

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

MORNING
Opening Prayer Billy Hudgens
Song Director Elliot Wilson
Sermon Troy Spradlin
..... "A Certain Disciple Named Tabitha."
Scripture Reading Cooper Jennings
..... Acts 8:36-43 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer Doug Lee

Serving Communion (Left - Right):
Sean Andino Luke McReynolds
Jared Lee Pat Mense
..... Richard Baker (Balcony)
Comments Matthew Henry

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

Worship Service and Preparation:
Make Comm. Bread Raley family
Comm. Prep Elsa Nunes
PowerPoint Connie Bartell
Secure Building Matt McReynolds

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Song Director Luke McReynolds
Opening Prayer Mark Hitchcock

Table with 2 columns: Service, Attendance. Rows: Sunday Bible Class (132), AM Worship (196), PM Worship (127), Wed. Night Bible Class.

Contribution : \$9,101
Weekly Budget : \$12,029
2025 Avg. Contribution : \$10,523

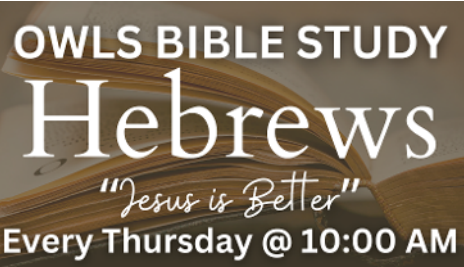
TIMES OF SERVICES:
Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
Sunday PM Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

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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Fellowship Jeff Scott*
Involvement Joe Taylor*
Lads to Leaders David English
OWLS Stephen Fulton
Missions Mike Scott*
Visitation Bob Locklin
Kingdom Kids Dane Harrington*
Worship Blake Hatcher*
Youth & Family Casey Bearden
..... Matthew McReynolds*



A Tax Collector and a Zealot
by Troy Spradlin

Have you ever considered that some of Jesus' disciples probably held vastly different political beliefs views from each other? Most likely Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector did! The Jewish sect known Zealots were a radical Jewish political movement that vehemently opposed Roman rule in Judea, even causing the First Jewish-Roman War. They were extremely "zealous for God," known for their militant resistance, and believed that God would help them expel Roman control. There was also subgroup within their ranks, known as the Sicarii, who used daggers to assassinate Romans and anyone they considered collaborators. Tax collectors, also known as "Publicans" (Latin publicanus) were Jews who collected taxes from fellow Jews for the Roman Empire. They were deeply despised and unpopular among their countrymen because they were seen as traitors and collaborators with the occupying oppressors, Rome. They also enriched themselves by overcharging their own people. Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector could not be more politically opposite from each other. One hated Rome, and one worked for Caesar! Two opposing views.



Yet, Jesus called both of them to be His disciples. Each one heard the words, "Follow me" from Jesus (Matthew 9:9; Luke 9:59; John 1:43). Each had to make a decision to leave all behind and follow Him. Jesus was not concerned about their political views. He was more concerned about their souls. He chose each them to specifically serve God's purposes and they went! "For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14)

It is certain that each knew what the other did and thought concerning the political realm of the day before they became disciples. People talked about politics back then just as passionately as they do today. However, it is certain that as Simon the Zealot and Matthew learned from Jesus and grew closer to God, they must have changed how they felt about each other. How could they not? Jesus sent them out two by two to preach the kingdom of heaven and salvation (Matthew 10; Luke 10:1-12) Did their political beliefs keep them from working beside each other? Could you imagine two political opposites preaching about Jesus ... together?

Today, we have modern versions of Zealots and Tax Collectors in the church. It is no secret that many people in this country have vastly different political views - some hate the government, some support the government, and every nuance in between. It is blatantly obvious that many hold deep contempt, or worse feelings, toward those they deem "opposite" of themselves. There are members within the Lord's church who hold opposing political views from each other. But the truth is, political views will save no one. Only Jesus can do that (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Simon and Matthew knew that and their example should be a guide for us also.

We must always "love our neighbor as ourselves" (Matthew 22:39). Never are we to condone sinful or harmful views or actions, but instead "speak the truth in love," (Ephesians 4:15) meaning to do so without all the vitriol, bitterness, and arrogance. Remember, "a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient," (2 Timothy 2:24). Let us be more like Jesus and be more concerned about matters of souls rather than the affairs of the state. If Simon and Matthew can be on opposite sides of politics and learn to work together and serve God together, so can we! Don't let politics get between you (or anyone) and heaven!



MSYG EVENTS & INFO

Lads 2 Leaders

Faith Works

L2L SCHEDULE

12/3: BB Pre-Test #2

12/14: Workshop (Puppets & Oral Bible Reading begin)



KINGDOM KIDS Christmas Parade

12/6 [AT] 6 PM

All Adults are welcome to walk along side the MSt float at the parade. Please consider donating "Double Bubble" gum so the children can throw it during the parade Sign up at the Info station.

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. Dec. 10th

4:30 pm in the FH



GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2025-2026

MIRAGE

IN THE MESSAGE

JANUARY 11 @ SPANISH FORT

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:
"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (Matthew 6:3-4)



MSYG PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2025

Friday, December 19

Kingdom Kids CHRISTMAS PAJAMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 7 4-5:30 PM

5318 LAKEWOOD DRIVE MILTON, 32570

MEMBERS ONLY. CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND MILK PROVIDED!

