

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

MORNING

Opening Prayer Josh Jennings
Song Director Casey Bearden
Sermon Troy Spradlin
..... "The Judgment Parables (Part 3)"
Scripture Reading Dawson Hitchcock
..... Revelation 19:6-10 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer Phillip Webb

Serving Communion (Left | Right):

Jeremy Dunaway (L)..... Jay Toddy (R)
Dane Harrington (L) ... Matt Henry (R)
..... Jared Lee (Balcony)
Comments Trevor Bostowick

EVENING

Opening Prayer
Singing
Scripture Reading
.....
Comments

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread .. Audrey Harrington
Comm. Prep Lanya Lester
PowerPoint Stephanie Wilson
Secure Building Jeff Scott

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Gabriel Lee
Opening Prayer Pete Pierce

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class
AM Worship
PM Worship
Wed. Night Bible Class

Contribution : \$11,254

2026 Weekly Budget : \$12,036

2026 Avg. Contribution : \$12,885

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 you contribution.

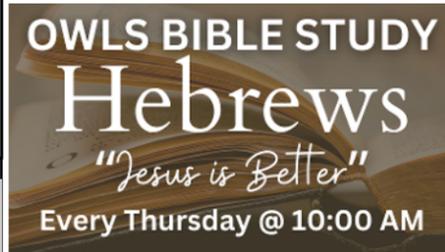


FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 4/7/26 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 4/8/26 @ 5:30 PM
 - 4/9/26 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 4/9/26 @ 2:30 PM

EDUCATION

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



OWLS BIBLE STUDY
Hebrews
"Jesus is Better"
Every Thursday @ 10:00 AM

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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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 - March 29, 2026

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

Our God Alone Does Understand

by Troy Spradlin

Good hymns endure for many generations. By all indications, "Our God, He Is Alive" is one of those lasting hymns, especially in the churches of Christ. It possesses a certain timeless quality about it, primarily because the verses and chorus are all grounded in Biblical principles. Yet, while the lyrics may ring true across the ages, many do not know the song's origin history, and what motivated Aaron Wesley Dicus to write it in 1966.

In the 1960s, a disturbing theological movement arose in America characterized by the phrase "God is dead." It came from the book, *The Death of God*, by Gabriel Vahanian. It was widely controversial and quickly filled all the media coverage, such as, the cover of Time magazine, which prominently displayed the question, "Is God Dead?" Christians at that time felt as if they were under constant attack no matter where they turned.

The timing of Dicus' hymn was no accident. It was written as a direct response to the false claims being spread. It served as the perfect reply to those who insisted God was dead. Can you imagine our brethren gathering for worship on Sundays, singing the hymn, while a billboard outside read, "God Is Dead"? How powerful would it have been to sing "Our God, He Is Alive!" under those circumstances. Without knowing the historical context, it's easy to miss the hymn's original purpose — a clear message to those skeptics and scoffers: "You may say that God is dead, but our God, He is alive!" And thus, it became a spiritual anthem.

While all the lyrics of the hymn deny the idea of God being dead, one line in particular seems to address the naysayers directly: "Though men may search, they cannot find, for God alone does understand." It appears Mr. Dicus is emphasizing the fact that, despite our intense scientific or intellectual efforts, we will never fully understand God's actions, the origin of life, or the ultimate meaning of the universe because only God possesses such knowledge. It is a principle based upon, Ecclesiastes 8:17, "then I saw all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a wise man attempts to know it, he will not be able to find it."

Mankind is, and will always be limited in his knowledge. He is a finite being. God is omniscient and infinite. It was God, our Creator who gave us our brains and intellect. But true knowledge and ultimate answers about God, life, and the universe are found only through what He has chosen to reveal to us, not through human reason. Through the prophet Isaiah, He said, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9) In other words, there's no comparison!

Observing the foolishness of his fellow man's "intellect," which had compelled them to create their own "gods," Jeremiah eloquently stated the reality of knowledge, "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." (Jeremiah 10:23) It is pure absurdity to take a piece of wood, metal, or stone - which was created by God Almighty - and fashion it into an idol to worship! Is man's intellect so incapable of recognizing that it can't speak, move, or do anything? Indeed, it showcases his limitations.

By writing, "Our God alone does understand," Dicus' is echoing the words of the ancient prophets What mankind was doing in the 1960's, by claiming that "God was dead," was no different than what man has done for millennia and will continue to do. Deny Him all you want, but the reality is, "Our God, He is ALIVE!"

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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
Kingdom Kids Egg Hunt
TODAY
 MARGARET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST LAWN

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP WITH OUR FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND EGG HUNT TO FOLLOW!
 PLEASE BRING 1 SMALL BAG OF CANDY PER CHILD AND PLACE IN THE BIN IN THE FOYER



WAR ROOM
Yg Prayer Night
APRIL 8
TEEN ROOM



GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2025-2026
MIRAGE
 IN THE MESSAGE
APRIL 26 @ MARGARET STREET



Attention YG Parents!
2026 SNAC & WEDNESDAY
DEVO SIGN-UPS ARE AVAILABLE.
 PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION STATION.



