

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

MORNING

Opening Prayer Billy Hudgens

Song Director Blake Hatcher

Sermon Troy Spradlin

..... "The Deceitful Heart"

Scripture Reading Jake Newcomb

..... Jeremiah 17:1-10 (NKJV)

Closing Prayer Doug Lee

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Greg Smith Chris Davis

Clack Smith Tucker Davis

..... Michael English (Balcony)

Comments Paul Lipford

EVENING

Opening Prayer Steve Fulton

Singing Brody Crider

Scripture Reading Cooper Jennings

Scripture Ephesians 1:1-6

Comments Paul Lipford

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread Lanya Lester

Comm. Prep Lanya Lester

PowerPoint Stephanie Wilson

Secure Building Casey Bearden

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Pete Pierce

Opening Prayer Tucker Davis

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 154

AM Worship 219

PM Worship 133

Wed. Night Bible Class 171

Contribution : \$10,822

Weekly Budget : \$12,029

2025 Avg. Contribution : \$10,614

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 : 10/7/25 @ 9:30 AM

Preparing Boxes:

10/7/25 @ 5:30 PM

10/8/25 @ 9:30 AM

Distribution : 10/9/25 @ 2:30 PM

Please consider donating canned goods.

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

Hebrews

Jesus is Better

Every Thursday @ 10:00 AM

WiFi Password posted in Foyer

Scan this QR Code to open PayPal for Online Giving

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Building & Grounds Paul Lipford*

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Evangelism Troy Spradlin

Finance Richard McCool

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*

Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - September 14, 2025

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

What Your Attendance Says About Your Faith

by Troy Spradlin

Worship is a beautiful, sacred, spiritual discipline that God expects all of His people to exercise and fulfill. It is God's will that we worship Him (Matt 4:10; John 4:23-24; Rev 22:9). Worship, in reality, is a precious privilege that is given to Christians (Heb 4:14-16). It is an opportunity to come before the Creator of the universe, Yahweh Almighty, and render adoration and praise to Him for what He has done for us (Ps 45:11, 138:2). It is what we were created for (Ecc 12:13) and will be doing in heaven (Rev 4-5). So, **why then, would anyone want to miss out on an opportunity to worship?**

As a minister (and really, anyone who is spiritually mature), it baffles me why people who call themselves Christians will make excuses, or try to justify why they don't attend all services, or will flat out dismiss church attendance as being an important part of faith. I attribute such attitudes as simply a lack of Biblical knowledge and spiritual maturity, as well as, a deeper heart issue. There really is no acceptable excuse for the average, able-bodied Christian to miss worship services. (Notice the qualifiers - those who are handicapped by physical, medical, or age restrictions, and the like, are the exception). We also understand that jobs can sometimes interfere with one's attendance, but the point here is about those who are *capable of attending and choose not to*. Here are some things to consider concerning our worship attendance:

Attending worship services is indicative of your obedience to God's will.

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24). **What is a "true worshiper"?** It is one who desires to worship God out of obedience, gratitude, and love! That is the kind of person God is seeking. Consider also Hebrews 10:25-26, which says "*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some ... For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth ...*" That verse means exactly what it says! There have been many who try to minimize, or dismiss this verse as a mandate for attendance. Do not be deceived! Yes, the context is about faith, hope, and encouraging one another, yet, it is *also* about gathering together with the church. Why does the church come together? To worship! (cf. 1 Cor 11:18-20) It is disobedience to neglect worship!

Also, Hebrews 13:7,17 instructs Christians to submit to the eldership of their congregation because they look out for our souls. One of the ways they guard our souls is by providing opportunities for spiritual nourishment and worship. Our elders have decided Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening are convenient, acceptable times to gather the assembly - for the purpose of worship. Being obedient to God includes following our elder's decisions.

Attending worship services is indicative of your priorities.

Sadly, many people will skip worship, not for some handicap or hardship, but instead, for some secular reason. Here is a simple question: Is missing worship for some secular reason acceptable to God? Is it God's will that you purposely choose a worldly reason over adoration to Him? What does that say about your priorities? It says "God isn't important."

