

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 TBA
 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 August.....
 Month of September.....

Nursery Attendant; Backup

August 29.....Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
 September 5..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening - August 25, 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	9
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	*

Wednesday Bible Study *

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,713.00

* Figures Unavailable



August 29, 2021 *Meridian Messenger* *Welcome Visitors!*

THE CHRISTIAN GRACES ♠ part 1

"ADD TO YOUR FAITH"

Introduction: God gave to the apostles "all things that pertain to life and godliness" and exceeding great and precious promises," that through them we "may be partakers of the divine nature." This was God's part. Our part is to give "all diligence" (exert tremendous effort) to "add to [our] faith" seven spiritual characteristics, or "Christian graces", as they are commonly called (2 Peter 1:1-7). But, before we look at the things we are to add to our faith, let us consider the nature of that faith to which we are to add them. In this lesson, we will consider the "faith" to which we are to add these seven characteristics.

FAITH ITSELF

- A. That without which "it is impossible to please" God (Hebrews 11:6).
 - 1. Believing "that He is."
 - 2. Believing "that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."
 - 3. If we really believe these things, we "diligently seek Him."
- B. That which is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).
 - 1. Things hoped for (Romans 8:18-25; I Peter 1:3; Titus 1:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8).
 - 2. Things not see ["We saw thee not. ..."]
- C. That which "comes by hearing...the word of God" (Romans 10:14-17; 1:16-17).
- D. Not mere credulity ["a too great readiness to believe"] (Acts 17:11).

ADDING TO THAT FAITH

- A. The faith that has nothing added to it is insufficient (Matthew 10:32, 33; James 2:14-19; John 12:42, 43).
- B. Noah "offered" by faith (Hebrews 11:4).
- C. Abraham "went out," "sojourned in the land of promise," and "offered up Isaac" by faith (Hebrews 11:8-10, 17-19).
- D. Other Old Testament (O.T.) saints added to their faith (Hebrews 11:32-40).
- E. The apostles believed, and therefore, spoke (2 Corinthians 4:13).
- F. First century converts obeyed by faith (Acts 2:38-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-32).

Conclusion: If your faith has never become trusting obedience, then you are yet an alien sinner, outside the church, and still in your sins. If you faith has ceased to be trusting obedience, you have not been "giving all diligence" to add to it, and yours is not a "working faith."

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