

### Privileged to Serve

Speaker .....Ray Reynolds  
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives  
 Song Leader..... Andy Duncan  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer .....Byron Madison  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Lamar King

#### Assisting

Lloyd Smith \* \* Charles Dooley

Bruce Clopton \* \* Dwight Callens

Closing Prayer.....Mike Cumberland

#### Evening

Opening Prayer .....Randy Rives

#### Lord's Supper

Lloyd Smith \* \* Charles Dooley

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Communion Preparation

Month of June .....Brandie Madison

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

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

June 23 .....Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

June 30 .....Lara King; Katie Agan

#### Wednesday Evening - June 26, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Byron Madison

Song Leader..... Randy Rives

Devotional.....Jared Agan

### 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

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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 18

Sunday Morning Worship 58

Sunday Evening Worship \*

Wednesday Bible Study 21

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ \*

### Daily Bible Readers

June 16, 2019 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



June 23, 2019

## Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

### The Holy Spirit IS God

Recent discussions with religious people have led me to believe that some strange doctrines concerning the Holy Spirit of God are out there. Some people believe that the Holy Spirit was a created thing. The Bible clearly reveals the Holy Spirit was NOT created by the Father or the Son, but has always existed and is eternal (**Hebrews 9:14, Genesis 1:1-2**).

The Holy Spirit is clearly a person. Therefore, the Spirit isn't a "force" and it is correct to refer the Spirit as "He" as opposed to "it," as Jesus does (**John 14:26**) and also Paul (**Romans 8:16, 26**). The Holy Spirit is also said to move (**Genesis 1:1-2**), grieve (**Isaiah 63:10**), speak (**Acts 8:29**), and love (**Romans 15:30**).

According to the Bible, the Holy Spirit ministers to His people in several ways. He leads (**Matthew 4:1**), He teaches (**Luke 12:12**), He gives life (**John 6:63**), He intercedes in prayer (**Romans 8:26**), and motivates God's people (**II Peter 2:21**). We can follow God's Holy Spirit or deny Him. He can be spoken against (**Matthew 12:32**), lied to (**Acts 5:3**), and resisted (**Acts 7:51**), though each of those ended with disastrous consequences for those attempts.

The Holy Spirit has several names in the Bible including "the Spirit of Truth" (**John 14:17, 16:13**), "the Comforter" (**John 14:26**), "the Spirit of promise" (**Acts 1:4-5**), "the Spirit of holiness" (**Romans 1:4**), "the Spirit of life" (**Romans 8:2**), "the Spirit of God" (**Romans 8:9**), "the Spirit of Christ" (**Romans 8:9**), "the Spirit of adoption" (**Romans 8:15**),

"the Spirit of God" (**I Corinthians 3:16**), "the Spirit of faith" (**II Corinthians 4:13**), "the Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (**Ephesians 1:17**), "the eternal Spirit" (**Hebrews 9:14**), "the Spirit of grace" (**Hebrews 10:29**), and "the Spirit of glory" (**I Peter 4:14**). However, none are more fitting than the phrase "Holy Spirit."

In the New Testament alone there are 261 passages which refer to the Holy Spirit. He is mentioned 56 times in the Gospels, 57 times in the book of Acts, 112 times in the Pauline epistles, and 36 times in the remaining New Testament. Based on those facts, do you think He plays an important role in the New Testament church?

Don't be afraid of the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is sometimes referred to as the Holy Ghost in older English translation of the Bible (i.e. KJV of 1611). When you consider common language, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the term "ghost" sounds like a spook or a mysterious apparition. The term "spirit" has a much more appealing sound to it, in my opinion. Based on what the Holy Spirit does today, it is clear that He is not out scaring the locals in haunted houses! He is working in His people to do great things!

The devil would love us to accept words, phrases, terms, silly teachings, and false doctrines about the Holy Spirit. Don't give in to those concepts of our Holy God! Have a great week! ♠ Ray Reynolds ♠

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