

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 MORNING

Opening Prayer Bob Mantie
Song Director Stephen English
Sermon Troy Spradlin
..... "The God-Positioning-System (GPS)"
Scripture Reading Cooper Jennings
..... Colossians 1:9-14 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer Phillip Webb

Serving Communion (Left | Right):

Daniel Musk (L) Paul Lipford (R)
Tim Locklin (L) Allan Overton (R)
..... Richard Baker (Balcony)
Comments Mike Scott

EVENING

Opening Prayer Jeremy Dunaway
Singing Brody Crider
Scripture Reading Logan Ray
..... Hebrews 12:28-29
Comments Mike Scott

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread Elizabeth Lipford
Comm. Prep Pat Mense
PowerPoint Philip Lester
Secure Building Jak Gallagher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Dawson Hitchcock
Opening Prayer Pete Pierce

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 147
AM Worship 189
PM Worship 133
Wed. Night Bible Class

Contribution : \$21,565
2026 Weekly Budget : \$12,036
2026 Avg. Contribution : \$11,261

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
Sunday PM Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience. Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

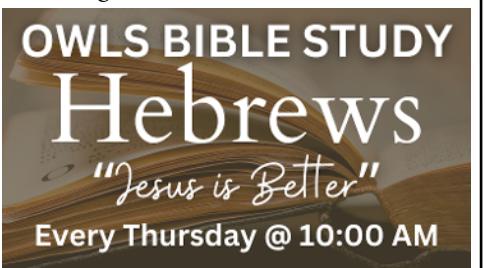
ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is Thursday, by noon.
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of your contribution.



EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



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Evangelism Troy Spradlin

Finance Richard McCool

Fellowship Jeff Scott*

Involvement

Lads to Leaders David English

OWLS Stephen Fulton

Missions Mike Scott*

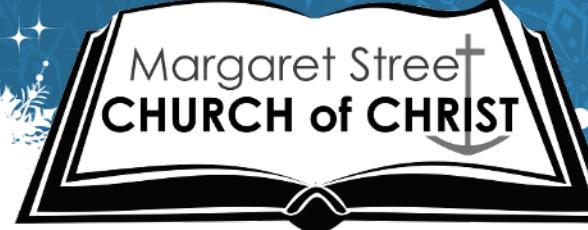
Visitation

Kingdom Kids Dane Harrington*

Worship Blake Hatcher*

Youth & Family Casey Bearden

..... Matthew McReynolds*



Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - February 1, 2026

A Bible-based, Christ-centered, Family-focused, Mission-minded church.

Baptism vs Conversion

by Troy Spradlin

The Christian Broadcast Network recently reported that, "More than 8,000 college students gathered together to seek God and worship Jesus ... at the University of Tennessee for ... an evangelistic outreach geared toward GenZers ... that approximately 500 students responded to the salvation message, and many were baptized right outside of the arena." Another news agency reported, "More than 1,000 people gathered to attend the 'Invitation to Jesus' event on OSU's campus ... and around 50 baptisms occurred ..." An Instagram post stated, "Revival is happening across the country. Just last week at the University of South Florida, almost 2,000 young people gave their lives to Jesus and 300 were baptized." It went on to state that since the movement began, there have been "over 120,000 students gather on 20 campuses & over 20,000 salvations." All of these reports are from August to October of 2025, and there are many more. That's incredible!



There is certainly something stirring in the air among the younger generations (Gen Z) that is leading many to seek Jesus. I praise God for that! I am also thankful for their hearts and welcome this renewed interest in spiritual matters. I pray that each will seek to grow closer to God and above all, that they will read and study their Bibles - which is the only way one may grow spiritually mature. I pray we have opportunities to help them. My greatest concern, however, is that these young people are *converted* not just baptized.

There is more to being converted than just being baptized. The Apostle Peter preached, on the Day of Pentecost, "*Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*" ... and exhorted them, saying, "*Be saved from this perverse generation.*" Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. (Acts 2:38-41). Then, sometime shortly after that occasion, he preached again, to the people gathered at Solomon's Porch, "*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, ...*" (Acts 3:19) In both sermons, he said one must repent. Yet, in one sermon he commanded the listeners to be baptized and in the other he said they needed to be converted. What's the difference? Baptism is the initial process of conversion. According to many passages, (Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12,36-38, 10:48, 16:15,33, 22:16, Rom 6:1-6) we know that baptism is part of the "Plan of Salvation," or "Obeying the Gospel" (2 Thess 1:8) which then adds one to the church (Acts 2:47; Gal 3:27). We also know one must be converted.

If one wants to convert to Christianity, that is, to become a disciple of Jesus, then their conversion begins with obeying the Gospel, which includes, hearing it (Rom 10:17), believing it (John 3:16), repenting of one's sins (Luke 13:3), confessing the name of Jesus (Rom 10:9) and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21). But, true conversion does not stop right there. Consider the word "converted" itself. It is a word that means "to turn, or return to, bring back to the love and obedience of God, to the worship of the one true God." (cf. Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon, "G1994") Did you catch the key words within that definition: "love, obedience, and worship"?

