



And Also With You

MID-MAY 2016

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MAY

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)
6:30 pm
The Union's
Worship Service

MONDAYS

10:45AM
INTERCESSORS
706-897-6381
6:30pm-Graham
Cooke Group-
Information: 455-
5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study-Information:
990.2973

FRIDAYS

8:15 am
Men's Group-
Information:
751-5266

**CHALICE
BEARERS**
May 15
Susan Jones
Maggie Rockett

May 22
Janic Terry
Kitty Barksdale

May 29
Julian & Maggie
Carnes

June 5
Jane and Bob
Grafe

June 12
Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

Meridian to Memphis



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

I grew up in Meridian which is just above the north west corner of Mississippi. I have a son in Meridian, Mississippi which is central-east Mississippi.

When Sue Anne and I go to Memphis for funerals or for family events we now go through Meridian so that we can see our son. Once we leave Meridian, heading for Memphis (our destination), we have to go west and north. The reason I am telling you this is because the Lord gave me a picture in order to teach me an important reality.

Scripture talks about having Jesus as *Savior* and *Lord*. *Savior* and *Lord* are no more the same than east and west is from north and south. Jesus as *Savior* means that He is an expert in setting wrongs to right and rescuing people from problems that are of their own making as well as accidental. He saves those drowning in life just as a life guard saves a drowning victim in a pool or at the beach. The life guard does not discriminate between crisis or stupidity, the lifeguard simply saves those who are perishing.

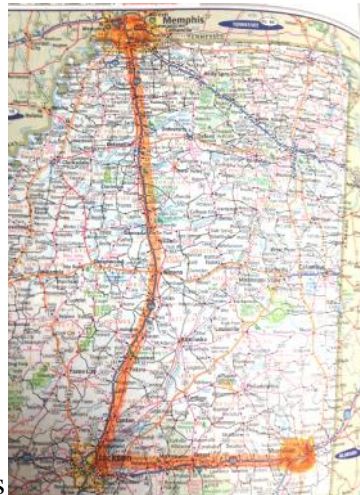
I recently read a joke that said the only way to ban prayer from schools is to ban tests. When we are about to take a test, when a loved one is critically ill, when money problems overwhelm then these are the times when we are quick to jump

on the *Savior* band wagon—the *Lord* band wagon, however, is a different matter.

The problem with American Christianity is that many people want *the Savior* without *the Lord*. Jesus as *Lord* means that His ways becomes our ways—His thoughts, our thoughts. Jesus as *Lord* means that He has our permission to call each and every shot in life whether we like it or not. Most people want to be rescued, but only a much smaller group are willing to abdicate control of life to *the*

Lord. It takes a committed person to pray as Jesus did in Gethsemane, "Take this cup from Me, but not My will but Thy will be done." The prayer begins with Jesus crying out to the Father to *save* Him—the *Savior* side of God. The prayer ends, however, with Jesus trusting in the Father's *lordship* over the situation—"not My will but Thy will be done."

Back to Meridian and Memphis. Having Jesus as *Savior* is like traveling east and west on the interstate of life, while trusting in Jesus as *Lord* is comparable to journeying north and south. If you take the Interstate to Memphis from Meridian you first travel west to Jackson (*Savior*), but if you do not then turn north (*Lord*) you will not reach your desired destination. If you keep going west you will pass through Vicksburg, Monroe, Shreveport and eventually Dallas. Those are great cities that look like Memphis (sort of), but they are not your destination. Unless a person adds *Lord-*



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ship to Savior they will end in life that sort of looks like their destiny but is actually not their destiny. Destiny and destination have the



same root. Your destination holds your destiny.

For a person to find and fulfill their destiny they need Jesus as both Savior and Lord. Without both we exist in just an east/west existence. This is why Scripture, the Prayer Book, the Baptismal Service all use the language of “our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

When Jesus is Lord, His will becomes my will, His desires, my desires. Over and over again, Scripture reveals God’s will about various situations and how to safely navigate in a broken, fallen world.

When most people die, they leave a will. The law does not allow much creativity when executing a will. You go by what is written. The same is true with God and His will.

It is very important to understand that Jesus saves. This is a one time action as well as an ongoing operation. This is not just about getting us into heaven but about getting heaven into us. It is the understanding that no matter how bad the mess, He is willing to do what He does best—save. This understanding takes us from Meridian to Jackson. Once in Jackson, however, it takes a north/south action to reach our ultimate destination and the fulfillment of our purpose for being—our destiny. We take the understanding of Savior and combine it with the reality of Lord and we eventually reach Memphis.

Where are you on this journey? Have you overshot the east/west turn? Is it time to turn north or south? It takes both to get where we are going. Blessings, Scott +



May 15, 2016

Transitions

Our love and prayers go out to Cheri Kriner on the death



of her husband, CJ, on May 11. CJ’s Memorial Service will be held in June—to be announced.



Congratulations to Karen and Wick Skinner on the birth of their grandson,



John Wickiffe Skinner on March 22 in Chicago.

This Summer...

June 5- Mexican Pot Luck following church



June 12- Guest preacher, The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Forrest Mobley of Destin, FL

July 10- Missionaries Katie and Matt Riley (and family) will be with us followed by a French Pot Luck



Kairos Update from Chris Jones



We finished the last Kairos weekend with forty one residents. They ALL came back the following Saturday for the instructional reunion! Wow! No team member (14 of us) could remember a time when all the previous Kairos graduates showed up on the following Saturday! From 8AM until noon, we worshipped, fellowshiped, prayed, and shared the bond that is only known when brothers come together in the name of the Lord Jesus!