

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

MORNING

Opening Prayer Jay Toddy
Song Director Stephen English
Sermon Casey Bearden
..... "Come to Me"
Scripture Reading Jared Lee
..... Romans 8:18-30 (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 Matt McReynolds

EVENING

Opening Prayer No PM Service
Singing No PM Service
Scripture Reading No PM Service
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Comments No PM Service

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread Raley family
Comm. Prep Jennings family
PowerPoint Matt McReynolds
Secure Building Troy Spradlin

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Logan Ray
Opening Prayer Phillip Webb
Summer Series Preston Silcox
..... "It is the Power of God Unto Salvation"

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 184
AM Worship 256
PM Worship 140
Wed. Night Bible Class 166

Contribution : \$10,601
2026 Weekly Budget : \$12,036
2026 Avg. Contribution : \$11,441

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 : 9/8/26 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 9/8/26 @ 5:30 PM
 - 9/9/26 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 9/10/26 @ 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 - August 30, 2026

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

The Spiritual Mountaintop by Troy Spradlin

Standing on a mountaintop can be quite breathtaking! From the summit's elevated perspective, the world looks very different. Valleys seem much smaller, horizons appear broader, direction becomes clearer, and the fresh air deeply invigorates us. Reaching the top demands focus and effort. It's always challenging, but the spectacular view makes it all worthwhile. In addition, completing such a monumental task brings a wonderful feeling of victory. Being on a mountaintop is truly special—it's a wonderful place to be!



The Bible often mentions mountains as places where people encountered God. For example, Moses met God on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:3). Elijah experienced God's presence on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:37-38). Jesus withdrew to the mountains to pray (Mark 6:46), and on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:2), His glory was revealed to Peter, James, and John. In Revelation 21:10, John writes that, "he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." Throughout

Scripture, mountains are described as places of worship, transformation, revelation, and renewed faith.

Our Christian walk resembles a journey toward a spiritual peak—an elevated position of faith rather than a physical mountain. It's a continual process of growth, always aiming higher. God wants His children to leave behind worldly distractions that hold us back spiritually and to elevate our focus on Him. As Colossians 3:2 states: "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Indeed, as we grow stronger in our faith, we gain a different perspective about life. Problems that once seemed overwhelming suddenly appear smaller, opportunities that may have felt fleeting grow broader, and the feeling of not knowing what to do is changed to clearer direction. Growing closer to God is like filling our lungs with fresh air!

Of course, not all of life is a mountaintop experience. There are always valleys to traverse. Our lives are filled with highs and lows, but when we meet God on the mountain, we carry His truth with us as we go into dark valleys. The confidence we gain in His presence strengthens us during uncertain times. Consider Moses and his mountaintop encounter with God. The Bible states that Moses "was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments." (Exodus 34:28) When Moses came down from the mountain, "Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him ... And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face" (vv. 30-33). Moses' experience is a good example of how being in God's presence for an extended time can profoundly change a person's life.

If you are currently walking through a dark valley in life, just remember that the God of the mountain is also the God of the valley. He hasn't abandoned you. Keep climbing. Keep trusting. Keep your focus on His Son, Jesus. Reaching the mountaintop is possible through dedicated worship to God (John 4:24), transforming your mind with His Word (Romans 12:2), and renewing your faith daily (2 Corinthians 4:16). Spend time with God. The higher you ascend with Him, the more you'll realize that the greatest view isn't actually the mountain or the horizon in the distance, but instead, the glory of the One who led you there!

MSYG EVENTS & INFO

Attention YG Parents!

2026 SNAC & WEDNESDAY
DEVO SIGN-UPS ARE
AVAILABLE.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE
INFORMATION STATION.

WAR ROOM
YG Prayer Night

SEPT. 2
TEEN ROOM

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2026-2027

MIRAGE
IN THE MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 20 – SUMMERDALE



Lads to
Leaders
L2L
BUILDING GODLY LEADERS

2026 - 2027

September 2
Commitment Forms due
Bible Bowl begins

September 13
Workshop

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:
"And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God," (Revelation 21:10)

Marriage Retreat

JANUARY 29-31, 2027

OWLS
BANQUET

12 SEPTEMBER
6 - 8 PM

SNAC
SUNDAY NIGHT
AFTER CHURCH

September 27 | Harrington's

BIG EVENT REMINDERS



FUEL Retreat @ GCBC
November 13-15
6th – 12th grade
Sign-ups open Sept. 30



GULF Youth Experience
January 15-18
6th grade - College
Sign-ups open Sept. 30



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computer or personal device.

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Church Calendar on teamup.com

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Jim Brooks - broken back (Lori's* dad)
- Howard Bowman-stroke, rehab (Helen)
- Cassie Buchanant*- surgery , recovery
- Lawrence Carter* - prayers, encouragement
- Chandler family - passing of Camille
- John Hart Ellis - surgery, needs transplant
- Arva Fisher* - knee replacement, recovery
- Addie Frahm* - prayers, encouragement
- Linda Loftin* - high blood pressure
- Mary McGriff* - health, prayers
- Bret Moore - recovery, rehab (Sherian's* son)
- Sue Perritt* - back procedure, recovery
- Roxanne Pierce* - thyroid issues, prayers
- John Smith - heart attack 8/22 (Fulton*)
- John Smith Jr. - heart attack 8/22 (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
- Steve Fulton* - loss of sister, Marlene Smith
- Good family* - loss of daughter in law, Mary
- Jennings* family - loss of brother/uncle, Dale
- Sandra King & fam. - loss of sister, Sherryn
- Greg Lewis family - passing of Greg
- Rhonda Locklin* & family - loss of her sister
- Mary McGriff* & family - loss of Donald
- Allan Overton* - loss of his mother
- 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
- 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
- Barbara Helms* - health, recovery
- 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*)
- 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
- Drew Dodson - Japan (Cathy's grandson)
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Matthew Henry - Germany
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- James Ragle - Air Force basic training

Students in College

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| • Brody Crider | • Addison Overton |
| • Jackson Davis | • Hannah Raley |
| • Stephen English | • Holden Raley |
| • Judsen Jennings | • Lily Weathersbee |
| • Jackson Lash | • LizAnn Webb |
| • Ayla Napier | • 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)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- 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
- Maria Shontz - (Angela F. *)
- 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
- Emma Dunaway - Baptized, 7/26/26
- Cathy Dodson - Baptized, 8/4/2026
- Anthony Juliano family - Identified, 4/2026
- Caleb Chambers family - Identified, 5/2026
- Dalton&Maridynn Morgan-Identified, 5/2026
- Don & Carmen McBrayer - Identified, 8/2026
- Gale & Daniel McReynolds-Identified, 5/2026
- Lawrence Carter - Restored, 8/2/2026
- James Ray - Restored, 8/12/2026
- Renee Ray - Restored, 8/12/2026

Special
Contribution
TODAY

Updating & rebuilding
the awning structure



FIFTH
SUNDAY
FELLOWSHIP
MEAL

TODAY
RIGHT AFTER AM SERVICE

Theme-Potluck Style