

### Privileged to Serve

Preacher..... Andy Duncan  
 Announcements ..... Randy Rives  
 Song Leader ..... Paul Guy  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer .....Byron Madison  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Randy Rives

#### Assisting

Lloyd Smith \* \* Gene Hurst

Jared Agan \* \* Dwight Callens

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Charles Dooley

#### Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith \* \* Gene Hurst

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Communion Preparation

Month of August.....Briget Smith

Month of September ..... Lara King

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

August 19.....Lara King; Katie Agan

August 26..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

#### Wednesday Evening - August 22, 2018

Prayer/Announcements..... Andy Duncan

Song Leader.....Jared Agan

Devotional..... Randy Rives

### 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

BYRON MADISON..... (601) 227-1374

YOUTH

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	25
Sunday Morning Worship	51
Sunday Evening Worship	24
Wednesday Bible Study	32

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$1,962.00

### Daily Bible Readers

August 12, 2018 \* = \*% of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



August 19, 2018 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

## JESUS' BAPTISM – AND OURS

As John the baptizer was preaching a message of repentance and the kingdom of God, and baptizing in the Jordan River, many came to him to be baptized, “confessing their sins” (Matt. 3:6). We are then informed, “Then cometh Jesus...to be baptized” (Matt. 3:13). Jesus had lined up with the “publicans and harlots” (Matt. 21:31-32), though in no need of repentance and baptism “for the remission of sins” (Mark 1:4), being the sinless Son of God. We can learn much about the significance of baptism from the example of Jesus.

The baptism of Jesus was a decisive act. He was not brought as an infant, but came in a personal response to the will of the Father, or, as He explained to John, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matt. 3:15). Righteousness is defined in Psa. 119:172: “All thy commandments are righteousness.” Baptism continues to be a command of God (Acts 10:48). Jesus made this commitment, knowing the path He was choosing would lead to the cross, His burial and resurrection, as prefigured in baptism. He was trading a life of personal security and privacy in Nazareth for a baptism of suffering. Baptism for us as well must be a personal decision of commitment to do the Father’s will regardless of inconvenience or sacrifice.

Jesus’ baptism was an act of humility. John recognized that Jesus had no need for baptism because He had no need for repentance. Standing with sinners, “He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8). Yet there are those who refuse baptism on the grounds of their morality. Baptism is a humbling act for the believer who, in baptism, is “buried with Christ...into death” and is raised to “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4).

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