One who is truly converted will "**LOVE** God with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their mind, and all their strength" (cf. Mark 12:30). One who is truly converted will "**OBEY** God rather than men" (cf. Acts 5:29; John 14:15; Ecc 12:13). One who is truly converted will "**WORSHIP** God and serve only Him" (cf. Matt 4:10; John 4:23-24). In other words, there is far more to being converted than just being baptized. It is why Jesus said, "*Remain faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life.*" (Rev 2:10) Being converted means remaining faithful by loving, obeying, and worshiping God.

So again, I rejoice that many young people are coming to Jesus. But, my deepest prayer is that they be truly converted to Him by learning what the Bible teaches. I pray they learn what truly loving God is according to the Bible, what true obedience is according to the Bible, and what true worship is, according to the Bible. Will you join me in that prayer?

MSYG EVENTS & INFO



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:
"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." (Hebrews 12:28)



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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Holly Andino* - birth of baby boy, Charlie!
- Angel family & Arva F* - loss of niece, Lela Mae
- Darrel Bozeman* - blood clot, health
- Sherry Canniff* - fell, broke both knees
- Kyle Croom - venous insufficiency (Spradlin*)
- Weston Fields - hole in heart (T. Russell*)
- Arva Fisher* - knee replacement, recovery
- Ashley Gingerich - scleroderma disease
- Patrick Hamilton - surgery, recover (McGriff*)
- Kaelie Hancock - birth of Henry! (Mense*)
- Henry Hancock - testing, prayers for health
- John Ellis Hart - surgery/kidney transplant list
- Josh Jennings* - surgery, recovery
- Elsa Nunes* - pneumonia
- Sue Perritt - back pain, family
- André Smith - surgery, recovery (McGriff*)
- Joe Taylor* - sedated on hospice, prayers

Grieving a Loss

- Mary Lou* & family - loss of mother, Annie
- Sarah Davis* and family - loss of mom, Donna
- Davis/Napier families - loss of Jack Davis
- Jeanna English & fam. - loss of mom, Faye
- Myrna Fuller - loss of her daughter
- Good family* - loss of daughter in law, Mary
- Jennings* family - loss of brother/uncle, Dale
- Rhonda Locklin* and family - loss of her sister
- Peggy Masoner family - loss of Peggy*
- Joe Martin* - loss of his brother
- Ina Ruth Miller* family - loss of Ina Ruth
- Sharon & Brittany Parker - loss of Tim Parker
- Jon Raley* - passing of his mother
- Renee Ray* - loss of her brother, Willard
- Dot Russell* and family - loss of Ted
- Andrea Spradlin* - loss of mother, Joyce
- Lisa Webb* - loss of father, James Richard

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Viola Burgess* - South FL
- Sherry Canniff* - Shut In
- Sherry Davis* - The Residence (Davis/Napier*)
- Laura Elliot - homebound (S. Lee* mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Larry Lester - Eden of Crestview
- Lillian Raines* - The Residence
- Lee Smith - Arcadia, rm. 236 (ELipford mom*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Students in College

- Jackson Davis
- Hannah Raley
- Stephen English
- Lily Weathersbee
- Caitlyn English
- LizAnn Webb
- Judsen Jennings
- Elliot Wilson
- Jackson Lash
- Reed Wilson
- Ayla Napier
- Lexi Wildes

Expectant Mothers

- Hannah Newcomb* - February 2026
- Caroline Locklin* - April 2026
- Lauren Godwin* - April 2026
- Emily Hutcheson - April 2026 (Lipford*)

Cancer

- Rick Bartanen* - surgery, recovery
- Ron Bartanen* - lymph nodes
- Misty Bray - (Bird*)
- Lilly Cain - bladder (R. Locklin* sister)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Micki Clopton - (former member)
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Keith Echols - (L. Lester*)
- David English*
- Geodee Fred - (C. Bartanen*)
- Ambia Kitchen - (Pantry)
- Mari Krusow - (Overton*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Greg Lewis*
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Donald McGriff* - new treatment
- Dee Mulligan - lung (Crystal's mom)
- Angelica Rapson - Stage 4 (Smith*)
- Benjamin Russell - (Susan St.)
- Lewie Joe Smith - (Jeanna E.)*
- Maedell Palmer - (Hatcher*)
- Angela Southerd - breast
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Lawanna Wishum - (T. Baxley*)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Cody Fulmer-Shaw - Kuwait (A. Turner*)

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastian Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

2026 Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Joey Stromness - Baptized, 1/4/26
- Audrey Harrington - Baptized, 1/10/26

