SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Parker Godwin
Song Director ..... Stephen English
Sermon ..... Casey Bearden
..... *"Rooted in Prayer"*
Scripture Reading ..... Anthony Juliano
..... Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer ..... Doug Lee

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

EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Song/Prayer Service
Singing ..... Song/Prayer Service
Scripture Reading ... Song/Prayer Service
..... Song/Prayer Service
Comments ..... Mike Scott

Worship Service and Preparation:
Make Comm. Bread ..... Stephanie Wilson
Comm. Prep ..... Stephanie Wilson
PowerPoint ..... Philip Lester
Secure Building ..... Jeff Scott

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Song Director ..... Luke McReynolds
Opening Prayer ..... Bob Mantie

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:
Sunday Bible Class 156
AM Worship 228
PM Worship 170
Wed. Night Bible Class .....

Contribution $13,286
2026 Weekly Budget : $12,036
2026 Avg. Contribution : $11,249

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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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 8, 2026

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

Repairing Our Understanding: Will My Pets go to Heaven?

by Troy Spradlin

According to several surveys, about 95 million U.S. households (or roughly 66%-71%) own at least one pet. It is estimated that of that number, 71 million are dogs (around 51% of pet-owning homes), 53 million are cats (37% of homes), with the rest made up of: freshwater fish (9 million), reptiles (6 million), small animals (5 million), and birds (5 million). Research also states that about 97% of pet owners consider their pets to be part of the family, and 51% view them as equal to a human family member. **Americans *love* their pets!** Such love has prompted many to question, "Will my beloved pet join me in heaven? Or, are there animals in heaven?" It's a good question. Let's go to the Bible.



First, the Bible tells us that both mankind and animals were created by God and each possesses the "breath of life" (Genesis 2:7; 1:30; 6:17; 7:15, 22). Yet, while both are living creatures, brought into existence by God, it does not mean they are alike in every respect. Scripture makes an important distinction: **humans were created in the image and likeness of God; animals were not** (Genesis 1:26–27). Man's unique relationship to his Creator involves more than just this physical life and presence.

Secondly, humans have distinct abilities that animals do not, such as, to reason, make moral choices, create, and express complex thoughts and emotions. Although animals also experience emotions and communicate in various ways, they do not do so in the same way humans do. From this Biblical perspective, humans are uniquely endowed with free will and a moral sense that is accountable to God's commands (Ecclesiastes 12:13; Acts 5:29). Animals, by contrast, cannot sin and are not held morally accountable as humans are. For example, an animal that kills another animal or steals its food is not guilty of murder or theft in the human moral sense. Because animals bear no moral guilt, repentance and cleansing through the blood of Christ do not apply to them. Thus, the Gospel's plan of salvation addresses humanity's need for redemption, not the animal kingdom.

Thirdly, humans possess a spiritual nature that continues beyond the death of the body (Genesis 35:18; Hebrews 9:27). We must distinguish between what Scripture plainly teaches and what we may wish for, or desire. According to the Bible, even if animals - including the pets we love - had something about their nature that could be described as a soul or spirit, it is still not equivalent to the human spirit. Thus, we can infer that an animal's existence ceases at death, for there is no indication in Scripture that states their life continuing in eternity.

Fourthly, God certainly loves all His creation, but He has clearly differentiated between the value of human beings and the value of animals. Consider Matthew 10:29-31, Jesus said: *"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; **you are worth more than many sparrows.**"* We could also point to the fact that after the flood God told Noah, *"Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you"* (Gen 9:3). That shows that animals are more than just pets, they were given to sustain mankind. Animals were also designated to be killed and given as sacrifices (Leviticus 1-6), something that wasn't allowed to be done to humans. Therefore, God holds man's life in higher regard than animals.

It's certainly okay to have and love your pets. But we should never confuse what the Bible actually says with some strong desire we may have for them. The Bible tells us that Heaven will be filled with God and His saints. When we get to heaven, the only thing that will matter is that we will be in the presence of our Creator because He gave us something that He gave no other living being: a soul. God loves all creatures, but He wants YOU with Him in Heaven.

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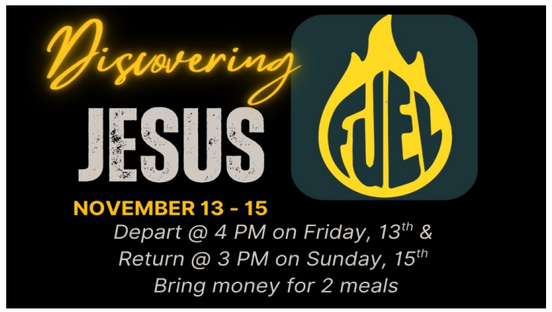
MSYG EVENTS & INFO













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 - 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
- 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



