

Privileged to Serve

Speaker ... Andy Duncna (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 September
 Month of October

Nursery Attendant; Backup

September 12 Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison
 September 19 Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening – September 15, 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

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| Sunday Bible Class | cancelled |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 45 |
| Sunday Morning via Live-Stream | 3 |
| Sunday Evening Worship | 11 |
| Sunday Evening via Live-Stream | 8 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 19 |

Contributions & Other Income

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| Contribution Last Week | \$ 2,078.00 |
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THE CHRISTIAN GRACES ♠ part 3

“ADD ...TO YOUR VIRTUE KNOWLEDGE”

Introduction: In order to continue being “partakers of the divine nature,” we must not only add virtue to faith, but we must also add knowledge to virtue. This, too, requires “giving all diligence,” or putting forth tremendous effort. But what do we mean by “knowledge”? We mean an awareness of facts (Acts 4:12), a comprehension of facts (Ephesians 3:1-4; 14-19; 5:17), and practical wisdom in applying these facts (Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-10; 4:5, 6).

IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE

- A. Ignorance begets error (Matthew 22:29).
- B. Zeal without knowledge leads to self-righteousness (Romans 10:1-3).
- C. Israel was destroyed for a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6).

BENEFITS OF KNOWLEDGE

- A. Conviction of sin (Hebrews 4:12; Acts 2:37).
- B. Defense against temptation (Matthew 4:1-10).
- C. Doctrinal stability (2 Timothy 3:16-4:4).
- D. Stronger faith (Romans 10:17).

HOW TO ADD TO KNOWLEDGE

- A. Not simply by learning (2 Timothy 3:7).
- B. A love of the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).
- C. A seeking to know the truth (John 8:32; Acts 17:11).
- D. A desire to obey the truth (John 7:14-17).
- E. An investigative spirit - “perspiration not inspiration” (2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 5:11-14).

Tools, such as the following will be helpful:

- a. Cross-reference and marginal notes in your current Bible
- b. A good study Bible without a denominational slant
- c. Word studies (such as Vine’s)
- d. Bible dictionaries (such as Smith’s)
- e. Bible commentaries

- F. Meditation [mental industry] (Psalm 1:1-3).

Conclusion: Do you appreciate the importance of knowledge? Do you want the benefits of knowledge? Are you “giving all diligence” to add to it?