Privileged to Serve
Speaker Tom Fair (am); TBA (pm)
Announcements/PrayerRandy Rives
Song LeaderTBA (am); TBA. (pm)
Attendance
Morning
Scripture/Opening Prayer
Lord's SupperRandy Rives
*
*
Closing Prayer
Evening
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
*
CI ' D
Closing Prayer
Communion Preparation
Month of July
Month of August
Nursery Attendant; Backup
July 11 Angela Duncan; Lara King
July 18Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
Wednesday Evening - July 14, 2021
Prayer/Announcements
Song Leader
Devotional

Service Times	100
SUNDAY	
Bible Study9:00 a.m.	
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.	
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY	1
Bible Study6:00 p.m.	

Eldono
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
Cormui, Wississippi

Attendance Last Week **Sunday Bible Class** cancelled Sunday Morning Worship 29 Sunday Morning via Live-Stream 11 Sunday Evening Worship 19 Sunday Evening via Live-Stream 5 Wednesday Bible Study 16 Contributions & Other Income Contribution Last Week 2,088.00 *Figures Unavailable

A weekly publication of the *Meridian church of Christ*2229 Highway 19 North ~ PO Box 3476 ~ Meridian, MS 39303-3476 ~ **Phone: (601) 482-5318**www.meridianchurchofchrist.org ~ Email: churchofchristme@bellsouth.net



July 11, 2021

Meridian Messenger ← Welcome Visitors! HEAVEN

Who Will Be There?

God created us as gregarious creatures—we love to be with other people. If I won an all-expense trip to any place on earth, but found out it was for just me, I would not be interested. Flying, eating, and sleeping alone? Driving my rental car alone? I've been there, done that. Thanks, but no thanks. When I travel, I really love to have my wife, Sue, along to share the joy. Fact is, as important as where you go is who'll be with you. So when we talk about Heaven, it's only natural to ask not just what it will be like, but who will be there.

Assuming you have surrendered to Jesus, having been baptized into His death and letting Him reign in your life, I know you're thankful to have had your name written in "the Lamb's Book of Life," a sort of registry up there. That's what God has promised.

Imagine, if you will, setting a big table in Heaven for all those who have been precious to you while on earth. Who would you invite? Now, mind you, as I write this, I'm including only those who've already gone on—it won't include any of those still living, such as the obvious: wife, children, siblings, close friends still alive. And even at this, I'll have to leave out at least 98% of them. You're going to surely say, "Hmmph! I can't believe he left this one out...."; I just ask you to try to understand space limitations in this article. But one thing I'd like to accomplish here is to get you to thinking about special people in your life.

Okay, here's my huge table where I'll start seating some really special people. First, there'll be Guy and Truly Joines, and Roy and Minnie McElwain, my parents and maternal grandparents, who played such a huge role in making me who I am. Then here's my brother, Vergil. My parents and grandparents encouraged me to be a preacher, but it was Verg who modeled it for me to see.

Then, when I was not quite eighteen, I was blessed to take Janrose Forgy as my wife for the next 58 years. She was so faithful and devoted and had a fierce love for family. And her parents? Let's just say I could not have hoped for more thoroughly Christian in-laws than Hayes and Pauline Forgy.

And here are two chairs for Jake and Reba Palmer. When as a young preacher and family, we moved to Kansas, these two angels wrapped their arms and hearts around us as their "children."

Then here's a special-looking chair. Yes, it's for Robin Enochs. Back on earth in 1990, he asked for the hand of Jennifer and proved to be the best, sweetest, most thoughtful and devoted husband one can imagine. Day after day during their 30 years of marriage we saw his tender love for her. Our hearts were crushed when his life was cut short by COVID at age 62.

Oh! Here's a seat for apostle Paul. I want to hear about his interesting life. And here's another for apostle Peter. It'll be so good to hear how he felt when his Lord Jesus "reinstated" him following the three denials. Then here's Elijah. I want to hear him tell what it was like to deal with the 450... ~continued inside~