

Privileged to Serve

Speaker R Rives(am); B Madison(pm)
 Announcements/Prayer..... Bruce Clopton
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Ralph Hubbard
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Evening

Opening Prayer Lamar King

Lord's Supper

Al St. Clair * * Jacob King

Closing Prayer..... Jacob King

Communion Preparation

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

Month of August..... Linda Bullock

Nursery Attendant; Backup

July 21 Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

July 28 Lara King; Katie Agan

Wednesday Evening - July 24, 2019

Prayer/Announcements..... Tom Fair

Song Leader..... Andy Duncan

Devotional..... Randy Rives

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 37

Sunday Morning Worship 74

Sunday Evening Worship 19

Wednesday Bible Study 23

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,333.00

Daily Bible Readers

July 14, 2019 * = % of attending

* Figures Unavailable



July 21, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

The Holy Spirit Can Leave Us

For the past several weeks we have noticed different aspects about the Holy Spirit. We have considered some false concepts that seek to diminish the concept of monotheism, sadly, embraced by "so-called" gospel preachers. We have noticed the teaching about the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts, Paul's letters, and the general epistles. We have considered the work of the Holy Spirit like how He helps us to remember, how He re-creates us, and how He helps us to bear fruit. What else should we know? The Holy Spirit can leave us. He can, and eventually will, vanish from our life if we choose to return to a life of wickedness.

We need the Holy Spirit in our lives! However, this relationship between us and the Holy can be damaged. Believers can quench Him (**I Thessalonians 5:19**) by attempting to hinder His ministry. We can grieve Him by being bitter, angry, hateful, vengeful and unkind toward others (**Ephesians 4:30-31**). We can also lie against Him (**Acts 5:3**) through hypocrisy, cheating, and deception. And, we can blaspheme Him (**Matthew 12:22-37**) by giving credit to someone/something instead of Him and/or trying to physically hinder His good work. The bottom line is that God's Holy Spirit can leave us (**Psalms 51**).

The sins I mentioned about involve a heart problem. We can allow our attitude, and relationships with other people/things, to drive us further away from God. We cannot fool God about our attitudes, words, feelings, and actions. He knows us in every intimate way possible and when His Holy Spirit is inside of us, working through us, nothing is hidden. He knows us in the "inward" parts because we are His holy temple (**I Corinthians 3:16-17**).

How can the Holy Spirit, promised to us in salvation, leave us? The answer is simple. Sin harms our fellowship with God (**Ephesians 6:5-9**). God cannot, and will not, dwell in the darkness. He is light and He comes into our lives to dispel the darkness. If we ignore His will, and refuse His leading in us, He has to leave. Our holy, righteous, and blameless God will stay inside of us if we are a work in progress. ...-continued inside-

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