

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

MORNING

Opening Prayer Mike Scott
Song Director Blake Hatcher
Sermon Troy Spradlin
..... "Walking With Jesus: In His Steps"
Scripture Reading Luke McReynolds
..... Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer Phillip Webb

Serving Communion (Left | Right):
Ashton Hall (L).....|..... Clark Smith (R)
Brett Napier (L)|..... Joe Bartell (R)
..... Cooper Hanson (Balcony)
Comments Richard McCool

EVENING

Opening Prayer Darrell Bozeman
Singing David English
Scripture Reading Parker Godwin
..... 2 Peter 1:2-4
Comments Richard McCool

Worship Service and Preparation:
Make Comm. Bread Lanya Lester
Comm. Prep Lanya Lester
PowerPoint Allan Overton
Secure Building Philip Lester

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Dawson Hitchcock
Opening Prayer Philip Lester

Table with 2 columns: Service, Attendance. Rows: Sunday Bible Class (172), AM Worship (243), PM Worship (129), Wed. Night Bible Class (176).

Contribution \$9,053
2026 Weekly Budget : \$12,036
2026 Avg. Contribution : \$11,412

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 : 10/6/26 @ 9:30 AM
• Preparing Boxes:
• 10/6/26 @ 5:30 PM
• 10/7/26 @ 9:30 AM
• Distribution : 10/8/26 @ 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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Education Chris Davis*
Evangelism Troy Spradlin
Finance Richard McCool
Fellowship Jeff Scott*
Involvement Philip Lester*
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 - September 20, 2026
A Bible-based, Christ-centered, Family-focused, Mission-minded church.

Wrong Ruler Wrecks Ship!

by Troy Spradlin

On August 10, 1628, the Swedish warship, Vasa (or Wasa by some spellings) departed on what would become one of the shortest maiden voyages in history. The weather was calm, so all of her sails were fully deployed in a grand display for the thousands who were watching and celebrating along the shores of Stockholm Harbor. She was a majestic and extravagant ship, richly decorated from stem to stern, and was considered one of the most powerfully armed vessels in the world. Shortly after she departed the dock, the captain, Söfring Hansson, had planned to fire a salute to the king as they sailed out, so he had given the order to open the gunports. It was a proud moment in Sweden's history!



However, twenty minutes into her inaugural sail, the Vasa encountered a wind no stronger than a breeze, but suddenly forced the ship violently over onto its port side, pushing the open gunports below the surface. The lower gundeck quickly flooded. To the shock of many witnesses, and only 400 feet from the shore, in the span of less than half an hour into her maiden voyage, the magnificent Vasa sank to the bottom of the harbor with a loss of 30 men! It was a horrific loss and an embarrassment to the king of Sweden, the Royal Navy, the ship builders, and all of its citizens.

The Vasa remained underwater for more than 300 years, until 1961, when the ship was successfully raised from the seabed in a remarkable salvage operation. Divers dug tunnels under the hull and passed steel cables through them, connected to lifting pontoons that carefully raised the ship to the surface. Once raised, the Vasa was preserved and painstakingly restored. Today, she is on display in the Vasa Museum in Stockholm, as a popular, historical attraction.

After years of extensive research, it was finally revealed that an error made during construction was the key cause to the sinking of the Vasa. Different construction teams had used different rulers! On one side, the shipwrights had used a Swedish Ruler, measuring 12 inches per foot, and on the other they used an Amsterdam Ruler, measuring only 11 inches per foot. The discrepancy resulted in an asymmetrical hull, with the port side being much heavier than the starboard side. The uneven weight distribution led to instability, ultimately causing the ship's demise.

Using a wrong ruler wrecked a ship! We can draw an extremely important and serious spiritual application from this historical account: using a wrong ruler can wreck a soul! Jesus said, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given." (Mark 4:24) If we also add what Paul wrote in Second Timothy 1:13, "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus," we can deduce that the Bible should be the standard of measurement for all spiritual things.

Paul also penned, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). And Peter wrote, "as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue," (2 Peter 1:3). Thus, the Bible, and only the Bible, can give us the correct "dimensions" for life, godliness, and salvation. Not the words or traditions of men, nor any other books.

If one wants to save their soul and go to heaven, they must obey the will of God, "holding faith and a good conscience" by using the right "measuring tool," the Scriptures. Otherwise, "by rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith," (1 Tim 1:19). Don't make the mistake of using the wrong ruler! Using a wrong "ruler" can shipwreck your soul!

MSYG EVENTS & INFO



2026 - 2027

Next Workshop –
Sunday, October 4

1st Bible Bowl Pre-Test –
Wednesday, October 14

SNAC
SUNDAY NIGHT
AFTER CHURCH
September 27 | Harrington's

Discovering
JESUS
NOVEMBER 13 - 15
Register @
gulfcoastbiblecamp.portal.icamppro.com

Marriage Retreat
JANUARY 29-31, 2027

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Church Website
<https://margaretstreetchurchofchrist.org>

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2026-2027
MIRAGE
IN THE MESSAGE
SEPTEMBER 20 – SUMMERDALE

WAR ROOM
Yg Prayer Night
OCT. 7
TEEN ROOM

GULF
January
15 - 18
Sign-up & pay \$150 by October 25th

KINGDOM KIDS
FALL FESTIVAL
CITY OF MILTON
OCTOBER 24TH 4PM - 8PM
Jernigan's Landing in Downtown Milton
All members are encouraged to attend!

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Church Calendar and Events

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Jim Brooks - broken back (Lori's* dad)
- Cassie Buchanan* - surgery , recovery
- Lawrence Carter* - prayers, encouragement
- Chandler family - passing of Camille
- John Hart Ellis - surgery, needs transplant
- Arva Fisher* - Parkinson's disease
- Mike Frahm* - hospice, prayers
- Linda Loftin* - high blood pressure
- Mary McGriff* - health, prayers
- Bret Moore - recovery, rehab (Sherian's* son)
- Sharon Parker* - hospitalized, recovery
- Sue Perritt* - back procedure, recovery
- Roxanne Pierce* - thyroid issues, prayers
- James & Renee Ray* - prayers, encouragement
- Renee Ray* - surgery, broke 2 bones in leg
- 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*)
- Torrie Finney - medical (Jak's niece)
- 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*)
- Keith Lester - possible kidney transplant
- Brittany Parker* - health, prayers
- Trish Powell - wayward (Jak*)
- Keith Raines - dementia (Lillian's son)
- 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
- Dalton Lester - U.S. Air Force
- Matthew Henry - Ukraine
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- James Ragle - Air Force basic training

Students in College

- Brody Crider
- Jackson Davis
- Stephen English
- Judsen Jennings
- Jackson Lash
- Ayla Napier
- Addison Overton
- Hannah Raley
- Holden Raley
- Lily Weathersbee
- LizAnn Webb
- Elliot Wilson

Expectant Mothers

- Blisse Hatcher - March 2027

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.*)
- Julia Torpey*
- 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

Compassion
Card Writing
Meeting
Sunday – SEPT 20
Ladies Classroom
TEAM THREE
5:15 PM

Men's Breakfast
October 4th
Fellowship Hall @ 7:30 AM