

**Privileged to Serve**

Speaker .....Ray Reynolds  
 Announcements/Prayer.....Terry Dyer  
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

**Morning**

Scripture/Opening Prayer .....Randy Rives  
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

\* Byron Madison

Assisting

Al St. Clair \* \* Lamar King

Joshua Rushing \* \* Dick Vinson

Closing Prayer.....Stan Raley

**Evening**

Opening Prayer .....Joshua Rushing

Lord's Supper

Al St. Clair \* \* Lamar King

Closing Prayer.....Jack Mears

**Communion Preparation**

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

Month of October ..... Cindy Harper

**Nursery Attendant; Backup**

September 29..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan

October 6..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

**Wednesday Evening - October 2, 2019**

Prayer/Announcements.....Randy Rives

Song Leader..... Andy Duncan

Devotional.....Jared Agan

**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 36

Sunday Morning Worship 59

Sunday Evening Worship 24

Wednesday Bible Study 21

**Contributions & Other Income**

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,281.00

**Daily Bible Readers**

September 22, 2019 \* = \*% of attending

\*Figures Unavailable



September 29, 2019 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!  
**Unity in the Spirit**

Getting over gall bladder surgery a few years ago taught me a lot about how the body works. The most painful part of this experience was not the surgery. It was the neck/shoulder pain (because of air pumped into my diaphragm during surgery) and nausea (due to anesthesia and pain meds). When I experienced pain it had nothing to do with the four incisions or the spot where my gall bladder was removed. That was shocking to me. I discovered that when one part of the body is removed... other parts hurt.

The phrase “the Body of Christ” is a common New Testament metaphor for the Church (all those who are truly saved). The Church is called “one body in Christ” in **Romans 12:5**, “one body” in **I Corinthians 10:17**, “the body of Christ” in **I Corinthians 12:27** and **Ephesians 4:12**, and “the body” in **Hebrews 13:3**. The Church is clearly equated with “the body” of Jesus Christ in **Ephesians 5:23** and **Colossians 1:24**.

What happens when one part of the body isn't functioning properly? The whole body is affected. What happens when one part of the body is cut off? The whole body is affected. Not one part of the body is any greater than another and each part is needed (**Romans 12, I Corinthians 12**).

When Christ entered our world, He took on a physical body “prepared” for Him (**Hebrews 10:5, Philippians 2:7**). Through His physical body, Jesus demonstrated the love of God, especially through His sacrificial death on the cross (**Romans 5:8**). After His bodily ascension, Christ continues His work in the world through those He has redeemed—the Church of Christ (**Romans 16:16**). When we are saved, this is why the Lord adds us to the church (**Acts 2:42**).

Let's work together in the unity of the Spirit of God. Let's use our talents. Let's share our spiritual gifts. If one part of the body is hurting, or about to be cut out of the Body, let's reach out to help. Have a great week! ! ♦ Ray Reynolds ♦