Many Blessings in 2018

What a great year this has been! This past year was marked with some new milestones and achievements! Our Margaret Street family experienced a few new changes and faced some challenges, but overall, it was certainly a successful and eventful year. Most important, our God was glorified in the process!

Let us take a look at some of the highlights of this year. As you reflect over these bullet points, won't you take a moment to stop and pray to God? Let's give Him the thanks and recognition He deserves for the blessings He has poured out upon all of us here at Margaret Street. We are, indeed, blessed!

- New additions to the family!
  - Eden Wren Hatcher was born March 15th.
  - Harrison Wyatt Freeman was born August 15th.
  - Carder Dilger was baptized into Christ on April 16th.
  - Colby Bingham was baptized into Christ on May 9th.
  - Brayden Davis was baptized into Christ November 29th.
  - Stephen Fulton was identified as a member.
  - Billy and Barbara Helms were identified as members.
  - Peggy Mason was restored as a member.

- Evangelism and Missions
  - Hosted dinners for the Milton H.S. Football Team.
  - Entered a booth in the Annual Scratch Ankle Festival.
  - We made mission trips to Georgia and to Paraguay.
  - We gained a new missionary family: Scott, Rebecca, and Violet Shanahan and a new mission effort to Italy.

- We served many local families with several hundred boxes of food through our Pantry this year!
- Our youth group brought home 39+ awards and trophies from the Lads-2-Leaders Conference!
- We hosted several successful seminars, activities, and fellowship gatherings:
  - Annual Area Wide Youth Gathering.
  - Vacation Bible School with the theme of “The Judges”
  - Human Trafficking Seminar with Theresa Moses.
  - A successful Family Enrichment Seminar with David Baker.
  - SRC Church Leadership Luncheons.
  - The first ever Spiritual Renewal Forum, UpKeep! in the NW Florida area.
  - Don't forget about the Sweetheart Banquet, L2L Banquet, Graduates Banquet, Thanksgiving Banquet, Fall Festival, Christmas Party, Elder’s Banquet, Men’s Breakfasts, 20-Something Devotionals, and Ladies’ Game Nights ... we’re sure there’s some we missed listing here :-) .

There is so much more we could list, but space is limited. As you think of some of those other things, please give God thanks for those also. We can’t wait for this next year because we know God is going to provide even more blessings as we strive to honor and glorify Him in all that we do!

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Taking Assessment of Your Life

Jeremiah Tatum

I'm sentimental and nostalgic by nature. I think about the meaning of life on a regular basis and I tend to look back on everything I have experienced up to this point almost daily. Life is an incredible gift from God and we need to keep that fact at the forefront of our minds. But I suppose that a greater portion of the world’s people come to the end of the year and they celebrate Christmas and New Year’s and quickly just go on to the next thing. After all, this is what we have been programmed to do in this fever-pitched, fast-paced 21st-century world.

But I want you to slow down for a second. I want you to take an assessment of your life with me today. As we come to the end of 2018 I want you to ask yourself about your time here and how you are using it. So please bear with me as I ask you to contemplate three simple questions:

1. Do you have a healthy understanding of and appreciation for the blessings in your life? This time of year people are so terribly depressed! I believe it is a combination of the pressure of the holidays, the weather, and the responsibility we have to our families and friends. We can let our blessings get lost in the shuffle of all of the other things that we are trying to do well that are holding our attention. So let me remind you that if you have a roof over your head, clothes on your back, and food on your table, you are truly a blessed person in this world. If we really compare what we have to what others don’t have, we will remain humble and thankful and much more positive as a whole.

2. Do you have a servant heart when it comes to your attitude towards the tasks that are before you and the people who are in your life? Jesus said that he came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. His life—his entire existence on earth—was for the purpose of helping the people of the world. Our attitude towards our employment, our responsibilities, and especially the people with whom we have daily contact really defines whether or not we are a blessing. Keeping the attitude that says, “What can I do to make another person’s life better today?” will give you a great sense of purpose and a joyful step as you make your walk in life. The attitude of gratitude leads to the attitude of servitude and it allows a person to have success in most everything they seek to do.

