

Privileged to Serve

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

Nursery Attendant; Backup

July 25.....Lara King; Katie Agan
 August 1.....Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Wednesday Evening - July 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

Sunday Bible Class	cancelled
Sunday Morning Worship	40
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	8
Sunday Evening Worship	20
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	5

Wednesday Bible Study 18

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ *.00

* Figures Unavailable



July 25, 2021

Meridian Messenger Welcome Visitors!

HEAVEN IS A WONDERFUL PLACE!

One of the most heavenly places on earth that has brought me such great joy and filled me with so many precious memories is Sardis Lake Christian Youth Camp. It is a wonderful place! I spent nearly 30 years serving as counselor, session's director, and a member of the board of trustees. The words to a simple song the campers and I would sing every summer is, "Heaven is a wonderful place, filled with glory and grace. I want to see my Savior's face. Heaven is a wonderful place; I want to go there."

The Bible in the KJV mentions "heaven" 582 times—327 in the Old Testament and 255 in the New. In Revelation chapters 21-22, the Redeemer gives the redeemed a glimpse of what a wonderful place Heaven really is. Using highly figurative language, we are told "having the glory of God, its radiance is like a most rare jewel" and "adorned with every kind of jewel" (ESV). It is made of "pure gold," walls of jasper," and "the twelve gates were twelve pearls." "The glory of God gives it light and its lamp is the Lamb." "The river of the water of life" flows "through the middle of the street of the city" called Heaven, and "on either side of the river" is "the tree of life, yielding its fruit each month." Many have wondered if this beautiful picture is intended to be taken literally. Probably not, but the reality is, it is going to be more wonderful than we can imagine, as it is filled with God's glory and grace!

When we read this wonderful description, it ought to motivate every saint to want to go there so we can see the Savior's face. The Lord has "blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 1:3) which includes his "glorious church" (Hebrews 12:22-23), where we enjoy wonderful fellowship with other Christians. However, this earthly place in which we live is filled with frequent pain, much sorrow, sins of all kinds, trials, tribulation, and death. But the good news of Revelation 21-22 is that in Heaven, "Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life," and God "will wipe away every tear" from our eyes, "and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things has passed away."

Sometimes I get so discouraged with the direction our world is going that I just want shout, "Lord take me home to Heaven!" Now that I am about to turn 75, I know, however, that it will not be long if I remain faithful until I will be ushered into the wonderful place called Heaven! Do you have the hope of Heaven in your heart? You can if you will come to trusting faith (John 8:24), confess Jesus as Lord (Mt 10:32), repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), and live a faithful Christian life unto death (Revelation 2:10). **MM**

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