

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, MAY 25 MORNING Opening Prayer Joe King Song Director Casey Bearden Sermon Troy Spradlin "Having Nailed It to the Cross" Scripture Reading Spencer Gable Colossians 2:6-15 (NKJV) Closing Prayer Rick Bird

Serving Communion (Left - Right): Cooper Jennings Judsen Jennings Jack Overton Gabriel Lee Dawson Hitchcock (Balcony) Comments Jared Lee

EVENING Opening Prayer Song Service Singing Song Service Scripture Reading Song Service Scripture Song Service Comments Jared Lee

Worship Service and Preparation: Make Comm. Bread Stephanie Wilson Comm. Prep Jan Holmes PowerPoint Stephanie Wilson Secure Building Phillip Webb

WEDNESDAY EVENING Song Director Holden Raley Opening Prayer Jeff Scott

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class	178
AM Worship	262
PM Worship	120
Wed. Night Bible Class	132

Contribution : \$11,276 Weekly Budget : \$12,029 2025 Avg. Contribution : \$10,932

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 : 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

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Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST Welcome! We're glad you are here! Sunday - May 25, 2025 A Bible-based, Christ-centered, Family-focused, Mission-minded church.

What It Means To Be a Member of the Church by Troy Spradlin In the 1980s, American Express launched a successful advertisement campaign that resulted in a catchphrase becoming a big part of pop culture. Their slogan was, "Membership has its privileges!" The implication of the advertisement was, of course, that certain things were available only through the use of the American Express credit card. So, if you wanted to get in on all the rewards, you had to be a "member." The slogan went on to be appropriated by several other groups to promote being a member of things like an academic association, a professional organization, or even a social club. There is an obvious spiritual application we can draw from all of this. If you want to receive all the benefits that God has to offer - such as forgiveness of sins, adopted into His family, eternal life, and to abide with Him in heaven - then, you have to be a "member." But, what does it mean to be a "member"?



Perhaps the best place to start is with what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:12, "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ." We should also consider what he wrote in Ephesians 1:22-23, "And He [God] put all things under His feet [Christ], and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." These two verses help us understand what a member is - it is one who is part of the Lord's church, the church of Christ (Rom 16:16). How does one become a member of the church? According to Acts 2:47, "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Thus, becoming a member of the church does NOT require a special vote of approval, or involve taking a certain class, receiving a certificate, nor any other man-made condition or tradition. It is only through God that one is added to the church, which makes them a member. So, who were these "saved" being added to the church? A few verses just before that one explains, "And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse generation.' Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them." (Acts 2:40-41) Thus, those who were baptized (also known as and part of "obeying the Gospel") became saved and were added to the church by God. Naturally, this means that anyone who obeys the Gospel (2 Thess 1:8; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:17) automatically becomes a member of the church. We call this membership process "becoming a Christian." Sometimes, a member of the Lord's church might relocate to another place to live. Thus, they stop attending services at their "home" congregation and begin attending at different one, near their new home. An example of this is seen in Romans 16:1-2, where a sister in Christ, named Phoebe, had been a faithful member at the church of Christ in Cenchrea. Apparently, she had now moved to Rome, thus Paul vouches for her that she is indeed a member of the Lord's church. We know that it was the Lord Who added her to the church when she obeyed the Gospel, but in this verse she was associating herself with a different congregation, the church in Rome. Nowadays, we call this "placing membership" with that church. She is already a Christian, a member of the church, but is now simply "transferring" the oversight of her soul from the eldership at Cenchrea to the eldership of the church at Rome. She does not have to be re-baptized to become a "member" there. She only need be identified as being a faithful Christian, which is exactly what Paul does for her in the passage.

MSYG EVENTS & INFO



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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Myrna Fuller*- @ home, recovery
- Barbara Helms* -outpatient procedure
- Patrick Johnson - hospital, test (McGriff* son)
- 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*)
- Sharon Webb - hospital (PWebb's mom)
- 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*
- Elsa Nunes* - loss of friend, Bernita Kobi
- 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*)

Military

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

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)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, tests (Nunes*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- 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

Mission Works

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

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

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