3. Do you have a relationship with God that truly carries you through your day? There are some who don’t know God at all. There are some who know of God and believe in him, and yet do not know him personally. There are some who believe in God and rely on him for comfort but who have never really read his book for comprehension and thus are not in tune to his will. But the person who believes in God, knows God, relies on God, listens to God, and talks to God is the person who is walking WITH God. This person has the special benefit of feeling the presence of God in every portion of their existence. Their day has peace. Their life has direction. Their disappointment has consolation. Their victory has companionship. Their soul has hope.

I don’t know about your life. I don’t know what kind of year you have had. I hope it has been a good year! I’m sure you have experienced both highs and lows in 2018. But as we come to the beginning of 2019, let me encourage you to be thankful for the year that has been, and embrace the opportunity that lies ahead. Count your blessings. Seek to serve God and others. Depend on God at all times. I think you will find that a life that is filled with these attributes is a life well worth living. And when you make your assessment, there won’t be too many things to regret, or too many things that need changing.

“Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.” – Psalm 119:92-93

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**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY**

**YG INFO & UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Next SNAC will be January 6th and next Area Wide is January 13th @ Spanish Fort.
- Birthday Night on January 9th @ 5:30.
- 2019 SNAC sign-up is available for anyone who is willing or interested in hosting. Dates available are June, July, August, & October.
- EYC (December 27 - 30). Van will depart @ 9 am.

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**Lads to Leaders**

**January 13th:** 2nd pre-test for Bible Bowl

**January 27th:** Workshop, Speech Dress Rehearsal, and Pre-convention events, hurdles, & $40 registration due.

See English's, L2L Bulletin Board, or FB page for questions or information.
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16)

Special
- Allen Danley - Brazell’s* friend
- Alan and Diane Brazell*
- Brayden Davis*
- Gertrude Dickerson* family
- Richard Elliot - Sarah Lee’s dad
- Paislee Enterkin* - recovering
- Bobbie,* Eddie Garcia - recovering
- Marcia Jones- Kenya’s* Friend
- Locklin Family*
- Peggy Masoner*
- Ruth Phillips*
- Stella Prince* - bronchitis
- Paige Prine family
- Angela Ramsey*
- Joe Roadcap
- Caylie Taylor - cystic fibrosis
- Jay Webster
- Sandra Wolfe
- Victims of Hurricane Florence
- Victims of Hurricane Michael

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins
- Victoria Maner - Ed Howell*
- Forsyth - Stella Prince*
- Terrace, Jay - Faye Smith
- Shut-in - Louise Savage*
- Shut in - Ruth Phillips*

Mission Works
- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- The church in Paraguay
- Nick Bartell - Vermont

Other Requests / Health Issues
- John and Gale Broadfoot*
- Jim Blazier*
- Diana Brazell*
- Winston Burnham*
- Sherry Davis*
- Dixie Gorham
- Zebadee Hamilton*
- Josie Locklin*
- Eddie Longmire*
- Liam Mack
- Linda & Beverly Mann*
- Mary & Donald McGriff*
- Sue Perritt* - in recovery
- Jim Pitts*
- Sue Preston - P. Turner’s* mother
- Ted Russell*
- Claudia E. Smith
- Dwayne Spradlin
- Christy Stargell
- Edith Sullins - grandma of Blisse*
- Troy & Gloria Vonada*
- Willie Waitman, Jr. (Pace family)
- Charles Williamson*

Students in College
- Elizabeth Ames
- Haley Bartell
- Hannah Brown
- Kyle Harter
- Emily Lipford
- Grant Locklin
- Cole Weathersbee
- Jack Webb

