

Privileged to Serve

PreachingRay Reynolds
 AnnouncementsTerry Dyer
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Dwight Callens
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

Byron Madison * * Ralph Hubbard
 Jacob King * * Al St. Clair

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Evening

Opening PrayerLamar King

Lord's Supper

Byron Madison * * Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

Communion Preparation

Month of MarchAngela Duncan

Month of April Kathy St. Clair

Nursery Attendant; Backup

March 17..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

March 24..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening - March 20, 2019

Prayer/Announcements..... Tom Fair

Song Leader..... Andy Duncan

Devotional.....Byron Madison

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 19

Sunday Morning Worship 40

Sunday Evening Worship 21

Wednesday Bible Study 20

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,060.00

Daily Bible Readers

March 10, 2019 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



March 17, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Tritheism Is Sneaking Into The Church

This week we begin our theme, or topical study, for the next few weeks in this bulletin space. We are attempting to shed light on the role, work, and personality of the Holy Spirit. Clearly there are hundreds of Scriptures, in both the Old Testament and New Testament, we need to consider. However, before we attempt to decipher those contexts we need to see the common arguments.

For the sake of time, I do not want to argue about equality of God. The Holy Spirit is equal to God because HE IS GOD (Genesis 1:1-3, 26-27, Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:19, John 14:16-18, John 16:7, Acts 5:3-4, 9, Romans 8:16-17, Romans 15:30, II Corinthians 1:21-22, I Peter 1:2). However, there are two distinct arguments made about whether God is one God (3-in-1) or whether He is three Gods working as one God (1-in-3).

Tritheism is the belief that there are three distinct, powerful Gods, who form a triad or Trinity. Those who hold this view believe the three maintain "Godhood" both individually and collectively. They teach that there are three Gods with separate powers and roles, yet are all supreme beings (i.e. Father = God #1, Son = God #2, & Holy Spirit = God #3). They believe that all three are working together in perfect unity, therefore, there is no contradiction when God's word says that it is only one God.

In this respect, Tritheism differs from Dualism (which typically adheres to two Divine powers in a state of conflict). Tritheism is embraced by many Christian denominations, which may be why it is sneaking into the church. One of the most notable professors of this theology is the LDS faith (Mormons). Within our fellowship (COC) I've heard some say that "there is a hierarchical system within the Godhead." This would allow a head God (Father), a lesser God (Jesus), and a baby God (HS).

Why is Tritheism being taught? It is my opinion that this viewpoint is becoming more prominent in an effort to squelch the charismatic side of the church. This teaching resonates as a fear tactic, rather than from an honest study of Scripture. ~continued inside~

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