



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - January 15, 2023

If I Don't See Ya, I Better See Ya

by Trevor Smoot

In my one year here, the love of the congregation has forever established my own for Margaret Street. To have some level of understanding of Paul's relationship with Thessalonica is a wonderful thing. It is my hope that this farewell address uplifts you with the sentiments contained herein. I hope you will think fondly on them as I no doubt will moving forward. (Bear in mind – there's not nearly enough real estate for the immense amount of love I've been shown, so forgive me for the necessary brevity)

I am grateful for the friendship of Richard Blake and Madeline, my first routine Bible study of this ministry. The mindful, spiritual insight of the Owens – not to mention any workout advice from Josh and singing along with Caleb – will pay dividends moving forward. Enjoying lunches with Parker and Lauren's thoughtful responses during 20's devos were great sources of encouragement early on. Having the Hitchcocks arrive along with me (roughly, anyway) has been a great source of encouragement since the earliest days of my time here, whether that was Dawson's helpfulness, Makenley's cheerfulness, or Lexi's positivity and great leadership for the youth group. Though arriving relatively late in the grand scheme of my time at Margaret Street, the relationships built with the McReynolds – who regularly entrusted me to watch over their critters and home – proved how rapidly Christian love can take root.



It'll be very hard to forget some of the best barbecue I've had in my life, provided readily by John 'Hart,' though Glenn has made sure to help me broaden my barbecue horizons once in Mississippi. Getting to know Pat Ann, perhaps the greatest caretaker of a good ol' truck in membership at Margaret Street, was a pleasure. The Bartells all around uplifted me greatly, whether John's intrigue in growing as a minister, Nick's kinship as a preaching school grad, Haley's reliable greetings, or Joe's strength in service; perhaps the most memorable, however, was Connie's concern for me and my acclimation, asked in the midst of Barbara's passing – the love of the Bartells is clear and certain. I regularly appreciated the great examples of both Rick and Mary Lou for younger Christians, convinced of the power of the word (let alone the service they provide as elder and wife).

The Bozemans are easily listed among all the regular encouragers of the congregation, those who eagerly supported me regularly – even as Darrel helped me hone my knife skills. The Burnhams, who were among the first to invite me to lunch, also represent the fact I didn't accomplish all I'd hoped to (this by missing out on seeing the stonework Winston tends to). I'll be forever grateful for Dennis Butler and Brooks-Ann's patience in showing me how to work the cameras and PowerPoint early on. Helen and Herb served among the greatest and most regular sources of guidance in addition to encouragement. Mason and Woodline best exemplify Christian cheerfulness, and the brotherhood I felt with them will endure.

Buz and Paula saw to it their support for me was regularly expressed throughout the year (though my soreness from that first bike ride will inspire strength throughout the years to come). The Chris Davis clan hold some of the many joyful bonds with the children of Margaret Street, whether through thoughtful drawings, notes, strengthening handshakes (atta boy, Tucker), or loving hugs (both Corrie and Avery – I'm sure baby Sister will follow the big Sisters' examples) - not to mention the first and best cookie cake ever made for me! Jeff and Brooke literally housed me, but proved to be far more than the accommodating landlords they've been. That, and Lanie and Olivia's joyfully different dispositions have been a joy to know.

The Jack Davis clan showed love in the same capacity, though certainly in different forms – Jack with spiritual guidance, Justin with getting me interested in hog hunting, Sarah's regular encouragement, and Jackson, Landon, and Macy for all their heart for me. Brett and Amy's daughters, in addition to their own encouragement, were all joys, whether in Ayla's leadership and baking, Ainsley's professional barista interest, and Avey's courage in connecting to the youth group.

Ruth and Richard both served as excellent encouragement, either by serving as an exemplar of teaching strategies or by earnestly ensuring I knew of Ms. Louise's love for me. Rest assured, spitfire though she was (and most definitely *is*), I never once doubted that sweet lady's love for me when she made me sit nearer to her so that I could see the auditorium more clearly (or when she brought me some pound cake!). Both the Doss and Harrington crews, in some of the very first months, helped to broaden my eyes to the needs beyond those served by the pantry. **(continued)**

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

It was the Rhett English clan who confirmed to me that Margaret Street was different, with a cheerfulness to match the Chandlers and a desire to better understand God's word beyond that of many Christians in my past. Though my interactions with the Estains were fairly limited, the reflexive effort to rescue a youth trip with eagerness and skill showed me the need to rise to action promptly. Doug Lee's family, from his and Sarah's certain example, are leaders in the realm of deliberate thoughtfulness and gentleness, easily seen in Alyssa, Lakelyn, and Paisley (I'm sure little Sis'll join in that trend).

