

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 November	
Month of December	
Nursery Attendant; Backup	
November 7	Glenda Rives; Katie Agan
November 14	Lara King; Katie Agan
Wednesday Evening – November 10, 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	33
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	6
Sunday Evening Worship	10
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	6
Wednesday Bible Study	8
Contributions & Other Income	
Contribution Last Week	\$ 1,762.00
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Lessons Learned From An Empty Pew

For one reason or another, we've all experienced members of the Lord's church not being in their usual auditorium seats before the service begins. Their empty seat or pew teaches us the following lessons:

- 1) **Some members deem something else more important than being at worship service** — For some folks, it may be work; for others, it may be recreation; and for another group, it may be rest or relaxation — i.e., the "I'm too tired" crowd. What would Christianity look like today if Paul had been too "tired"? (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:24-28).
- 2) **Some members think they don't need to know any more about the Lord because they know enough already** — Do we know folks like that? People who believe that no one else can teach them anything about any Bible subject? For those who think they can't learn any more about the Bible because they know enough already, we need to re-examine 1 Timothy 4:13 which directs us to continuously ".... give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."
- 3) **Some members believe they can attend church services at their convenience** — How many of us who regularly attend every service of the church will stay home when non-Christian company comes to visit us? Some members will say, "Well, they hardly ever come and I hate not to visit with them." While we fully understand their statement, it's a poor excuse in God's eyes. Jesus said in Matthew 10:37:

**"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me.
And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."**

Let's ask ourselves this question: "What if Jesus had been too interested in something else to die on the Cross for humanity?" God realizes that sometimes there's sickness or a job requirement that may prevent us from being at church services. However, when we have a choice in the matter, **we have to choose God first** (Matthew 6:33; Matthew 7:21).

Brethren, if we haven't already, let's make a concerted effort to become more faithful in attendance, resolving to do better for our Lord, for our own soul, and for the souls of others (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10).

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