SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Chris Davis
Song Director ..... Blake Hatcher
Sermon ..... Wayne Rodgers
..... *"SIMPLE"*
Scripture Reading ..... Brett Napier
..... Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer ..... Phillip Webb

Serving Communion (Left | Right):
Michael English (L)..... Daniel Musk (R)
Gabriel Lee (L)..... Darrell Bozeman (R)
..... Luke McReynolds (Balcony)
Comments ..... Joe Wilson

EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Joe Bartell
Singing ..... Dawson Hitchcock
Scripture Reading ..... Gabriel Lee
..... Acts 17:10-12
Comments ..... Joe Wilson

Worship Service and Preparation:
Make Comm. Bread ..... Stephanie Wilson
Comm. Prep ..... Stephanie Wilson
PowerPoint ..... Allen Overton
Secure Building ..... Jared Lee

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Song Director ..... Jack Overton
Opening Prayer ..... Justin Davis

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:
Sunday Bible Class 131
AM Worship 260
PM Worship 93
Wed. Night Bible Class 161

Contribution $9,649
2026 Weekly Budget : $12,036
2026 Avg. Contribution : $11,212

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

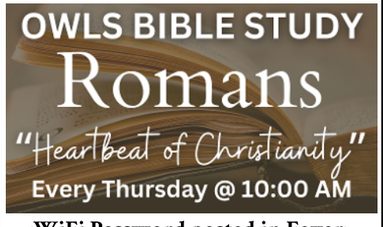
ADMINISTRATION

- 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.



EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



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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!

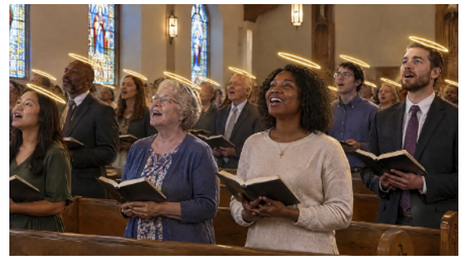
Sunday - Nov 15, 2026

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

There Is No Perfect Church

by Troy Spradlin

Can we have a real conversation for a moment? Can we set aside our preconceived ideas and talk about the reality of the church? People often speak of "their church" in terms of its positive or negative attributes. Some portray their congregations as little utopias of Christendom, describing them as "the friendliest," "having the best singles group," "being the most benevolent," or even "the most spiritual." Still others have praised their coffee bars that welcome worshipers, promoted their recreational facilities (one even had a climbing wall), lauded their counseling services, or highlighted their numerous off-site activities. These are often presented as the very things that "make a great church community." But is that really what makes a church great?



I have also heard the same people praise their church in one breath, only to criticize it in the next because of something a member said or did. Others criticized the church because it lacked something they thought it should have or failed to do something they believed it should do. So, is it a great church or not?

Here is the reality I want to bring to light: the Lord's church is made up of people, not buildings, amenities, or programs. The Lord's church is made up of many congregations, but there is no perfect congregation. This is because ***the Lord's church is perfect, but the people who make up the church are not.***

Jesus said, "*My kingdom is not of this world,*" (John 18:36) and "*The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ... For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you*" (Luke 17:20-21). Paul also wrote, "*for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit*" (Rom 14:17). We also know that the church is called the "body of Christ" (Colossians 1:18), and also "the kingdom" (cf. Matt 16:18-19; Acts 2:47; Col 1:13; Rev 1:9). So, these verses teach us that the church is an organism, not an organization. It does not consist of brick and mortar, but instead, is composed of souls united in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

The divine pattern for the church, as presented in Scripture, is glorious and perfect (cf. Matt 16:18; Ephesians 2:19–22, 3:10–11, 5:25-26; 2 Timothy 1:13) Yet, our same Bibles also give details about some congregations who had many problems - in other words, they had members who were *not* perfect by any means (read I & II Corinthians, or Revelation chapters 2-3). While the people who make up the church are saved, baptized believers, that doesn't mean they can't still make mistakes, offend a brother, or even commit sin (cf. Matt 18:15-20; Rom 14:21; 2 Thess 3:14-15; 1 John 1:8-10). Even elders, who strive to set an example and lead the flock with wisdom according to Scripture, are still human and may falter at times.

So, ask yourself - with all honesty and sincerity - what makes a church great? By what standard should you judge a church? Is it by having impressive facilities, catering to our preferences, or social activities? Or should we look to the pattern revealed in Scripture? **Perhaps, we should be more concerned about whether our church is pleasing to God, rather than to our personal standards.** Maybe we should extend a little more grace and mercy to our brethren, especially the elders, if they make a mistake, don't live up to our expectations, or falter in some way. If a church is more focused on seeking and saving the lost, nourishing its membership in the words of faith, and worshiping in spirit and truth, then that is what makes a great church!

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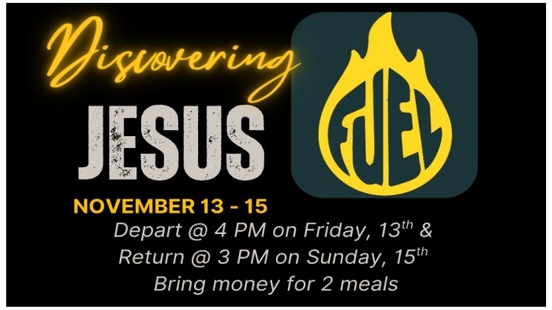
MSYG EVENTS & INFO













Marriage Retreat 2027

Guest Speakers: Owen & Lauren Mitchell – Marriage Dynamics

$210 per couple

(Deposit of $100 due December 2; remaining fees due December 30)

Sign-up on Lightpost & at Information Station





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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Everyone affected by the hurricane Isaias
- William - new brother in Christ!
- Crystal Bartanen* - surgery, recovery
- Robin Bingham - health, prayers
- Jim Brooks - broken back (Lori's* dad)
- Cassie Buchanant*- surgery, recovery
- Chandler family - passing of Camille
- Joanne Clayton - stroke (McGriff* aunt)
- John Hart Ellis - surgery, needs transplant
- Kent Jackson - health, prayers (Susan St. CoC)
- Joe King* - complications from surgery
- Linda Loftin* - sacral fracture, recovery
- Sharon Parker* - recovery, prayers for health
- Sue Perritt* - back procedure, recovery
- Roxanne Pierce* - thyroid issues, prayers
- Renee Ray* - blood clot, monitoring
- Gloria Vonada* - high blood pressure
- Rick Wade - kidney stone surgery (Alonna*)

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
- Addie Frahm* - loss of Mike
- 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- kidney transplant (Lester*)
- Torrie Finney - medical (Jak's niece)
- Arva Fisher* - Parkinson's disease
- 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*)
- Mary McGriff* - health, prayers
- Bret Moore - recovery, rehab (Sherian's* son)
- Brittany Parker* - health, prayers
- 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
- Dalton Lester - Basic training
- Matthew Henry - Ukraine
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- James Ragle - Technical School

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 Meadows - (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
- Katie Lantz -Baptized, 10/22/2026
- 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
- Jamie Janquish - Identified, 10/2026
- Lawrence Carter - Restored, 8/2/2026

