

Privileged to Serve

Guest Preacher Andy Duncan
 Announcements Bruce Clopton
 Song Leader Tom Fair
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening PrayerLamar King
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Dwight Callens

Assisting

Lloyd Smith * * Ralph Hubbard

Randy Rives * * Jared Agan

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Evening

Opening Prayer Andy Duncan

Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer.....Jacob King

Communion Preparation

Month of October Cindy Harper

Month of NovemberBrandie Madison

Nursery Attendant; Backup

October 21...Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

October 28.....Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening – October 24, 2018

Prayer/Announcements..... Andy Duncan

Song Leader..... Tom Fair

Devotional.....Jared Agan

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 31

Sunday Morning Worship 68

Sunday Evening Worship 33

Wednesday Bible Study 26

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,131.00

Daily Bible Readers

October 14, 2018 * = % of attending

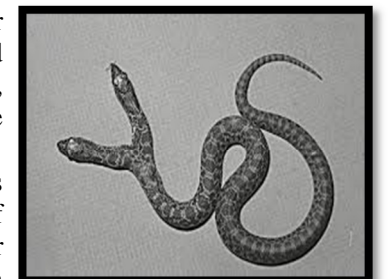
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October 21, 2018 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

THE PROBLEMS OF A TWO-HEADED SNAKE

A woman in Woodbridge, Virginia, saw a rarity in her front yard: a two-headed copperhead snake. The snake only has one heart and one set of lungs, but each head has its own brain. This produces multiple problems. Both heads want to eat, and since eating takes time the snake is vulnerable to predators for twice as long. Second, each snake wants to go its own way. That means they can't respond very quickly when under attack. Even getting water can be precarious, as one head can drag the other down when drinking. An expert at the Wildlife Center of Virginia said, "Based on the anatomy, it would be better for the right head to eat, but it may be a challenge since the left head appears more dominant" (Dana Hedgpeth, *The Washington Post*, 9/24/18). Experts also say that these internal conflicts prevent these rare "dual-cephalic" creatures from living very long.



James tells us that the double-minded man is unstable in all his ways (1:7) and implies that double-mindedness reflects impurity of heart (4:8). The first instance of the word relates trusting God or doubting in times of trials, and the second relates to following a spiritual leader, whether the devil and the world or God. It is hard to run with the devil and walk with God. So often, there's the temptation to try to do both. But, this conflict is so basic and so contradictory that it will contribute to our spiritual death. It makes us vulnerable to attack.

What this requires is decisiveness. Jesus taught, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth" (Mat. 6:24). We must choose who we will listen to (Josh. 24:15). Otherwise, we will remain in peril and we will ultimately, spiritually die. Paul put it this way, "they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:5-6). The struggle is real but the problem must be overcome. We must strive to be single-minded in our dedication and devotion. That means we can't live for the world and the Lord. It is an either/or proposition. Jesus says, "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters" (Luke 11:23). Let's make the right choice and simplify every-thing. Let's honor one head and make it the right one (cf. Eph. 1:22). Neal Pollard ♦ *The Encourager* ♦ Calvert City Church of Christ

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