

Privileged to Serve

SpeakerRay Reynolds
 Announcements/Prayer.....Bruce Clopton
 Song Leader..... Andy Duncan
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Tom Fair
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Lamar King

Assisting

Lloyd Smith * * Charles Dooley

Bruce Clopton * * Dwight Callens

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

Evening

Opening PrayerCharles Dooley

Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith * * Charles Dooley

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Communion Preparation

Month of JuneBrandie Madison

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

Nursery Attendant; Backup

June 9 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

June 16 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening - June 12, 2019

Prayer/Announcements..... Randy Rives

Song Leader..... Andy Duncan

Devotional.....Charles Dooley

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

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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 17

Sunday Morning Worship 42

Sunday Evening Worship *

Wednesday Bible Study 25

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,319.71

Daily Bible Readers

June 2, 2019 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



June 9, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

The Holy Spirit & The Apostles

For the past two weeks we have noticed Paul's teachings on the Holy Spirit. He takes time out in every book to emphasize something about the Holy Spirit and His work in the church. However, He is not the only New Testament writer to talk about the Holy Spirit. Who would be more qualified to talk about the Holy Spirit more than the apostles of Jesus Christ?

Remember that the 12 were witnesses to the ministry of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus, and the establishment of Christ's church. They were commanded to be witnesses of what they had seen and heard (Luke 24:46-48, Acts 1:7-8, II Corinthians 12:12, I John 1:1-2). During the ministry of the apostles, when Jesus was with them, the Holy Spirit was already working in a limited way as they performed miracles (Luke 11:13, John 20:22). However, they were instructed to wait for the full baptism (Acts 1-2).

The 12, who were significantly impacted by the Holy Spirit, went out into the entire world preaching and teaching as witnesses of Christ (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16). What were they preaching? What were they teaching? Consider their letters! Peter teaches that the Holy Spirit sanctifies us (I Peter 1:2), He enables us to obey the truth (I Peter 1:22), and that He enables some to preach the gospel (I Peter 1:12). The apostle Peter also taught that the Holy Spirit moved holy men of God to write the Bible (II Peter 1:21). Obviously, the Holy Spirit must be active!

John, the beloved, adds to the abundance of Scripture and teachings about the Holy Spirit. In his letters he teaches us that the Holy Spirit enables us to know that Jesus abides in us (I John 3:24, 4:13), He confesses that Jesus came in the flesh (I John 4:2) and that He beckons: "Come, Lord Jesus" along with the bride (the church) in Revelation 22:17.

The Holy Spirit worked in a mighty way through these great men of God. He enabled them to testify as eyewitnesses of Jesus (Mark 16:19-20, John 15:26-27, Hebrews 2:3-4, I Thessalonians 1:4-5). He aided them in their defense of the gospel (Matthew 10:16-20, Acts 5:13-31). He taught them and inspired them with great authority (Matthew 18:18, John 14:25-26, John 16:12-15, I Corinthians 12:3, 14:36-37, I John 1:1-3, 4:1-6). Where would we be without the work of the Holy Spirit of God?

In addition to the apostles, remember that the Holy Spirit enabled Mary to conceive Jesus (Luke 1:35), He is the author of Scripture (Matthew 5:17, II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:21, Act 2:16), and the interpreter of Scripture (I Corinthians 2:10-14, Ephesians 1:17). He is mighty! Next week we will notice that not only is the Holy Spirit deity, but that He is mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible. The author of your Bible wants you to know more about Him! Will you study it? ♦ Ray Reynolds ♦

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