

Privileged to Serve

SpeakerRay Reynolds
 Announcements/Prayer.....Terry Dyer
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening PrayerLamar King
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Byron Madison

Assisting

Ralph Hubbard * * Jacob King
 Al St. Clair * * Dick Vinson

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Evening

Opening PrayerCharles Dooley

Lord's Supper

Ralph Hubbard * * Jacob King

Closing Prayer..... Randy Rives

Communion Preparation

Month of May..... King Family

Month of JuneBrandie Madison

Nursery Attendant; Backup

May 12 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

May 19 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening - May 8, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Charles Dooley

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	*
Sunday Morning Worship	45
Sunday Evening Worship	18
Wednesday Bible Study	20

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,052.00

Daily Bible Readers

May 5, 2019 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



May 12, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

The Origins of Mother's Day

Have you ever wondered why we honor and celebrate Mother's Day? I know what most of you men may be thinking, "It's just so we have to go out and buy more cards and gifts!" Nope. The "Mother's Day" concept has a long history of religious connections, predominantly among Christians. However, it actually all began in ancient Greece. The idea of paying tribute to motherhood was given expression with a regular festival to worship mother's and fertility. Formal ceremonies to Cybele, or Rhea, the "Great Mother of the Gods," were performed on the Ides of March throughout Asia Minor.

Like during most pagan holidays, Christians were unsure as to what to do. Instead of conforming, Christianity considered reforming. The Christian concept seems to date back to establishment of England's establishment of "Mothering Sunday," a custom of the people which provided that one attend the mother church in which he was baptized on Mid-Lent Sunday. Gifts were to be offered at the altar to the church and to mothers of each worshipper. The concept was void of any "mother worship," but perpetuated its religious association.

Since most of the colonies were full of Christians that were partial to the teachings and practices of the church of England it was not long until the United States began considering an observance of a similar practice. The first general observance of the occasion was in the churches of Philadelphia after Miss Anne Jarvis campaigned for a holiday for mothers in 1876.

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