

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

MORNING

Opening Prayer Joe King
Song Director Elliot Wilson
Sermon Troy Spradlin
..... "Filthy Garments"
Scripture Reading Brody Crider
..... Matthew 22:8-14 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left | Right):

Michael English (L)..|.... David English (R)
Gabriel Lee (L)|..... Pat Mense (R)
..... Asher Owens (Balcony)

Comments Bob Mantie

EVENING

Opening Prayer Billy Hudgens
Singing Dawson Hitchcock
Scripture Reading Parker Godwin
..... 1 John 1:1-7
Comments Bob Mantie

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread Raley family
Comm. Prep Jennings family
PowerPoint Philip Lester
Secure Building Jeff Scott

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Gabriel Lee
Opening Prayer Steve Fulton
Summer Series Ken Tackett
..... "He is the Reigning Savior"

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 159
AM Worship 223
PM Worship 175
Wed. Night Bible Class 138

Contribution :
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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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!

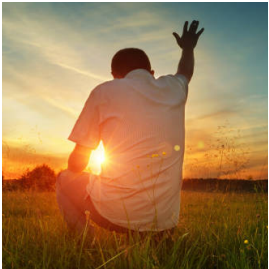
Sunday - August 2, 2026

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

The Bible Does Not Say "Only Believe"

by Troy Spradlin

Late one afternoon, I was in the grocery store when I noticed a man randomly handing out cards to people and saying, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." When he came close to me, I said, "No where in the Bible does it say to 'only believe'." Needless to say, a rather intense argument immediately developed! He sternly replied, "Oh yes it does! In Ephesians 2:8-9 it says, 'For by grace you have been saved through faith, ... it is the gift of God, not of works, ...' I just smiled and said, "Okay. Show me where the word 'only' is in that verse. It's not there. You're assuming the word. That verse does not say, or teach, 'faith only,' nor can it be found in any other verse. Nowhere does the Bible say to only believe." Of course, that wasn't sufficient, so we went round and round for several more minutes (I'm sure the other customers around us were quite uncomfortable at that point)! He finally grew frustrated and said, "Have a good day sir," and walked away. I pray that our exchange at least planted a seed in his heart that will lead to truth.



Sadly, so many in the religious world have bought into the false notion of what some man (denominational preacher, teacher, televangelist) says about salvation instead of simply looking at what the Bible says about it! While it is true that the Bible says, "Believe ... and be saved," connecting belief to salvation in several verses (cf. Luke 8:12; Acts 15:11, 16:31; Romans 10:9), it still nowhere says that believing is all one must do to be saved. Nowhere is the word "only" or "alone" attached to belief. In fact, the one place that comes close is in James 2:24, "You see then that a man is justified by works, and **not by faith only.**" The word for faith in that verse is from the same root word as "believe," (Greek: "pistis," for faith; "pisteuo," for believe). That actually negates the idea of belief only, and especially the verse that the man in the grocery store cited!

Some of the confusion originated from a very old corrupted translation of the Bible, Martin Luther's German version, published in 1534. In Romans 3:28, he rendered that verse from the Greek manuscripts as, "So halten wir nun dafür, daß der Mensch gerecht werde ohne des Gesetzes Werke, **allein durch den Glauben,**" which in English is, "We therefore maintain that a person is justified apart from the works of the law, **by faith alone.**" Luther added the word "alone" to that verse! Yet, every Greek manuscript literally says, "we conclude a man to be justified by faith without works of Law." (Green's Literal Translation of the Bible) Not a single manuscript contains the word "alone" in that verse! Luther violated God's command to "not add to, or take away" from His Holy Word (Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19). His egregious error has since caused many souls to be led astray!

So, what does the Bible actually say and teach? We could begin with what Jesus said, "He who **believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned**" (Mark 16:16). Here, it is quite obvious that belief is not the *only* thing one must do to be saved. Jesus connects baptism with believing, which is supported by other verses (Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21). Also, in Romans 10:9, belief is connected to confession in order to be saved. In the same verse, we find that one must do more than just believe for salvation. Thus, if we practice the principle of "The sum of your word is truth" (Psalm 119:160), and study the New Testament, we find that one must: hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized, and remain faithful until death to be saved! Not only is "only believe" not found in Scripture, there are many verses that teach just the opposite!

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:
"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

Marriage Retreat

JANUARY 29-31, 2027

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

- 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*)
- Jeanna Woodall - health issues (Lester*)

Grieving a Loss

- 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

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- 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*)

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.)
- 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)

Mission Works

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

Military

- 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

Students in College

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

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* - 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*)

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
- 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

Compassion Card Writing Meeting

Sunday - AUG 2
Ladies Classroom
TEAM - ONE
5:15 PM

Margaret Street CHURCH OF CHRIST

ELDERS, DEACONS,
PREACHERS & MINISTRY
CONTACTS MEETING

AUGUST 16TH @ 4 PM