

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, MAY 24

MORNING

Opening Prayer Josh Jennings
Song Director Casey Bearden
Sermon Troy Spradlin
..... "Misunderstanding God"
Scripture Reading Billy Hudgens
..... 1 Kings 20:26-29 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer Doug Lee

Serving Communion (Left | Right):

Allan Overton (L) Greg Smith (R)
Matt McReynolds (L)..... Philip Lester (R)
..... Jack Overton (Balcony)
Comments Josh Owens

EVENING

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

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread Stephanie Wilson
Comm. Prep Stephanie Wilson
PowerPoint Allan Overton
Secure Building Casey Bearden

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Gabriel Lee
Opening Prayer Matt McReynolds

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 132
AM Worship 197
PM Worship 120
Wed. Night Bible Class 170

Contribution : \$11,530

2026 Weekly Budget : \$12,036

2026 Avg. Contribution : \$12,346

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 : 6/9/26 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 6/9/26 @ 5:30 PM
 - 6/10/26 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 6/11/26 @ 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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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 - May 24, 2026

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

Why Am I Here?

by Troy Spradlin

Perhaps the oldest question mankind has asked himself is "Why am I here?" It is known as the *fundamental existential question*, which stems other questions like: "What is the meaning of life?", or, "Why did God create us?" They are all good questions and many have struggled with them over the centuries. The truth of the matter is, God has given us the answer in His Holy Word. Unfortunately, many just do not like the answer.

Truth #1: Mankind does not have the answer within himself. There have been many world-famous philosophers like: Aristotle, Socrates, Jean-Paul Sartre, Friedrich Nietzsche, Soren Kierkegaard, Bertrand Russell, and Viktor Frankl who have valiantly attempted to answer these questions. Yet, each have fallen short for one main reason - they are all human. Because they are finite, mortal human beings, they are limited in the scope of their perspective and can't possibly know things that are infinite and beyond our physical existence (*aka: metaphysics*). To answer such questions requires knowledge that that far exceeds our limited ability.



Truth #2: The Bible is the only place that answers such foundational questions. Only the Bible reveals that a being with a higher power and supreme knowledge does exist. He is Yahweh, the God of heaven, the "Great I Am" (Exodus 3:14). In fact, Aristotle correctly identified that our existence is tied to an "Unmoved Mover." Indeed, this is what we find in Genesis chapter 1 and 2. A supreme power, infinite and outside our realm who is capable of creating something from nothing (something mankind has never been able to do or adequately explain how it happens). It is the Bible that gives us the answer to the origin of mankind. There is no other resource on earth that explains such foundational truths. While many cultures have many fascinating origin stories, none are as succinct, substantiated, and steadfast as the Bible.

Truth #3: We were created by God and for God. Once we understand that mankind doesn't have it within himself to answer his own existential questions (Jeremiah 10:23), and that the only place to find such answers is in the Bible (2 Peter 1:3), then we are ready to open its pages to receive the truth. The answer is found in several passages, but the two primary ones are:

Ecclesiastes 12:13 - "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all." When the wisest, wealthiest, and most experienced man to have ever lived reflected back on all his life, he stated, "All is vanity and grasping for the wind" (Ecc 1:14). King Solomon came to the "conclusion" that the purpose of life - the answer to "Why am I here?" - is, **we are here to love and serve God.**

Revelation 4:11 confirms this truth, "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." The context of this verse is from a scene in heaven where immortal souls are rendering worship to God. They are acknowledging why they are there, in His presence: because it is His will. Therefore, God created mankind because He wants us to love Him - through our own choice (cf. Joshua 24:15) - and to serve Him by obeying Him (1 Samuel 15:22). In return, He will reward those who do obey Him with beautiful, eternal life with Him in heaven (John 3:16).

That is the simple, straightforward truth. The only problem that remains is that some are not willing to accept that simple truth. Jesus described that choice as the "wide and narrow gates" (Matthew 21:13-14).