WAR ROOM

Yg Prayer Night


DEC. 10

TEEN ROOM

GULF 2026 sign-up by October 30th \$150/person



JANUARY 16-18, 2026



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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests	Other Requests / Health Issues	Cancer
<div><div>Doug Barker - outpatient back surg. (Jak G.*)</div><div>Louise Bond* - hospice called in</div><div>Brooklyn Bostwick and fam. - birth of Carson!</div><div>Barbara Conley - heart surgery (Lester*)</div><div>Kyle Croom - venous insufficiency (Spradlin*)</div><div>Myrna Fuller* - sick, health</div><div>Ashley Gingerich-scleraderma disease</div><div>Tervon Jackson fam. - loss of Tervon</div><div>Gloria Martin* - PT for speech/throat</div><div>Mary McGriff* - ablation, XRAY</div><div>Brittany Parker* - foot pain</div><div>Patsy Prince - reversed surgery planned (Lola)</div><div>Jon Raley* - mother in hospice, travel</div><div>Lee Roberts - open heart surgery (T.Russell*)</div><div>Ted Russell* - hospital, health</div><div>Melody Samborn-surgery, recover (Burnham)</div><div>James Stripling - recovery (Judy's* father)</div><div>Stephanie Wilson* - surgery, recovery</div></div>	<div><div>Patricia Ann* - health</div><div>Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)</div><div>Wilson Barnes - diabetes complications (Jak*)</div><div>Cassie Buchanant*- future surgery, pelvic pain</div><div>Janice Carter* - sprained her neck, recovery</div><div>Angela DAlessandro - health issues</div><div>Allen Davis - (C.Davis* father)</div><div>Louis deLange* - prayers and encouragement</div><div>Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)</div><div>Torrie Finney - medical (Jak's niece)</div><div>Mike Frahm* - health, prayers</div><div>Dixie Gorham - heart failure</div><div>Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace* sister)</div><div>Barbara Helms*- daily infusions</div><div>Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)</div><div>David Jones - Alzheimer's (Kenya*)</div><div>Jacob & Kylie Jones - car accident (Kenya*)</div><div>Winnie Jones* - pinched nerve in neck</div><div>Joe Lewis - lupus</div><div>Yvonne Loomis-recovery, healing (Nunes*)</div><div>Matthew Malinowski - prayers, encourage</div><div>Connie Moore - declining health (S. Fulton)</div><div>Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)</div><div>Trish Powell - wayward (Jak*)</div><div>Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)</div><div>Mary Lee Smith - heart issues (McGriff*)</div><div>Edwina Sumrall - continued prayers</div><div>Ryan Turner - heart issues (Rob's* brother)</div><div>Roxy Wishum - respiratory issues</div></div>	<div><div>Rick Bartanen* - upcoming surgery</div><div>Ron Bartanen* - lung</div><div>Misty Bray - (Bird*)</div><div>Lilly Cain - bladder (R. Locklin* sister)</div><div>Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)</div><div>Micki Clopton - (former member)</div><div>Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)</div><div>Keith Echols - (L.Lester*)</div><div>David English*</div><div>Geodee Fred - (C.Bartanen*)</div><div>Ambia Kitchen - (Pantry)</div><div>Mari Krussow - (Overton*)</div><div>Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)</div><div>Greg Lewis*</div><div>Connie Moore - (Fulton*)</div><div>Donald McGriff* - new treatment</div><div>Dee Mulligan - lung (Crystal's* mom)</div><div>Angelica Rapson - Stage 4 (Smith*)</div><div>Benjamin Russell - (Susan St.)</div><div>Lewie Joe Smith - (Jeanna E.*)</div><div>Maedell Palmer - (Hatcher*)</div><div>Amy Prince - (Burnham*)</div><div>Angela Southerd - breast</div><div>Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)</div><div>Joe Taylor*</div><div>David Walther - brain (English*)</div><div>Lawanna Wishum - (T.Baxley*)</div></div>

Students in College	Expectant Mothers	Mission Works
<div><div>Jackson Davis</div><div>Stephen English</div><div>Caitlyn English</div><div>Judsen Jennings</div><div>Jackson Lash</div><div>Ayla Napier</div></div>	<div><div>Hannah Raley</div><div>Lily Weathersbee</div><div>LizAnn Webb</div><div>Elliot Wilson</div><div>Reed Wilson</div><div>Lexi Wildes</div></div>	<div><div>Andrea Weekley - December 2025 (Avalon)</div><div>Kaelie Hancock - January 2026 (Mense*)</div><div>Holly Andino* - February 2026</div><div>Hannah Newcomb* - February 2026</div><div>Caroline Locklin* - April 2026</div><div>Lauren Godwin* - April 2026</div><div>Emily Hutcheson - April 2026 (Lipford*)</div></div>
Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab		
<div><div>Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor</div><div>Viola Burgess* - South FL</div><div>Sherryn Canniff *- Shut In</div><div>Sherry Davis*-The Residence(Davis/Napier*)</div><div>Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)</div><div>Laura Elliot - homebound (S. Lee* mom)</div><div>Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach</div><div>Larry Lester - Eden of Crestview</div><div>Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor</div><div>Lee Smith- Arcadia, rm.236 (ELipford mom*)</div><div>Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)</div></div>		
Military		
<div><div>John Bartell - Washington, DC</div><div>Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce</div><div>Amya Huey* - Italy</div><div>Cody Fulmer-Shaw - Kuwait (A.Turner*)</div><div>Anthony Turner - Saudia Arabia (R.Turner*)</div></div>		

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

TODAY RIGHT AFTER AM SERVICE

Soups & Salads fellowship

Bring one or both!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ADULT CHRISTMAS Dinner party

FRIDAY | 12/5 | 6:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Tickets are \$15

Sign up @ Information Station to attend or decorate a table.

Ladies', You're Invited!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMNET EXCHANGE

December 13 10 AM

Fellowship Hall