

### Privileged to Serve

Speaker ..... Randy R(a.m.); Andy D(p.m.)  
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives  
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer .....Lamar King  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Dwight Callens

#### Assisting

Charles Dooley \* \* Ralph Hubbard  
 Jacob King \* \* Byron Madison

Closing Prayer..... Dick Vinson

#### Evening

Opening Prayer ..... Andy Duncan

#### Lord's Supper

Charles Dooley \* \* Ralph Hubbard

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Communion Preparation

Month of August.....Linda Bullock

Month of September ..... De'Lena Rushing

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

August 25 .....Lara King; Katie Agan

September 1..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

#### Wednesday Evening - August 28, 2019

Prayer/Announcements..... Tom Fair

Song Leader..... Andy Duncan

Devotional.....Lamar King

### 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 39

Sunday Morning Worship 65

Sunday Evening Worship 17

Wednesday Bible Study \*

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,290.00

### Daily Bible Readers

August 18, 2019 \* = % of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



August 25, 2019

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

## The Holy Spirit Unifies Us

We often sing hymns, in our worship services, about the Holy Spirit. We sing songs about loving God spirit, understanding God spirit, being filled with God spirit, and watching God spirit move among His people. The Bible has a lot to say about recognizing what the Holy Spirit is doing for His people. I think one important thing, that must not be overlooked, is how we are brought into union with Christ through the Holy Spirit. Paul says, "If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with him in His resurrection" (Romans 6:5).

The phrases "in Christ," "with Christ," "in Him," "in Whom," "in Jesus," and so on appear in the New Testament hundreds times. These phrases appear twelve times in the first chapter of Ephesians alone. Union with Christ is very closely associated with the doctrines of regeneration and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. As we have previously noted in this series, the Holy Spirit communes with us, starting at baptism (Acts 2:38-39, Romans 8).

After our baptism, we are added to the Lord's church and made members of the church which is Christ's body (I Corinthians 12:12-13). Water baptism places us into the same death, burial, and resurrection as Jesus (Romans 8:5). This union also gives us an inseparable union through adoption. Romans 8:15 speaks of "the Spirit of adoption" which we placing believers in the church as sons and daughters of God. We are given more than just a new body, and a clean slate, we are given a new identity with a new inheritance for eternal life.

Previously we already noted II Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 6:15 which refer to the new life we have in Christ Jesus. Hopefully this new birth will motivate us toward Christian living. The figures of the vine and the branches (John 15:1-8), marriage (Romans 7:4, Ephesians 5:32), and the Head and the body (Colossians 1:18, 2:6-7), indicate that believers cultivate Christlikeness (II Corinthians 3:18, II Peter 3:18, I John 3:1-3) after this new birth. Jesus spent a great deal of time talking to Nicodemus about this in John 3.

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