

### Privileged to Serve

Speaker ..... Fair a.m. / Reynolds p.m.  
 Announcements/Prayer..... Al St. Clair  
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Andy Duncan  
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

\* Lamar King

Assisting

Lloyd Smith \* \* Charles Dooley

Bruce Clopton \* \* Dwight Callens

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Byron Madison

Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith \* \* Charles Dooley

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

#### Communion Preparation

Month of June .....Brandie Madison

Month of July.....Sara "Kitty" Dooley

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

June 2 .....Lara King; Katie Agan

June 9 ..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

#### Wednesday Evening - June 5, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Lamar King

Song Leader..... Tom Fair

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 23

Sunday Morning Worship 56

Sunday Evening Worship \*

Wednesday Bible Study \*

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,887.00

### Daily Bible Readers

May 26, 2019 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



June 2, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

## The Holy Spirit in Paul's Letters ~ Part 2 of 2

Since the first of year we have been studying about the Holy Spirit. This is an exciting, but often misunderstood subject. We have considered the work of the Holy Spirit through the Gospels, Acts, Romans, and a few other letters of Paul. If you have your Bible handy you need to open to the book of Ephesians. It is a great place to learn about God's nature.

In the book of Ephesians Paul says that the Holy Spirit seals us unto the day of redemption (**Ephesians 1:13, 4:30**). This is consistent with things we have already learned from the book of acts, the book of Romans and other passages. For those who claim that they "do not" have the Holy Spirit of God are actually claiming not to have been saved (**Acts 2:38-39, Romans 8, Titus 3:5**).

In the book of Romans we learn something else that Paul illustrates in this letter, that is the Holy Spirit gives us access to God the Father (**Ephesians 2:18**). He, in fact, aids us in our prayers. The Holy Spirit also makes us God's habitation (**Ephesians 2:22**), as we are part of His temple (**I Corinthians 3:16-17**). Paul also reveals that the Holy Spirit reveals the mystery of God to us (**Ephesians 3:5**), He strengthens our spirits (**Ephesians 3:16**), and fills us (**Ephesians 5:18, Acts 2:4, 4:8, 31, 9:17**).

The Holy Spirit brings unity and oneness to the body (**Ephesians 4:3, 2:14-18, 4:1-5:33**). As Paul finishes His letter He reveals that the Holy Spirit plays the same role as the Father and the Son (which we have already debunked tri-theism in a previous article). The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all One God! The Spirit plays the same role in the church that He does in the Godhead. When the Holy Spirit is operating in a group of people, He unites them in love. Therefore, evidence of the Holy Spirit working in a group is love and unity. The supernatural gifts, signs and wonders were seasonal and can be counterfeited, but now He resides in the life of every Christian believer bearing natural fruit (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

Paul's other letters teach us that the Holy Spirit supplies us with Christ (**Philippians 1:19**), He gives us joy (**I Thessalonians 1:6**), He sanctifies us (**II Thessalonians 2:13, Romans 5:16**), and He washes and renews us (**Titus 3:5**). I wish we had the time to look at every single verse that emphasized the Holy Spirit, but the bulletin just isn't that large! However, we will continue our series next week and consider additional teachings from Peter and John. Have a great week!

Ray Reynolds

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