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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

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

Graduation
BANQUET
MAY 24TH
 7 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL
 JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SINGING & PRAYER SERVICE @ 6 PM

MSYG
Summer Kickoff
TUESDAY, JUNE 2 @ 6 PM
SIGN UP & PAY \$20 BY MAY 20

GULF COAST BIBLE CAMP
EST. GCBC 1966
 LUCEDALE, MS

Register NOW!

Teen Week
 (6th - 12th grade):
 June 7 - 12

Jr. Week
 (1st - 5th grade):
 June 21 - 24

MSYG
LOVE WHERE
YOU LIVE
 Service Week | July 6-9

LEGACY
 AT FAULKNER UNIVERSITY
 YEAR 5 | JULY 16 - 19

Sign up & pay by
 April 29th

Kingdom Kids
Movie Night
 Pizza + Movie on the Big Screen
 Pajamas + Service Project
 PLEASE DROP THE CHILDREN OFF IN
 THEIR PJS FOR A FUN & COZY EVENING!
 WE'LL ENJOY PIZZA FOR DINNER, WITH
 POPCORN & A MOVIE, WITH A SMALL
 SERVICE PROJECT FOLLOWING

AUGUST 1ST 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
MARGARET STREET

This is a members only event

Vacation Bible School
FRUIT FULL
 LIVING A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE IN JESUS

JULY 24-26
MARGARET STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Classes for kids from Birth to 6th grade

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:
"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

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

- Jim Brooks - broken back (Lori's* dad)
- Cassie Buchanan* - post-op 6/4, surgery 6/25
- Pat Deforest* - SRCRH kidney failure, dialysis
- John Hart Ellis - needs kidney transplant
- Myrna Fuller* - Select - rm.168, recovery
- Henry Hancock - testing in Birmingham
- Tommy Ledbetter - hip surgery (frm. member)
- Ann Lester - fell, fractured nose, hip & wrist
- Eddie Longmire* - double pneumonia
- Bret Moore - surgery, prayers (Sherian's* son)
- Pat Shaffer* - fell, 5 broken ribs
- John Smith - open heart surgery (Fulton*)
- Teresa Tollison* - surgery/procedure, prayers
- Rick Wade - kidney stone surgery (Alonna*)
- Roxy Wishum - double lung transplant

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Pat Ann - Pseudonormal LV, heart damage
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Wilson Barnes - diabetes complications (Jak*)
- Misty Buchanan - prayers (Steve F.)
- Cassie Buchanan* - future surgery, pelvic pain
- Winston Burnham* - back pain, health
- Janice Carter* - sprained her neck, recovery
- Roger Cunningham - loss of wife, surgery
- Angela DAlessandro - health issues
- Allen Davis - (C.Davis* father)
- Louis deLange* - prayers and encouragement
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Keith Echols - health, prayers (L.Lester*)
- 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* - wound care, health
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Frank Jelercic - health, prayers (Lola*)
- David Jones - Alzheimer's (Kenya*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Brittany Parker* - health, prayers
- Sharon Parker - severe aorta heart valve
- Trish Powell - wayward (Jak*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Mary Lee Smith - heart issues (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - Alzheimer's (Fulton* sister)
- Ryan Turner - heart issues (Rob's* brother)

Cancer

- Ron Bartanen* - lymph nodes
- Jim Bostwick - (Trevor B's dad)
- Steve Brown - extreme surg, cancer (Frahm*)
- Misty Bray - (Bird*)
- Lilly Cain - bladder (R. Locklin* sister)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Micki Clopton - (former member)
- 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* - traveling to visit family
- 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*)
- Chris Whitman - bladder cancer (Helen*)

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
- 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

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*)

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*)

Students in College

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

SAVE THE DATE
Lauren and
Baby Walt's
Sip and See
 STOP BY FOR A PEEK
 AT THE NEW BABY
 FROM 10:00 - 12:00
 ON SATURDAY, MAY 30TH
 @ HOME OF BROOKE SCOTT
We will be serving
coffee and pastries

FIFTH
SUNDAY
FELLOWSHIP
MEAL
MAY 31ST
RIGHT AFTER AM SERVICE
 Theme-BBQ and Sides