

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

MORNING

Opening Prayer Josh Owens
 Song Director Casey Bearden
 Sermon Trevor Smoot
 "The Love of the Brethren"
 Scripture Reading Nick Bartell
 1 John 3:10 & 18 (NKJV)
 Closing Prayer Doug Lee

Serving Communion (Left | Right):

Gary Good (L)..... Clark Smith (R)
 Asher Owens (L) .. Michael English (R)
 Pat Mense (Balcony)
 Comments Matt McReynolds

EVENING

Opening Prayer Brody Crider
 Singing Casey Bearden
 Scripture Reading Tucker Davis
 Hosting Area Wide
 Comments Matt McReynolds

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread Heidi Hudgens
 Comm. Prep Doss Family
 PowerPoint Allan Overton
 Secure Building Jak Gallagher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Gabriel Lee
 Opening Prayer Doug Lee

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 152
 AM Worship 256
 PM Worship 133
 Wed. Night Bible Class 158

Contribution : \$9,405

2026 Weekly Budget : \$12,036

2026 Avg. Contribution : \$12,563

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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 OWLS Stephen Fulton
 Missions Mike Scott*
 Visitation
 Kingdom Kids Dane Harrington*
 Worship Blake Hatcher*
 Youth & Family Casey Bearden
 Matthew McReynolds*



Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST
 Welcome! We're glad you are here!
 Sunday - April 26, 2026
 A Bible-based, Christ-centered, Family-focused, Mission-minded church.

Why Do Some Lost Think They Are Saved?

by Troy Spradlin

I was recently engaged in a Bible study with a denominational friend who firmly believed that they were saved - despite admitting they had not been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). In fact, they denied baptism as necessary for salvation. To justify such confidence, they stated "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit" (Matthew 7:18). In other words, they were equating a bad (or diseased) tree with being unsaved. Since they had "accepted Jesus," and were now living for Christ, no longer living in sin, doing good, and bearing the "fruit of the Spirit," they reasoned that it served as proof they were saved. I admit, it's a very interesting viewpoint! So, is that sufficient evidence of salvation? If not, then why do some lost people think they are saved, even though they clearly haven't done what the Bible says to do in order to be saved?

The first thing I should point out is that the Bible warns of such. Paul wrote, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). That is exactly what we find today among many religious groups. They have turned from sound doctrine by ignoring passages that plainly state that baptism is necessary for salvation (cf. Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38, 22:16; Romans 6:3-6).

The second thing I would point to is the context of the verse. What is the discussion in verse about good and bad trees? Looking at the verses beforehand, in Matthew 7:15-17 we find Jesus speaking about false prophets and saying such can be identified by their "fruits." False prophets bear bad fruit because what they teach results in being "cut down and thrown in the fire" (v19). Now, read the verses that follow, Matthew 7:21-23. Here we find some people, who call Jesus "Lord" - meaning they identify with Him (which implies they're claiming to be His disciples) - and were doing good things, like "prophesying, casting out demons, and doing many wonders" in His name. Yet, Jesus says to them "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" (v23)! In other words, these are some who thought they were Christians, even producing "good fruit" with their actions, but they were lacking one thing: they were not doing "the will of the Father" (v21). So, just because someone claims to be a disciple, even "accepting Jesus" as these had, even producing good things in their lives, it does not mean that they are saved!

Thirdly, one must do the will of the Father to be saved. What is God's will concerning how to be saved? In John 6:40-45, Jesus taught that the will of the Father is to believe in His Son, "And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me." What are they taught and learn? They are taught the Gospel, just like Peter did on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-41) and Phillip in Samaria (Acts 8:4-12). What does the Gospel include? One must believe in Jesus (John 3:16), repent of their sins (Luke 13:3), confess that Jesus is Lord (Matthew 10:32), and be baptized (Mark 16:16). Those are all words directly from Jesus, all connected to salvation, Who said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15)!

One final point: Cognitive Dissonance prevents many from accepting the truth. That is a term which means when people come to realize what they have always believed or have been taught isn't true, it shakes them to their core. Many are unwilling to accept that they have been wrong about their understanding of Scriptures (cf. John 5:39-40). So, they decide to remain in their erroneous beliefs, rather than accept the Truth.



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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2025-2026

MIRAGE

IN THE MESSAGE

APRIL 26 @ MARGARET STREET

GULF COAST BIBLE CAMP
EST. 1966
LUCEDALE, MS

CAMP WORKDAY

MAY 2
7 AM - 3 PM

Attention YG Parents!

2026 SNAC & WEDNESDAY DEVO SIGN-UPS ARE AVAILABLE.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION STATION.

MSYG

Parent / Teen Meeting

May 3 | 4:30 pm | Room 303

New Parent Orientation @ 3:45

WAR ROOM

YG Prayer Night

MAY 6
TEEN ROOM

Graduation BANQUET

MAY 24TH

7 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SINGING & PRAYER SERVICE @ 6 PM

GULF COAST BIBLE CAMP
EST. 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:

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

QR Code

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Pat Ann - Pseudonormal LV, heart damage
- Steve Brown - extreme surg, cancer (Frahm*)
- Roger Cunningham - loss of wife, surgery
- Pat Deforest - SRHRC kidney failure, dialysis
- John Hart Ellis - needs kidney transplant
- Myrna Fuller* - surgery, broken femur/patella
- Patrick Hamilton - surgery, recover (McGriff*)
- Henry Hancock - testing in Birmingham
- Matthew Henry* - damaged eye, healing
- Frank Jelercic - health, prayers (Lola*)
- Tommy Ledbetter - hip surgery (frm. member)
- Donald McGriff* - possible future surgery
- Bret Moore* - amputation of legs (Sherian*)
- John Pace* - tests, health
- Sharon Parker - severe aorta heart valve
- Lee Smith - pneumonia (E.Lipford mom)
- Rick Wade - kidney stone surgery (Alonna*)
- Roxy Wishum - double lung transplant

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)

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*
- Steve Meados - prostate - surgery (Lanya*)
- Roy Moulder - (Alonna*)
- Dee Mulligan - lung (Crystal's* mom)
- Angelica Rapson - cancer spreading (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

Expectant Mothers

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

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*)

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
- Hayden Chandler - Baptized 4/4/26
- Cooper Hanson - Baptized, 4/20/26
- Josie McReynolds - Baptized, 4/21/26

Compassion Card Writing Meeting

Sunday - APR 26

Ladies Classroom

CANCELED FOR TONIGHT

T.E.A. Ladies Luncheon

May 5th at 10:30 AM Fellowship Hall

This event is to honor our Widows. Please bring your favorite tea cup and tea hat to this luncheon. Have questions? See Mary Lou, Sarah L., Roxanne, Lisa W. Andrea W. Sign up @ information station. If you need a ride, please add that when you sign up.