SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, MAY 18

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Opening	Dra

Opening Prayer	Gary Good
Song Director	Jon Raley
Sermon	Troy Spradlin
"Th	ne Dragon Made War!"
Scripture Reading	Bob Mantie
Revela	tion 12:1-17 (NKJV)
Closing Prayer	Doug Lee

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Cooper Jennings	Judsen Jennings
Jack Overton	Gabriel Lee
Dawson	Hitchcock (Balcony)
Comments	Chris Davis

EVENING

Opening Prayer	Richard McCool
Singing	Dalton Lester
Scripture Reading	1 John 1:5-10
Scripture	Elliot Wilson
Comments	Chris Davis

Worship Service and Preparation:

Make Comm. Bread	. Stephanie Wilson
Comm. Prep	Jan Holmes
PowerPoint	Connie Bartell
Secure Building	Blake Hatcher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director	Pete Pierce
Opening Prayer	Logan R/Gabriel L

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

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Sunday Bible Class	164
AM Worship	232
PM Worship	117
Wed. Night Bible Class	145

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

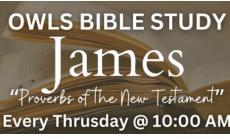
ADMINISTRATION

- 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	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



Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - May 18, 2025

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

We Are Living in Enemy Territory!

by Troy Spradlin

Imagine waking up one morning to find that enemy forces have invaded your hometown! They have captured and secured all forms of government and military. It means you are no longer a free citizen of the United States, you are now under the rule of an enemy force! Imagine also, that this enemy has agreed to allow you to continue living in your house and working as you had before. All you must do is simply comply with their standards, pledge your loyalties to them, and pay your tributes, accordingly. What was once your homeland has ceased to exist. It is now controlled by your enemy. You are living in enemy territory!

In reality, this isn't too difficult to picture. In fact, it has been repeating since the dawn of time. In our lifetime, we have witnessed it when Russian forces invading the Ukraine or when ISIS took over great swaths of territory during their invasive campaigns. People in those lands suddenly found themselves living under enemy rule. It makes me think of stories like in Daniel 3, when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were living under enemy rule, or when Judea Palestine and most of the known world was under the rule of the Roman empire during the time of Jesus (Matthew 22:21). It is not uncommon to find people living under the rule of foreign powers. It usually brings hardship, confusion, persecution, violence, and even death.



Do you realize that you are living in enemy territory today? That's right. The land in which you live, is ruled by a foreign, evil force. He is known as the "ruler of this world," (John 12:31); the "prince of the power of the air," (Ephesians 2:2); and the "god of this world," (2 Corinthians 4:4). He is the "roaring lion," (1 Peter 5:8); "serpent," (Genesis 3:1); "dragon," (Revelation 12:9; 20:2); our "adversary," (J ob 1); "tempter," (Matthew 4:3); and "wicked one," (Matthew 13:19). His name is Satan, the old devil.

Now, consider what Paul wrote, "our citizenship is in heaven ..." (Philippians 3:20), which implies we are not of this land. Jesus stated in His prayers, "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." (John 17:15-16). This is clear indication that we are living in enemy territory! It means we are at a disadvantage. It also means that if we comply with the enemy's standards, we essentially pledge our loyalties to this enemy force. We are paying tribute to him when we succumb to the temptations of sin that are prevalent in his territory (1 John 2:15-17).

However, the Bible also says, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light," (1 Peter 2:9). So, even though we may live in enemy territory, we can respond in the same manner as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego by NOT submitting to the enemy. That's what makes us a special people! Not submitting to the enemy will bring hardship, confusion, persecution, violence, and perhaps even death. But that is exactly what Jesus said would happen, if you enter into His kingdom (John 15:20). That is why we must persevere until the end and He will reward us richly (Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10). In the meantime, take comfort in those encouraging words of that old hymn, "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through!"

