

Privileged to Serve

Speaker D Callens (a.m.); T Dyer (p.m.)
 Announcements/Prayer..... Terry Dyer
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Tom Fair
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

Al St. Clair * * Jacob King
 Lloyd Smith * * Jared Agan

Closing Prayer..... Ralph Hubbard

Evening

Opening PrayerByron Madison

Lord's Supper

Al St. Clair * * Jacob King

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Communion Preparation

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

Month of August.....Linda Bullock

Nursery Attendant; Backup

July 14 Angela Duncan; Lara King

July 21Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

Wednesday Evening - July 17, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Byron Madison

Song Leader.....Lamar King

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 22

Sunday Morning Worship *

Sunday Evening Worship *

Wednesday Bible Study 25

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,266.00

Daily Bible Readers

July 7, 2019 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



July 14, 2019 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

The Holy Spirit Gives Spiritual Gifts

There is little doubt that the work of the Holy Spirit is often confusing, unless one rightly divides the word of God (**II Timothy 2:15**). Of the most interesting (and difficult) topics to understand is the work of the Holy Spirit. The Bible clearly teaches that one of the purposes of the Holy Spirit is/was to give spiritual gifts (**Romans 12:3-8, I Corinthians 1:5 -7, 12-13, I Peter 4:8-11, Ephesians 4:7-12, Hebrews 10:4**). We have already noted in this series that the Holy Spirit seals us to the day of redemption (**II Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 4:30**), but what special gift(s) does it intend to bestow upon a child of God until that day comes?

It is evident that there is fruit that should flow from the life of a believer through the Holy Spirit (**John 15:1-8**). Paul says, *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law"* (**Galatians 5:22-23**). That fruit will enable us to use a God-given talent to bless the kingdom. Every Christian has at least one special ability/talent (**Matthew 25**) that will enable us to do good works, even to the "least" of those among us. Your spiritual gift(s) can be developed and nurtured to shine light into dark places (**Matthew 5:16**).

We must not confuse the temporary supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit (limited to the work of the early church) and the natural gifts of the Holy Spirit (provided to all believers). The temporary supernatural gifts of the Spirit were for the purpose of bringing attention to the fact that Jesus *IS* the Christ (**Mark 16:20, I Corinthians 12:8-10, 13:8**). It is clear that only the apostles could pass on these supernatural gifts (**Acts 2, 8, 10, 19, Romans 1:11, I Corinthians 13, 14:32, II Timothy 1:6**) but once the apostles died off this ability to pass on supernatural gifts ceased. This leaves only the natural fruit of the Holy Spirit that dwells inside of a believer, who has become a personal temple of the Lord (**I Corinthians 6:19-20**)

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