus gives us an example of the respect for God. He stated that when we pray, we should address the prayer to the Father. Jesus illustrated by stating, "Our Father in heaven..." (Matthew 6:9) God is not "daddy." God deserves respect and honor. The Psalmist says "holy and reverend is his name." (Psalm 111:9 KJV). Our Lord tells us that no earthly person should be addressed in a religious manner by using the term "father". Jesus asserted, "Do not call anyone on earth your Father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven." (Matthew 23:9) God deserves special respect and honor; therefore, as a preacher, I wear no religious title. I would not dare to have anyone call me father in a religious sense. That term is reserved for God Almighty.

Let us honor him on this special day as well by obeying Him and showing our respect and love for Him. When Jesus addressed the Father, after saying, "Our Father in Heaven," He then said, "Hallowed be Your name." (Matthew 6:9) God's name is to be respected, honored, and held as something special. God is special. His love transcends our thinking. His mercy is beyond our comprehension. His grace is great. He sent His son to die for us that we could have eternal life. (John 3:16) Let us honor our heavenly Father every day we live by obeying Him and living for Him. (Matthew 7:21; Titus 2:11,12)