

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, JULY 26
MORNING
Opening Prayer Dane Harrington
Song Director Casey Bearden
Sermon Troy Spradlin
..... "Who May Dwell on His Holy Hill?"
Scripture Reading Brody Crider
..... Psalm 15:1-5 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer Phillip Webb

Serving Communion (Left | Right):
Daniel McRey. (L)..|..... Josh Jennings (R)
Matt McRey. (L)|.. Cooper Jennings (R)
..... Dalton Morgan (Balcony)
Comments Casey Bearden

EVENING
Opening Prayer VBS
Singing VBS
Scripture Reading VBS
..... Galatians 5:22-23
Comments Casey Bearden

Worship Service and Preparation:
Make Comm. Bread Angela Fradejas
Comm. Prep Longmire Family
PowerPoint Stephanie Wilson
Secure Building Casey Bearden

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Song Director Jack Overton
Opening Prayer Steve Fulton
Summer Series Mark Dillman
..... "It Speaks of Our Hope"

Table with 2 columns: Service, Attendance. Rows: Sunday Bible Class (136), AM Worship (217), PM Worship (100), Wed. Night Bible Class (166).

Contribution : \$5,642
2026 Weekly Budget : \$12,036
2026 Avg. Contribution : \$11,515

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 : 8/11/26 @ 9:30 AM
• Preparing Boxes:
• 8/11/26 @ 5:30 PM
• 8/12/26 @ 9:30 AM
• Distribution : 8/13/26 @ 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
Ephesians
"One Body, One Church"
Every Thursday @ 10:00 AM
<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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Evangelism Troy Spradlin
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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*

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

A Disciple Must Be "Fruitful"
by Troy Spradlin

I love the topic for our 2026 Vacation Bible School - "Fruit Full." It is such an important topic for every disciple of our Lord to learn. That is because God expects His people to "bear fruit." Jesus taught His followers, "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." (John 15:8) But, what is meant by "bearing fruit"? Let's go to the Scriptures and see what we can learn.

Agricultural Metaphors and Growth Analogies

When we intently study our Bibles, we will find several noticeable patterns. One of those patterns is spiritual growth. God desires that we grow in our knowledge and service to to Him (Hebrews 5:12). This is emphasized in what Jesus and the inspired writers often say when comparing a disciple to that of a growing plant. The comparison is simple: just as a plant grows and produces fruit, every mature Christian must grow and produce fruit.



Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. Considering what Paul calls Christians in verse 1, what can we deduce from his analogy in verse 6? We should be able to see that just as a newborn child grows by the nourishment of food (verse 2), a plant grows by the nourishment of water. In both cases, what is the source of the increase? It is God! He put this law into motion when He created the world, and all growth comes from His power, not our own. That's a powerful lesson for us!

With that knowledge, let's return to John 15,. Notice how God and Jesus are identified in verse 1, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser." Then, in verse 5, He calls His disciples “branches." The analogy is quite simple. The trunk of the vine supplies all that is necessary for the branches to produce fruit. This is what Jesus does for each of His disciples. In fact, He says, “without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

The original Greek word for "branch" in the New Testament refers to a small, tender offshoot or vine sprout, similar to a twig. Compared to the large, sturdy branches of a big tree, a twig is quite fragile, lacking strength and drying out quickly. While a sizable branch can be repurposed for furniture or tools even after it dies, a dried-out twig is useless and simply discarded into the fire. There is a powerful, spiritual lesson for us to learn here. The analogy illustrates our life purpose and the importance of recognizing the source of life - it's Jesus!

How does this apply to the Christian?

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 implies that we have no other greater purpose in life than to bring glory and honor to God. Isn't that the point Jesus was making in John 15:5? Jesus also said, “A tree is known by its fruit" (Matt 12:33). This means that we are known or can be identified by what we “produce" in our lives, that is to say, in our behavior. Just as we know how to identify an apple tree by its fruit, an avocado tree by its fruit, awe can do the same with a disciple of Jesus. Think about that. How can people identify us as Christians if we do not demonstrate it through our actions?

God desires action from us, and our actions are extremely important! That is what is meant by “bearing fruit.” It means to take action, specifically to obey His commands and do deeds that bring glory to God. We are to produce “fruit” that honors and exalts Him. This harmonizes perfectly with other passages, such as Ecclesiastes 12:13, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all."

Perhaps the best passage to describe what this "fruit" is, is found in Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." If you want to be "Fruit Full" in your spiritual walk and glorify God, learn what those characteristics are according to the Bible and add them to your life!