Lastly, we also need to understand that having a live-stream is a blessing, but it is not a substitute for worship! It can be used for those times we might be prevented from attending, or to review a message. But, watching an online broadcast of worship - instead of attending - is not joint participation in praise and adoration, nor does it meet the Biblical definition of "assembling with the saints." God expects His people to physically assemble together (that is literally what the word "church" means) to worship Him. Watching on live-stream is NOT assembling together.

Those who regularly attend Sunday evening and Wednesdays, in addition to Sunday morning, are those who truly understand what worship means. (cf. Hosea 4:6)

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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

Lads 2 Leaders

Faith Works

L2L SCHEDULE

10/5: Workshop

10/15: Bible Bowl Pre-Test

11/2: Workshop

12/3: Bible Bowl Pre-test

12/14: Workshop

We are excited to promote

LOVE THROUGH

THE GENERATIONS

We would love for you to join us!!

Our participants, ages 65 and older, will join a family and get to experience their life with them, giving both a chance to further grow and nurture bonds in our local church family!!!

Please Sign Up in the Foyer by September 14!!
We will have a Meet and Greet Event on Sep 28 immediately after AM service!!

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. Sept. 17th

4:30 pm in the FH

WAR ROOM

Yg Prayer Night

SEPT. 17

TEEN ROOM

6TH ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD-WIDE DOOR KNOCKING DAY

9/20/25

A knock can change everything.

GOAL

1,000 churches of Christ going into their communities on the same day. The world starts next door.

COMMIT

Sign up online and join hundreds of sister congregations and brotherhood works. You will receive door knocking tips to help you get excited, encouraged, and prepared! nextdoor.house-to-house.com

GULF COAST AREA WIDE 2025-2026

MIRAGE

IN THE MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 21 @ GULF SHORES

SNAC

SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

September 28 | 7 PM

Hosted by Spradlins in FH

ATTENTION!

Any MSYG students with Fall extra-curricular activities, please submit a schedule to Casey ASAP.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." (Ephesians 1:3)

Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.

Scan this QR Code for the Church Calendar on teamup.com

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Cassie Buchanant* - pelvic pain
- Sherryn Canniff* - tumor, diagnosis testing
- Torrie Finney - medical (Jak's niece)
- Barbara Helms*-prayers for health, healing
- Brandy Hogan - birth of Emeri! (Lipford*)
- Dave Jackson - hospital, recovery
- Winnie Jones* - pinched nerve in neck
- Betty Neely family - passing of Betty
- Rex Palmer* - hospital, prayers (Hatcher*)
- Brittany Parker* - prayers, encouragement
- Roxanne Pierce - surgery, recovery
- Rusty Pierce - heart surgery, recovery
- Lee Roberts - open heart surgery (T.Russell*)
- Lewie Joe Smith - triple bypass surgery
- Bailey Worrell family - loss of Bailey

Grieving a Loss

- Mary Lou* & family - loss of mother, Annie
- Davis/Napier families - loss of Jack Davis
- Jeanna English & fam. - loss of mom, Faye
- Myrna Fuller - loss of her daughter
- Good family* - loss of daughter in law, Mary
- Scott Graham* family - loss of Scott
- Hatcher family* - loss of grandmother, Edith
- Joe King* & family - loss of Joe's brother
- Peggy Masoner family - loss of Peggy*
- Elsa Nunes* - loss of friend, Bernita Kobi
- Sharon & Brittany Parker - loss of Tim Parker
- Andrea Spradlin* - loss of mother, Joyce
- Lisa Webb* - loss of father, James Richard

