

### Privileged to Serve

Speaker ..... Randy Collum, Pine Vale  
 Announcements/Prayer..... Terry Dyer  
 Song Leader ..... Andy Duncan  
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

#### Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer ..... Josh Rushing  
 Lord's Supper

#### Presiding

\* Lamar King

#### Assisting

Ralph Hubbard \* \* Jared Agan  
 Charles Dooley \* \* Randy Rives

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

#### Evening

Opening Prayer ..... Tom Fair

Lord's Supper  
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Closing Prayer..... Terry Dyer

#### Communion Preparation

Month of October ..... Cindy Harper  
 Month of November ..... Alana Fair

#### Nursery Attendant; Backup

October 27..... Katie Agan; Angela Duncan  
 November 3..... Angela Duncan; Lara King

#### Wednesday Evening - October 30, 2019

Prayer/Announcements..... Randy Rives  
 Song Leader..... Tom Fair  
 Devotional..... Byron Madison

### 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	23
Sunday Morning Worship	57
Sunday Evening Worship	*
Wednesday Bible Study	24

### Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,363.00

### Daily Bible Readers

October 20, 2019 \* = % of attending

\* Figures Unavailable



October 27, 2019 ~ Meridian Messenger ~ Welcome Visitors!

## The Holy Spirit Seals A Christian

There are many benefits to the personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit. One of the greatest benefits would have to include the seal of salvation. When we are baptized into Christ, and become a new creature in Christ, God performs a special service of adoption. No documentation is needed to verify our salvation, because God seals us with the blood of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

When this procedure takes place, between the Holy Spirit and a child of God, it is probably not felt or even acknowledged at first, but it gives us great hope once we realize its significance. Paul says that believers are “sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise” by the power of God (**Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30, II Corinthians 1:21-22, 5:5**). This seal indicates God’s ownership, and a guarantee of the security of our salvation. We “officially” belong to God in that moment. He owns us! He will save us because of this seal!

The seal of God, through the Holy Spirit, is one that is well documented in Scripture. Isaiah speaks of it (**Isaiah 42:1, 61:1**) in the Old Testament. David also refers to it in **Psalms 51** because he is fearful that God will remove seal from because of his sin. John, the beloved, also documents this fact (**John 6:27, Revelation 7:3-4, 9:4, 14:1, 22:4**) as does the apostle Peter (**I Peter 1:5**) in the New Testament.

There may be some Christians that are unsure of the seal of the Holy Spirit. What about them? Peter and Paul would encourage them to be baptized correctly (**Acts 2:38-39, 19:1-7**). Paul goes so far to say that “if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him” (**Romans 8:9**). This is consistent with other teachings New Testament (**John 14:16-17; 1 Corinthians 6:19, II Timothy 1:14**). Without God’s personal indwelling, an individual cannot claim adoption, salvation, or the true faith.

When we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit we also possess an intimate and personal relationship with God. He not only walks “with” us, but also “in” us. He guides us (**John 16:12-15, Romans 8:14-26**). He works alongside our conscience to help us remember God’s will, to teach us truth, give us assurance, assist us in prayer, relate to the Bible, counsel other Christians, and make wise decisions. All of these things we’ve noted in previous articles.

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