LADS 2 LEADERS
Banquet
 Saturday, April 18
 6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall



SNAC
SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH
April 12 | Hosted by Hudgens



GULF COAST BIBLE CAMP
 EST. **GCBC** 1966
 LUCEDALE, MS

Registration is OPEN!
 Early Bird Reg. deadline is May 4.
 Teen Week (6th - 12th grade): June 7 - 12
 Jr. Week (1st - 5th grade): June 21 - 24



LEGACY
 AT FAULKNER UNIVERSITY
 YEAR 5 | JULY 16 - 19
Sign up & pay by April 29th



THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:
*"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps."
 (Jeremiah 10:23)*

 **Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.**
 Scan this QR Code for the Church Calendar on teamup.com

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Pat Ann - Pseudonormal LV, heart damage
- Judy Blackwell - knee surgery (McGriff*)
- Steve Brown-extreme surg, cancer (Frahm*)
- S. Cunningham - pneumonia, SRH (McGriff*)
- Pat DeForest - kidney failure, dialysis
- Laura Elliott* - health, prayers for healing
- Gary Good* - stomach issues, health
- Weston Fields - hole in heart (Russell*)
- Patrick Hamilton -surgery, recover (McGriff*)
- Henry Hancock - testing, prayers for health
- Frank Jelercic - tests, prayers (Lola*)
- Mary McGriff* - thyroid test results, prayers
- John Pace* - tests, health
- Roxy Wishum- lung transplant (Baxley)

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Wilson Barnes - diabetes complications (Jak*)
- Cassie Buchanant*- future surgery, pelvic pain
- Winston Burnham* - back pain, health
- Janice Carter* - sprained her neck, recovery
- Kyle Croom - venous insufficiency (Spradlin*)
- Angela DAlessandro - health issues
- Allen Davis - (C.Davis* father)
- Louis deLange* - prayers and encouragement
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Torrie Finney - medical (Jak's niece)
- Mike Frahm* - health, prayers
- Myrna Fuller* - health
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace* sister)
- Barbara Helms*- daily infusions
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- David Jones - Alzheimer's (Kenya*)
- Winnie Jones* - pinched nerve in neck
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- John Ellis Hart - surgery/kidney transplant list
- Brittany Parker* - foot pain
- Trish Powell - wayward (Jak*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Mary Lee Smith - heart issues (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - Alzheimer's (Fulton* sister)
- Edwina Sumrall - continued prayers
- Ryan Turner - heart issues (Rob's* brother)

Cancer

- Ron Bartanen* - lymph nodes
- Jim Bostwick - (Trevor B's dad)
- Misty Bray - (Bird*)
- Lilly Cain - bladder (R. Locklin* sister)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Micki Clopton - (former member)
- Keith Echols - (L.Lester*)
- David English*
- Geodee Fred - (C.Bartanen*)
- Ambia Kitchen - (Pantry)
- Rebekah Koppin - stage 4 colon (Jeanna*)
- Mari Krussow - (Overton*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Aloha Lee - (Lola's* sister)
- Greg Lewis*
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Donald McGriff*- chemotherapy : 14 days
- Steve Meados - prostate - surgery (Lanya*)
- Roy Moulder - (Alonna*)
- Dee Mulligan - lung (Crystal's* mom)
- Angelica Rapson - Stage 4 (Smith*)
- Benjamin Russell - (Susan St.)
- Lewie Joe Smith - (Jeanna E.*)
- Mike Shaffer - (Pat's* husband)
- Angela Southerd - breast
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Lawanna Wishum - (T.Baxley*)

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
- Sandra King & fam. - loss of sister, Sherryn
- Rhonda Locklin* and family - loss of her sister
- Peggy Masoner family - loss of Peggy*
- 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
- Joe Taylor* family - loss of Joe
- Lisa Webb* - loss of father, James Richard

Students in College

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

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Viola Burgess* - South FL
- 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*)

Expectant Mothers

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

Mission Works

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

Military

- Sean Andino* - Norfolk, VA
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Iran
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Cody Fulmer-Shaw - Kuwait (A.Turner*)

2026 Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Joey Stromsness - Baptized, 1/4/26
- Audrey Harrington - Baptized, 1/10/26
- Aaron Burgess - Baptized, 2/3/26

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL
TODAY
RIGHT AFTER AM SERVICE
 Theme-Potluck Style



IN HONOR OF
Trevor & Karen
 and their upcoming marriage we will be blessing them with a money wreath

Please see Molly, Julie, or Lori to contribute now thru Sunday, March 29th