MSYG EVENTS & INFO

Attention YG Parents!

2026 SNAC & WEDNESDAY

DEVO SIGN-UPS ARE AVAILABLE.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION STATION.

SNAC

SUNDAY NIGHT

AFTER CHURCH

August 2 | Hosted by Overton's

MSYG

LAST BLAST

OF SUMMER

Saturday, August 15

10 AM - 2 PM

AUGUST 23

L2L

KICKOFF

7 PM

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." (John 15:8)

Kingdom Kids

Movie Night

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

MARGARET STREET

WAR ROOM

YG Prayer Night

AUGUST 5

TEEN ROOM

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2026-2027

MIRAGE

IN THE MESSAGE

AUGUST 16 - ROBERTSDALE

OWLS

BANQUET

12 SEPTEMBER

6-8 PM

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests	Other Requests / Health Issues	Cancer
- Calbin Black - stroke (McGriff*) - Jim Brooks - broken back (Lori's* dad) - Howard Bowman-stroke, rehab (Helen) - Cassie Buchanant*- surgery , recovery - Janice Carter* - ultrasound, results - Chandler family - passing of Camille - John Hart Ellis - surgery, needs transplant - Arva Fisher* - knee replacement, recovery - Gary Good* - pain, recovery - Barbara Helms* - fractured hip, @ Select - Ann Lester - fell, fractured nose, hip & wrist - Linda Loftin* - high blood pressure - Donald McGriff* - health, prayers - Mary McGriff* - health, prayers - Bret Moore - recovery, rehab (Sherian's* son) - Sue Perritt* - back procedure, recovery - Roxanne Pierce* - thyroid issues, prayers - John Smith - open heart surgery (Fulton*) - Gloria Vonada* - high blood pressure - Rick Wade - kidney stone surgery (Alonna*)	- Pat Ann - Pseudonormal LV, heart damage - Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister) - Wilson Barnes - diabetes complications (Jak*) - Misty Buchanan - prayers (Steve F.) - Winston Burnham* - back pain, health - 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, kidney failure - Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend) - Frank Jelercic - health, prayers (Lola*) - David Jones - Alzheimer's (Kenya*) - 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)	- 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* - chemo. every 14 days - Steve Meados - prostate - surgery (Lanya*) - Roy Moulder - (Alonna*) - Dee Mulligan - lung (Crystal's* mom) - Deborah Nolan - cervical (Lola*) - Angelica Rapson - cancer spreading (Smith*) - Benjamin Russell - (Susan St.) - Lewie Joe Smith - (Jeanna E. *) - Angela Southerd - breast - Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*) - David Walther - brain (English*) - Lawanna Wishum - (T.Baxley*) - Chris Whitman - bladder cancer (Helen*)
Grieving a Loss	Mission Works	2026 Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified
- Sarah Davis* and family - loss of mom, Donna - Davis/Napier families - loss of Jack & Sherry - Jeanna English & fam. - loss of mom, Faye - Myrna Fuller family - loss of Myrna - 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 - John Pace & fam. -loss of sister, Edwina Harris - 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	- Shanahans* - Mission Italy - Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay - Sebastain Garcia - Brazil - SRC Correctional Institute	- 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 - Libby Makar - Baptized, 6/10/26 - Paxton Fletcher - Baptized, 6/10/26 - Whitley Henry - Baptized, 6/15/26 - Anthony Turner - Baptized, 6/28/26 - Anthony Juliano family - Identified, 4/2026 - Caleb Chambers family - Identified, 5/2026 - Dalton&Maridynn Morgan-Identified, 5/2026 - Gale & Daniel McReynolds-Identified, 5/2026
Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab	Military	Students in College
- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor - Viola Burgess* - South FL - 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*)	- Sean Andino* - Norfolk, VA - John Bartell - Washington, DC - Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce - Matthew Henry - Germany - Amya Huey* - Italy - Cody Fulmer-Shaw - Kuwait (A.Turner*) - James Ragle - Air Force basic training	- Jackson Davis - Stephen English - Judsen Jennings - Jackson Lash - Ayla Napier - Hannah Raley - Lily Weathersbee - LizAnn Webb - Elliot Wilson

Compassion Card Writing Meeting

Sunday - JULY 26

Ladies Classroom

CANCELED DUE TO VBS

Margaret Street Church of Christ

ELDERS, DEACONS, PREACHERS & MINISTRY CHAIRMAN MEETING

AUGUST 16TH @ 4 PM