

Privileged to Serve

Speaker ... Tom Fair (am); Andy Duncan (pm)
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader..... Andy D. (am); Tom F. (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 26Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
 October 3 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening – September 29, 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	35
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	12
Sunday Evening Worship	13
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	7

Wednesday Bible Study 17

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,198.00

*Figures Unavailable



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THE CHRISTIAN GRACES ♣ part 5

“ADD ---TO TEMPERANCE PATIENCE”

Introduction: God If we would continue being "partakers of the divine nature, we must add patience to faith, virtue, knowledge and temperance. But what is "patience"? Some seem to think that "patience" simply means "waiting." That this is not true is seen in the translation, "patient waiting" (2 Thess. 3:5). Thus, it is a certain kind of waiting. But what kind of waiting is it? It is a waiting motivated by hope (1 Thess. 1:2,3). The word literally means, "an abiding under" (Vine's, p. 849). It is "the characteristic of a man who is unswerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings" (Thayer, p. 644). Or, as Bill Hall has said, it is "keeping on keeping on!" Virtue, or "moral courage," must precede patience, as it is the proper state of mind regarding potential threats to our faith (James 1:2). Knowledge, especially that "the trying of your faith worketh patience," must precede patience, for without this information, one would be intellectually unprepared for trials (James 1:3). Temperance, or self-control, enables us to give diligence.

POTENTIAL THREATS TO OUR FAITH

- A. Reproaches (1 Peter 4:14-16)
- B. Weariness (Galatians 6:6-9)
- C. Temptation (James 1:12-15)
- D. Tribulation and persecution (Matthew 13:20,21)
- E. Distractions (Luke 8:14)
- F. Overconfidence (1 Corinthians 10:12)
- G. Since you already know that “all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Timothy 3:12), there is no reason why you should not be prepared for adverse situations (“forewarned is forearmed”).

THE TWOFOLD ASPECT OF PATIENCE

- A. “Gird up the loins of your mind.” This is mental preparation. But with what are we to gird the loins of our mind? What will help us the most, in our mental preparation? Paul tells us. “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth” (Ephesians 6:14). This requires at least four things:
 - 1. A love of the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)
 - 2. A seeking to know the truth (John 8:32; Acts 17:11)
 - 3. A desire to obey the truth (John 7:14-17)

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