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* - Victorian Manor
- Viola Burgess* - South FL
- Sherryn Canniff* - Metro West Nurse/Rehab
- Sherry Davis*-The Residence(Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Laura Elliot - homebound (S. Lee* mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Larry Lester - Eden of Crestview
- Ina Ruth Miller* - Coral Bay of Pensacola
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Lee Smith- Arcadia, rm.236 (ELipford mom*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Patricia Ann* - health
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Wilson Barnes - diabetes complications (Jak*)
- Janice Carter* - sprained her neck, recovery
- Angela DAlessandro - health issues
- Allen Davis - (C.Davis* father)
- Wilfred Derrick - doing good (RRay* brother)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Myrna Fuller* - health, prayers
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace* sister)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- David Jones - Alzheimer's (Kenya*)
- Jacob & Kylie Jones - car accident (Kenya*)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Eddie Longmire* - recovery, health
- Yvonne Loomis-bypass-leg, Baptist (Nunes*)
- Matthew Malinowski - prayers, encourage
- Mary McGriff* - future oblation, pain relief
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Connie Moore - declining health (S. Fulton)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Trish Powell - wayward (Jak*)
- Renee Ray* - recovery @ home
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Mary Lee Smith - heart issues (McGriff*)
- Edwina Sumrall - continued prayers
- Paula Turner* - open heart surgery, recovery
- Ryan Turner - heart issues (Rob's* brother)
- Roxy Wishum - respiratory issues

Students in College

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| Jackson Davis | Hannah Raley |
| Stephen English | Lily Weathersbee |
| Caitlyn English | LizAnn Webb |
| Judsen Jennings | Elliot Wilmsn |
| Jackson Lash | Reed Wilson |
| Ayla Napier | Lexi Wildes |

Expectant Mothers

- Brooklyn Bostwick* - November 2025
- Andrea Weekley - December 2025 (Avalon)
- Kaelie Hancock - January 2026
- Holly Andino* - February 2026
- Hannah Newcomb* - February 2026

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Anthony Turner - Saudia Arabia (R.Turner*)

Cancer

- Ron Bartanen* - lung
- Misty Bray - (Bird*)
- Peggie Brown - (Pantry)
- Lilly Cain - bladder (R. Locklin* sister)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Micki Clopton - (frmer member)
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham*)
- Keith Echols - (L.Lester*)
- David English*
- Geodee Fred - (C.Bartanen*)
- Ambia Kitchen - (Pantry)
- Mari Krussow - (Overton*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Greg Lewis*
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Donald McGriff* - new treatment
- Dee Mulligan - lung (Crystal's* mom)
- Angelica Rapson - Stage 4 (Smith*)
- Benjamin Russell - (Susan St.)
- Lewie Joe Smith - (Jeanna E.* brother)
- Maedell Palmer - (Hatcher*)
- Amy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Joe Taylor*
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Dalyn Wilson - travels, treatments (officer)
- Lawanna Wishum - (T.Baxley*)

2025 Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Eddie and Alicia Lynn - Baptized, 1/4/25
- Matthew Zimmerman - Baptized, 3/8/25
- Makayla Armand - Baptized 3/10/25
- Cain Baker - Baptized 3/10/25
- Philip Carnathan - Baptized 3/29/25
- Bella Hudgens - Baptized 5/9/25
- Elena Hudgens - Baptized 5/9/25
- Corrie Davis - Baptized 6/13/25
- Avie Napier - Baptized 6/13/25
- Ainsley Napier - Baptized 6/13/25
- Tim Luker - Baptized, 6/26/25
- Tucker Davis - Baptized, 7/13/25
- Brian Richards - Baptized, 7/25/25
- Daniel Musk - Baptized, 8/10/25
- Bob & Gail Mantie - Identified, 1/12/25
- Tim & Caroline Locklin - Identified, 4/13/25
- Sean & Holly Andino fam. - Identified, 5/4/25
- Rob and Brittany Turner - Identified, 6/22/25
- Ashley Luker - Restored, 6/26/25

LADIES' GAME DAY!

Sept. 23 @ 10 AM - 2 PM

Fellowship Hall

Bring your own lunch & join in on the fun!

BRIDAL

show

In honor of Savannah Smith

9/27 @ 1:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Registered @ Target & Amazon

RSVP to Deana by 9/12