

**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 September .....  
 Month of October .....

**Nursery Attendant; Backup**

October 3 ..... Angela Duncan; Lara King  
 October 10 .... Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

**Wednesday Evening – October 6, 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	30
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	8
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	*

Wednesday Bible Study 9

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,598.00

\*Figures Unavailable



October 3, 2021

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

**THE CHRISTIAN GRACES** ♠ part 6

**"ADD ... TO PATIENCE GODLINESS"**

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**Introduction:** If we want to continue being 'partakers of the divine nature', we must add to our perseverance godliness. The word for "godliness" signifies "that piety, which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him" (Vine's, p. 502). Godliness may be possessed by the unsaved, as well as the saved, for it is the adjective form of this work that Luke uses to describe the unsaved Cornelius as "a devout man" (Acts 10:1,2). Thus, godliness alone will not get one into heaven, though one cannot get into heaven without it.

**NOT MERELY GOOD CONDUCT**

- A. One's motive for his conduct may be improper (1 Timothy 6:3-5).
- B. A mere "form of godliness" is insufficient (2 Timothy 3:5; Matthew 23:14,27,28).

**AN ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD**

- A. A constant sense of being "before God" (Acts 10:33; 23:1).
- B. A constant sense of being "with God" (Genesis 5:24; 6:9; Micah 6:8).
- C. That attitude which prays, "Be with me, Lord! No other gift or blessing Thou couldst bestow could with this one compare—A constant sense of Thy abiding presence. Where'er I am, to feel that Thou are near."

**WILL PRODUCE GOOD CONDUCT**

- A. Conduct, which necessarily glorifies God (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- B. Godliness will be manifested in our:
  - 1. Eating (1 Corinthians 6:12,13)
  - 2. Dress (1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3,4)
  - 3. Service to both God and man (Colossians 3:22-24)
  - 4. Dealings with the lost (1 Peter 2:12)
  - 5. Relation to civil government (Romans 13:1; Titus 3:1)
  - 6. Recreation (1 Timothy 4:7,8; 1 John 2:15-17)
  - 7. Thoughts (Philippians 4:8)

**WILL PRODUCE GOOD CONDUCT**

- A. Persecution (2 Timothy 3:12; Matthew 5:11,12)
- B. Deliverance from temptation (2 Peter 2:9; 1 Corinthians 10:13)
- C. When coupled with contentment, "great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6-8)
- D. Life that now is, and that which is to come (1 Timothy 4:7,8; Mark 10:28-30)

**Conclusion:** Do you possess that attitude of nearness to God, which displays itself in proper conduct in every aspect of your life? Without such, you cannot continue to be a partaker of the divine nature! Ω

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