

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

MORNING

Opening Prayer Matt McReynolds
Song Director Stephen English
Sermon Casey Bearden
..... "Victory"
Scripture Reading Jeremy Dunaway
..... Acts 2:29-33 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left | Right):

Gary Good (L).....|..... Clark Smith (R)
Asher Owens (L) ..|.. Michael English (R)
..... Pat Mense (Balcony)
Comments Josh Jennings

EVENING

Opening Prayer Song/Prayer Service
Singing Song/Prayer Service
Scripture Reading ... Song/Prayer Service
..... Song/Prayer Service
Comments Josh Jennings

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread Heidi Hudgens
Comm. Prep Doss Family
PowerPoint Stephanie Wilson
Secure Building Jeff Scott

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Tucker Davis
Opening Prayer Doug Lee

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 84
AM Worship 188
PM Worship 78
Wed. Night Bible Class 160

Contribution : \$7,032

2026 Weekly Budget : \$12,036

2026 Avg. Contribution : \$12,929

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
Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST

- Food Pickup : 5/12/26 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 5/13/26 @ 5:30 PM
 - 5/14/26 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 5/14/26 @ 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
Galatians
"Only One Gospel"
Every Thursday @ 10:00 AM

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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Finance Richard McCool
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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 - April 12, 2026

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

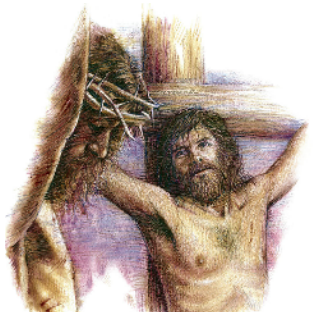
TOO MANY ASSUMPTIONS!

by Troy Spradlin

Many religious teachers like to say that the thief on the cross was saved by "faith alone" in Jesus, therefore, baptism isn't necessary. Yet, the problem with their teaching is that they make many wrong assumptions about the thief.

It must be ASSUMED the thief on the cross wasn't already a disciple.

- John 6:66 says, "many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more," if it can be assumed that baptism isn't necessary from such a verse, it can also be assumed that he could have been a wayward disciple of our Lord.
- Considering Luke 23:41-42, how did the thief know that Jesus was innocent and know about His kingdom? The penitent thief apparently believed that Christ was a "king" and that this act of murder would not terminate His life, because he knew that the Lord would "come into [his] kingdom." He was also confident that Jesus would be able to bless him in that future state. The thief on the cross certainly didn't learn all that in the short time he was there on the cross - those are things that only a disciple would know!



It must be ASSUMED that the thief on the cross wasn't baptized.

- The fact is, we are only told that he was a thief (Matthew 27:38). We are given NO additional information about his background including his religious beliefs.
- Considering Luke 3:7 says "multitudes came out to be baptized" by John the Baptizer, and John 4:1-2 says "Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples)," could the thief on the cross not have been one among those who were baptized? He certainly could have! No one can say he wasn't.

It must be ASSUMED that the thief on the cross was accountable to the New Covenant.

- In the context, Jesus was *still* on the cross, He had not died, and even the thief knew the kingdom hadn't come yet! This event was also before the Day of Pentecost, before the precious blood and life of Jesus had even been given for the remission of sins, and before the first Gospel sermon. Hebrews 9:16 says, "For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator." Therefore, the Christian faith was NOT in effect as of yet. The thief on the cross was still living under the Old Testament. If he wanted to be forgiven for his crime, he would have to follow the instructions of that covenant (cf. Leviticus 6:1-7).
- That is why Jesus said what He said. Remember, Jesus made it clear to the Pharisees and Scribes who criticized Him that He could forgive sins, "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." (Matthew 9:6) He forgave sins while on earth.
- That criminal had direct access to the grace and mercy of our Lord in person that you and I do NOT have today. Thus, if we want to be forgiven, we must follow the instructions given to us in the New Testament to be saved!

It must be ASSUMED that nothing has changed since the time of the thief on the cross.

- There are different periods of Bible history, in which there are specific requirements. For example, Abraham was never commanded to be baptized or to observe the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19). In the Christian era, we are not obligated to observe the Passover, or to offer animal sacrifices. Yahweh has had different requirements for His people at various periods in history. So, even IF it were true that baptism wasn't necessary for salvation in the time of the thief, the requirements have changed for us today! (Acts 17:30; 1 Peter 3:21; 2 Thessalonians 1:8)

Lastly, the principle of "Occam's Razor" teaches that the explanation requiring the fewest assumptions is most likely to be the correct one. With so many assumptions taken, one can NOT appeal to the thief on the cross to say baptism is not necessary for salvation. It is a fool's argument and blasphemy of the power of Jesus (Romans 1:16-17). Why not just submit to the Lord's simple commands (Mark 16:16) instead of playing dangerous games of assumptions with your soul?

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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

SNAC
SUNDAY NIGHT
AFTER CHURCH
April 12 | Hosted by Hudgens

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



CAMP
WORKDAY
MAY 2
7 AM - 3 PM



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

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

LADS 2 LEADERS

Banquet

Saturday, April 18
 6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2025-2026

MIRAGE

IN THE MESSAGE

APRIL 26 @ MARGARET STREET

MSYG Parent / Teen Meeting

May 3 | 4:30 pm | Room 303
 New Parent Orientation @ 3:45

LEGACY

AT FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

YEAR 5 | JULY 16 - 19

Sign up & pay by
 April 29th



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
- Steve Brown - extreme surg, cancer (Frahm*)
- S. Cunningham - pneumonia, SRH (McGriff*)
- Pat Deforest - kidney failure, dialysis
- John Hart Ellis - needs kidney transplant
- Weston Fields - hole in heart (Russell*)
- Myrna Fuller* - surgery, broken femur/patella
- Patrick Hamilton - surgery, recover (McGriff*)
- Henry Hancock - testing, prayers for health
- Frank Jelercic - tests, prayers (Lola*)
- Caroline Locklin* - birth of Audrey!
- Donald McGriff* - WFH, possible surgery
- Bret Moore - blood clots/surgery (Sherian*)
- John Pace* - tests, health
- Rick Wade - kidney stone surgery (Alonna*)
- Carolyn Waldrup - hospital, infection (Tara*)
- Roxy Wishum - double lung transplant

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

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 (E.Lipford mom*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

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*)
- Laura Elliott* - health, prayers for healing
- Torrie Finney - medical (Jak's niece)
- Mike Frahm* - health, prayers
- 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*)
- Windie Jones* - pinched nerve in neck
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Brittany Parker* - health, prayers
- 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)

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

Expectant Mothers

- 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

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*)
- Toni Hadder - (member at Pace COC)
- 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*)

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
- Hayden Chandler - Baptized 4/4/26



Ladies Luncheon
 for our Widows
 April 14th at 10 AM
 Fellowship Hall

Please bring a special photo of you from the past, to let people guess who it is in a game we will be playing!
 Sign up @ information station.
 If you need a ride, please add that when you sign up.