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MSYG EVENTS & INFO





YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. June 19th 4:30 pm in the FH





THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

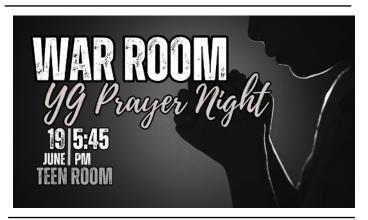
"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)





Teen Week 6th - 12th grade: June 8 – 13

Jr. Week 1st - 5th grade: June 22 - 26







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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Myrna Fuller*- @ home, recovery
- Sherian Good* sick, prayers
- Barbara Helms* -outpatient procedure
- Jennifer June* knee procedure • Ann Lester -hospital, prayers (P.Lester mom*)
- Bob Locklin* recover @ home, IV antibiotics
- Richard McCool* knee replaced, recovery
- Mary McGriff* recovery, test results
- Renee Ray* recovery @ home
- Melody Samborn-surgery change (Burnham*)
- Teresa Tollison* stroke, recovery
- Derek Townley-high iron, tests (Locklin*)
- Sally Wilson gallbladder removed (LWebb*)

Grieving a Loss

- 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
- Peggy Masoner family loss of Peggy*
- Andrea Spradlin* loss of mother, Joyce

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen* Victorian Manor
- Viola Burgess* South FL • Sherryn Canniff *- homebound
- Sherry Davis*-The Residence(Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Laura Elliot homebound (S. Lee* mom)
- Annie Favorite Haven (Mary Lou's* mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- · Larry Lester Eden of Crestview
- · Dawn Holloway Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller* Coral Bay of Pensacola
- Jim Pitts Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* Victorian Manor
- Lee Smith- Arcadia, rm.236 (ELipford mom*)
- Faye Smith Shut in (J.English 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* recovery, health
- Gerry Baldwin health (J.Pace sister)
- John & Gale Broadfoot health
- Cassie Buchanant*-lower back and pelvic pain
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* mobility, prayers
- Angela DAlessandro health issues
- Allen Davis (C.Davis'* father) • Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Dixie Gorham heart failure
- Edwina Harris health (J.Pace* sister)
- Bernita Kobi health, prayers (Nunes*)
- Yvonne Loomis prayers, tests (Nunes*)
- Kenna Jackson (Kristina P's* friend)
- Ann Lester- fractured vertebrae (PLester*)
- Joe Lewis lupus
- · Matthew Malinowski prayers, encourage
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman transplant list (Nunes*)
- Sharon Parker* tests, health
- Edwina Sumrall continued prayers
- Kara Ritchie blood disorder (M.Scott*)

Students in College

- Caleb Owens Haley Bartell
- Stephen English
- LizAnn Webb Lily Weathersbee Caitlyn English
- Judsen Jennings
 Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes Jackson Lash

Expectant Mothers

- Laura Bird June 2025
- Arada Locklin June 2025
- Emily Smith July 2025 (Avalon) • Brandy Hogan - August 2025 (Lipford*)
- Brooklyn Bostwick* November 2025

- John Bartell Washington, DC
- · Javanta Johnson NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Amya Huey* Italy

<u>Cancer</u>

- Ron Bartanen* lung
- Misty Bray (Bird*)
- Lilly Cain bladder (R. Locklin* sister)
- Jimmy Calhoun (Mike Scott*)
- Micki Clopton (frmer member)
- Jack Davis*
- Shervl Downy (Burnham*)
- Keith Echols surgery, recovery (L.Lester*)
- Geodee Fred (C.Bartanen*)
- Jackie Hamilton- (McGriff*)
- Emily Hamilton (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson (McGriff*)
- Mari Krussow (Overton*)
- Tierney Lancaster rare blood (Baxley*)
- Greg Lewis*
- Connie Moore (Fulton*)
- · Donald McGriff*
- Dee Mulligan lung (Crystal's* mom)
- Timothy Parker (Brittany's* dad)
- Angelica Rapson Stage 4 (Smith*)
- Mary Lee Smith (McGriff*) • Lewie Joe Smith - (JEnglish* brother)
- Amy Prince (Burnham*)
- Maegan Sanders final days
- Meg Stojanik (Hatcher*)
- Joe Taylor*
- David Walther brain (English*)
- Dalyn Wilson travels, treatments (officer)
- Bailey Worrell brain (Hatcher*)

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
- Bob & Gail Mantie Identified, 1/12/25 • Tim & Caroline Locklin - Identified, 4/13/25
- Sean & Holly Andino fam.- Identified, 5/4/25



Starting at 2:00 PM

