

Privileged to Serve

SpeakerRay Reynolds
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Andy Duncan
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Byron Madison

Assisting

Al St. Clair * * Lamar King

Joshua Rushing * * Dick Vinson

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

Evening

Opening PrayerByron Madison

Lord's Supper

Al St. Clair * * Lamar King

Closing Prayer.....Lloyd Smith

Communion Preparation

Month of September De'Lena Rushing

Month of October Cindy Harper

Nursery Attendant; Backup

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

September 8..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening - September 4, 2019

Prayer/Announcements.....Byron Madison

Song Leader..... Tom Fair

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	*
Sunday Morning Worship	46
Sunday Evening Worship	27
Wednesday Bible Study	24

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,186.00

Daily Bible Readers

August 25, 2019 * = % of attending

*Figures Unavailable



September 1, 2019 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!
The Filling of the Holy Spirit

Is the cup half empty or half full? Doesn't that argument get old? However, when it comes to serving God, and living in this world, shouldn't we all want to be full? The Bible teaches us that those who feed on the Lord Jesus Christ will never hunger or thirst (**Matthew 5:6, John 7:37-39**). In fact, Jesus said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." What does that mean? John gives the answer saying, "But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

There is something about the Holy Spirit that is "filling" to our soul. We have a spiritual thirst for communion with God. We may not thirst to deny ourselves, take up our cross, follow Jesus, make disciples, become a servant, or worship in spirit and in truth... but we ought to have a thirst for a relationship with God. There is an old Christian music song that puts it like this: "There's a God-shaped hole in all of us and a restless soul that's searching."

If you are not a Christian, don't you feel an aching in your chest? Can't you feel that something's missing? Before I became a Christian I felt something wasn't right. I knew I needed to follow God with my whole heart. I needed to surrender to His will so I could commune with Him fully. There was an emptiness inside me that was longing for fulfillment. Therefore, I followed the pattern of the New Testament church and was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins (**Acts 2, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19**, etc.). After that I was reminded regularly, through my own personal study and through other Christians, my life had meaning and I was compelled to tell others about Christ. Where did that longing come from and why did I receive it?

If you are a child of God, then you have already found that only God alone can satisfy this longing for communion. This is why He sent His Holy Spirit so that we would never have to be alone or empty (**John 14:15-31, 16:5-15**). When I ... *~continued inside~*

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