

### Privileged to Serve

Preaching .....Ray Reynolds  
 Announcements .....Bruce Clopton  
 Intro-Prayer.....Randy Rives  
 Song Leader..... Andy Duncan  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer .....Randy Rives  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Dwight Callens

#### Assisting

Charles Dooley \* \* Lloyd Smith  
 Dick Vinson \* \* Jared Agan

Closing Prayer..... Dick Vinson

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Byron Madison

#### Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley \* \* Lloyd Smith  
 Closing Prayer.....Lamar Smith

#### Communion Preparation

Month of February .....Linda Collie  
 Month of March .....Angela Duncan

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

February 3....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison  
 February 10.....Lara King; Katie Agan

#### Wednesday Evening - February 6, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Jared Agan  
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair  
 Devotional..... Andy Duncan

### 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) 681-8298

### 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	19
Sunday Morning Worship	55
Sunday Evening Worship	10
Wednesday Bible Study	*

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,276.00

### Daily Bible Readers

January 27, 2019 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



February 3, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

## THE FATHER & THE SON

God the Father and God the Son have always shared a special bond. He who knows "the end from the beginning" (Isaiah 46:10) knew that man, created as free to make his own choices, would sin. "God is love" (I John 4:8), but true love could not ignore that which is the opposite of the One who is "righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works" (Psalm 145:17). Sin-offerings of animals, even burnt sacrifices, would not remove man's guilt. What could be done? The Father and Son together worked a plan.

One envisions a heavenly conference back in eternity producing the "plan of the ages" (Ephesians 3:11) in which not an animal but a human sacrifice was suggested, and God asked: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (cf. Isaiah 6:8). The One afterward called "Jesus" volunteered, saying, "Look! I come" (Psalm 40:7). God made it clear that Jesus did not have to go to the earth and become a human sacrifice, and Jesus responded: "I delight to do your will, O my God, and your law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:8). That statement so pleased the Father that Jesus could afterward say: "The Father loves me, because I lay down my life to take it again. No one takes it from me. I myself lay it down. I have authority both to lay it down and to take it again. This commandment I received from my Father" (John 10:17-18).

The words "God sent forth his Son" (Galatians 4:4), referring to Jesus, do not mean a son by God's semen, for Jesus had always existed (Micah 5:2). The One called "Son," like the Father, had no beginning, for He himself "was God" who "became flesh" (John 1:1, 14). We cannot understand that there is only "one" God (Deuteronomy 6:4), and "none else beside him" (Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; Isaiah 44:6), and yet the Son is "from everlasting" (Micah 5:2), and "the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8), and the Holy Spirit is "eternal" (Hebrews 9:14). However, biblically the fact that one is three and three are one is undeniable.

Mary had "not been with a man" and the Holy Spirit caused her to become the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:34-35). Jesus often referred to God as "Father" (as John 10:15) and he was "called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35), though literally not true. Figuratively the Father-Son terminology perhaps was used to show their love for each other: "The Father loves me" and "I love the Father" (John 10:17; 14:31). Similarly, all human beings, both men and women, who become Christians, figuratively are called "sons" of God, "crying, Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:6), and figuratively Jesus is their elder-brother, "the firstborn among many brothers" (Romans 8:29). Jesus announced he had not come to "destroy the law," even "the smallest part of a letter" before "all things are fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17-18). He obeyed its every requirement until in his death he nailed "it to the cross" (Colossians 2:14).

All of these things came about because of special relationship the Father had with the Son. What kind of a relationship do you have with your father? What about your Heavenly Father? Have a great week!!!

(The preceding article was adapted from an e-mail I received from Hugo McCord just before his death.)

Ray Reynolds