Cancer
- Kenny Bagget - nephew of Russell’s
- Phyllis Blazier*-radiation treatment
- Forest Chapman*
- Ok Davis - Jenks Avenue member
- Pat Deforest*
- Ruben Deir - Elsa Nunes* brother
- Margaret DeVore -Spradlin’s* Friend
- Jim Gates - Rhonda Locklin* friend
- Ron Jenkins - Broadfoot’s* friend
- Chris Hendricks - Baxley’s* nephew
- Mark Locklin - colon cancer
- Vicki (Moon) Mayo - Kenya’s* friend
- Eduardo Medrano
- Cheryl Neal - Barbara Pace’s* cousin
- Brian Riley - English Family* friend
- Melody Samborn - (Burnham’s*)
- Megan Sanders - Blisse ‘s friend
- Deidra Sanderson - daughter of Fields
- Brooksanne Singley*
- David Walther - brain cancer
- Ensley Webster - (West* Family)

Military
- Andrew Atchley - Ellsworth AFB
- John Bartell* - Coronado, CA
- Cody Davis - Ft. Benning, GA
- Drayton Hale — Virginia
- Ni Mack*- Missouir
- Jimmy Pitts - Japan
- Anthony Ramsey- Minot AFB, ND

Expecting Mothers
- Rachel (Myers) Ault - January 5
- Lauren (Martin) Kreus - March 16

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CHURCH CALENDAR / EVENTS

**December 29:** Wedding
- Savannah Temple and Eric Schnell @ Margaret St. @ 6 PM

**December 29:** 50th Wedding Anniversary
- Paul and Diana Hutcherson, Location @ Pace Community Center. Time is 1:30 PM- 4:30 PM

**December 26, 31 & January 1:** Office Closed

**January 15:** Perc N Prayer
SERVING WITH HONOR
SUNDAY DECEMBER 23

MORNING
Opening Prayer .......... Doug Lee
Song Director ......... Pete Pierce
Sermon .............. Casey Bearden
.......................... Blessed
Scripture Reading ...... Oscar Locklin
........................... John 19:1-11

Serving Communion:
Comments .............. Bob Locklin
Pat Mense ............. Joe Wilson
Eli Whitney ............ Doug Lee
Paul Lipford .......... Alan Brazell
.......................... Jim Loftin
Closing Prayer .......... Ted Russell

EVENING
Opening Prayer......... Phillip Webb
Song Leading .......... Casey Bearden
Comments .............. Bob Locklin

Worship Service and Preparation:
Secure Building ........ Joe King
Communion Prep ........ Jazz Family
Nursery ............... Zee Christopher
.......................... Elizabeth Lipford
PowerPoint ............ Brooks Singley

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Song Leading .......... Stephen English
Opening Prayer ........ Doug Lee
Devotional ............. Scott Shanahan

WEEKLY REPORT:
Sunday Bible Class .......... 159
AM Worship .............. 195
PM Worship .............. 100
Wed. Night Bible Class ......... 106
Contribution ............. $7,963

ELDER CONTACT FOR DECEMBER:
Primary ................. Doug Lee
Secondary .............. John Pace

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:
  Thursday, by noon.
• Please turn in your Group Folders on Sunday Night worship so Blisse can update attendance on Monday.

BENEVOLENCE

• Receiving Items: 1/8/19 @ 9:30 AM
• Preparing Boxes: 1/10/19 @ 9:30 AM
• Distribution: 1/10/19 @ 2:15 PM
• Pantry needs : Canned Meat

EDUCATION

• Bible Class Schedules are available at the Welcome Desk
• Anyone willing to help teach, please see Oscar Locklin.

WORSHIP

• Service Rosters are available on the Welcome Desk and Margaret Street website (listed under “Archives”)
• If you are having difficulties hearing the sermon, we have wireless "LISTEN" devices available in the foyer, located in the Armoire, which you can sign out and return after services. *Please remember to clean the headphones with an alcohol wipe when you return them.

  WIFI Password: Psalm122.7

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Fellowship ............. Jeff Scott*
Golden Agers ............
Involvement ............ Joe Bartell*
Lads to Leaders ....... David English
Missions ............... Mike Scott*
Visitation .......... Bob Locklin, Rick Martin*
Youth & Family ......... Casey Bearden,
.............................. Joe Wilson*, Chris Davis,
.............................. & Blake Hatcher
Website .................. Jim Pitts*
Worship ............... Darrell Bozeman*

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