

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, MAY 18 MORNING Opening Prayer Gary Good Song Director Jon Raley Sermon Troy Spradlin "The Dragon Made War!" Scripture Reading Bob Mantie Revelation 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:

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

Contribution : \$8,419 Weekly Budget : \$12,029 2025 Avg. Contribution : \$10,913

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 your contribution.

FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 6/10/25 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
 - 6/11/25 @ 5:30 PM
 - 6/12/25 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 6/12/25 @ 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 James "Proverbs of the New Testament" Every Thrusday @ 10:00 AM

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST 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!"

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)

Kingdom Kids Summer Splash Bash

May 31st 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

5318 Lakewood Drive | Milton, FL

Due to the nature of this event, this will be a Kingdom Kids member only event!

Teen Week

6th – 12th grade:

June 8 – 13

Jr. Week

1st – 5th grade:

June 22 – 26

WAR ROOM

Yg Prayer Night

19|5:45

JUNE | PM

TEEN ROOM

LEGACY 2025

JULY 17 – 20

Sign-up & pay \$100 by April 27th

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

- 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

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

Expectant Mothers

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

Military

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

Cancer

- Ron Bartanen* - lung
- Misty Bray - (Bird*)
- Lilly Cain - bladder (R. Locklin* sister)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Micki Clopton - (frmer member)
- Jack Davis*
- Sheryl 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

Hosting Congregational Singing 2025

TODAY — Margaret Street

Starting at 2:00 PM

Elders & Deacons Ministry Meeting

TODAY — 4:30 PM