

Privileged to Serve

Speaker A Duncan(am); T Fair(pm)
 Announcements/Prayer..... Andy Duncan
 Song Leader..... T Fair(am); A Duncan(pm)
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Randy Rives
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Randy Rives

Assisting

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

Closing Prayer..... Dick Vinson

Evening

Opening Prayer Tom Fair

Lord's Supper

Al St. Clair * * Jacob King

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Communion Preparation

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

Month of August.....Linda Bullock

Nursery Attendant; Backup

July 28Lara King; Katie Agan

August 4 Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

Wednesday Evening - July 31, 2019

Prayer/Announcements..... Randy Rives

Song Leader.....Jacob King

Devotional.....Terry Dyer

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) 681-8298

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 56

Sunday Evening Worship *

Wednesday Bible Study *

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,129.00

Daily Bible Readers

July 21, 2019 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



July 28, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

Our Great Companion ~ The Holy Spirit

God understands the power of loneliness. In the Garden of Eden you might remember that God said many things were good, but there was one thing that was not good. Man was alone. Therefore, God created woman and gave her to the man. Why? God has never experienced loneliness. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all One. He has enough of His divine essence to go around because He inhabits all things. When God created man He wanted to allow us join in this union. Jesus even prays about in **John 17**.

After the Fall of Man it seemed as if God would never have the opportunity to become a perfect companion for man. God lays out the rules. Man breaks the rules. It's hard to make that kind of a relationship work out! Therefore, He sent Jesus in the world (His only Begotten Son). After Jesus ascended to take His rightful throne, and become our great High Priest, He promised to send the Holy Spirit of God to be a companion for us always (**John 14:25-27, 16:5-15**).

It is God's will that the Holy Spirit (inside of us) will help us to can gain comfort. He knows of our heartaches, troubles, trials, and struggles (**Hebrews 4:15- 16**). He is tender, compassionate, understanding, merciful, and sympathetic of our weaknesses. He is our friend, and desires intimate fellowship with us. He wants to empower us to do good works! Why would He do this? Because, God is for you, not against you (**Romans 5:8-11, 8:31-39**).

However, when we sin He can leave us (as we noted last week). He chooses to reside inside of the light, but if we allow ourselves to be consumed by darkness He will leave us. He did not come to dwell in unrighteousness. Jesus said, "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. When He comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to ..." ~continued inside~

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