

Privileged to Serve

Speaker ... Andy Duncan (am); Tom Fair (pm)
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader Tom F. (am); Andy D. (pm)
 Attendance.....

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer
 Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer.....

Evening

Opening Prayer
 Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer.....

Communion Preparation

Month of June
 Month of July.....

Nursery Attendant; Backup

June 6Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
 June 13 Angela Duncan; Lara King

Wednesday Evening - June 9, 2021

Prayer/Announcements.....
 Song Leader.....
 Devotional.....

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

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	cancelled
Sunday Morning Worship	32
Sunday Morning via Live-Stream	14
Sunday Evening Worship	20
Sunday Evening via Live-Stream	10
Wednesday Bible Study	15

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 1,655.00

*Figures Unavailable



June 6, 2021

Meridian Messenger

Welcome Visitors!

The Problems of a Two-Headed Snake

A woman in Woodbridge, Virginia, saw a rarity in her front yard: a two-headed copperhead snake. The snake only has one heart and one set of lungs, but each head has its own brain. This produces multiple problems. Both heads want to eat, and since eating takes time the snake is vulnerable to predators for twice as long. Second, each snake wants to go its own way. That means they can't respond very quickly when under attack. Even getting water can be precarious, as one head can drag the other down when drinking. An expert at the Wildlife Center of Virginia said, "Based on the anatomy, it would be better for the right head to eat, but it may be a challenge since the left head appears more dominant" (Dana Hedgpeth, The Washington Post, September 24, 2018). Experts also say that these internal conflicts prevent these rare "dual-cephalic" creatures from living very long.

James tells us that the double-minded man is unstable in all his ways (1:8) and implies that double-mindedness reflects impurity of heart (4:8). The first instance of the word relates trusting God or doubting in times of trials, and the second relates to following a spiritual leader, whether the devil and the world or God. It is hard to run with the devil and walk with God. So often, there's the temptation to try to do both. But, this conflict is so basic and so contradictory that it will contribute to our spiritual death. It makes us vulnerable to attack.

What this requires is decisiveness. Jesus taught, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and manna" (Matthew 6:24). We must choose who we will listen to (Joshua 24:15). Otherwise, we will remain in peril and we will ultimately, spiritually die. Paul put it this way, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:5-6). The struggle is real but the problem must be overcome. We must strive to be single-minded in our dedication and devotion. That means we can't live for the world and the Lord. It is an either/or proposition. Jesus says, "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters" (Luke 11:23).

Let's make the right choice and simplify everything. Let's honor one head and make it the right one (cf. Ephesians. 1:22).

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