To see the clear love that Harrison and Maggie have for each other is a testament to the friendship of Stephanie and Talor, who have perhaps unwittingly been encouragement to me not in that way only, but in their dedication to raising their children in the Lord. Speaking of friends, the great sisterhood developed between Ruth Williams, Myrna, and Madeline was encouraging to me, given the love I have for each independently. And Jak, a friend of friends, made his care readily known through handshakes, milkshakes, and shared love of old books, weapons, and bass.

Richard and Arva join the list of regular encouragers, a theme that is becoming increasingly thorough. Also added is Steve Fulton who is both modest and thoughtful in his guidance, not to mention a fellow-yellow car owner! Joe and Sandy not only regularly served as encouragers, but also provided thoughtful guidance; the provision of nearly all my breakfasts demonstrate their clear generosity. In order to eat those eggs which served as my breakfasts, Debbie Hill's modest gift of dishware made it possible for me to eat. To counteract the [over]eating I occasionally imbibed in was Laura's generosity in gym-faring nutrition, though her gratefulness for our relationship served as a special point of ministerial affirmation.

Keeping with thoughtful gifts is Jennifer June, another mother of mine I've come to know and love this year. Her example is tremendous for her family, aiding the earnestness of the Hansons in raising Cooper and Annelise in the church. Ms. Elsa was likewise motherly to me, being one of several who regularly sought to make sure I knew of her Christian love.

The Loftins, Russells, and Whitneys are the trifecta of encouragement for those rare times I sat in the back left of the auditorium, chiefly by bolstering my confidence for vocals. Bob and Rhonda also regularly bolstered my confidence, Bob with many assorted praises and Rhonda by being the first to remark on my weight loss once I returned to the gym (I was glad to know it was working!). If any other area of confidence (and competence) building was necessary, it was writing my articles, and the chief encouragers there were Ms. Zee, JC and Barbara, and especially Ms. Josie. Thanks to their encouragement and insight, I feel better enabled to write. Pair those with Joe and Laurie's similar sentiments to the articles (and Joe's partnership in helping the L2L boys for Bible reading), I'm convinced I must have some competence.

There were a number of folks I, regrettably, didn't develop as much a friendship with as I'd have liked. The Henry clan and I had a late development of our friendship, though their grounded advice (and some cooking encouragement) were among the most meaningful. Similarly, Ron, Rick, and Crystal, whose friendship was only able to develop late, provided both excellent encouragement, as so many others, though Ron's preaching experience proved to be a wealth of knowledge. Greg, Savannah, and Clark also enter into this category, but their earnestness for work did not go unnoticed even in the brief time we interacted. The Winfrees, Angela, and Theresa all fall into this same category – though all of them proved to be sources of encouragement at times, particularly during the showing of Prince of Egypt. **(continued)**

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. January 18 @
5 pm in the FH



SNAC SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

January 22 | Webb's



Upcoming Events/Info

January 22 –
Workshop,
Bible Bowl Pre-Test,
Speech Dress
Rehearsal,
\$45 registration due



DOMESTIC MISSIONS

To say that Greg and Laura have been great examples to me regarding service would be an insulting understatement. The Lipfords likewise provided great examples of generosity with the furniture which allowed me to comfortably (and necessarily) store so much. Speaking of generosity, the capacity the Maduells have for that in the form of benevolence is unmatched both in their intensity and efficiency. Though Rick was the only Martin family member I've really been able to connect with, I've no doubt the unyielding faith he's expressed is representative of Ruth and Lauren. John Pace, whose great stories and cooking made all interactions enjoyable, also serves as a spiritual giant with respect to raising a faithful family.

Couldn't ask for a greater chaperone-in-chief than Amanda, not to mention some of the greatest cooking I've had (man, there are just so many great cooks at Margaret Street). To match her great capacity for leadership, it'd be hard to find stronger heart than Gary's (and impossible to find a better radio voice). Though the youth group as a whole served as my initial bridge to the greater community of the congregation, Libby has the distinction of being the bridge to the youth group. Getting to room with Roger at L2L proved to me I couldn't have asked for a better roomie.

Other families who could have entire articles dedicated to them are the Mense-Crider, Joe Wilson, and Webb clans. Palpable encouragement in various forms from Pat and Lori's kinship, Joe and Andrea's thoughtful guidance, and Philip and Lisa's regular hospitality, to Brody, Jada, and Caitlin's eager pursuit of friendship (Brody – I admit, your shirts aren't all that ugly), Reed and Elliott's witty and smart leadership, and Liz Ann's 'pleasant' sarcasm were all greatly meaningful to me.

The greatest pleasure of Pete Pierce's friendship is the sheer joy I've gotten in seeing him contend with Mike Scott's banter. Speaking of Mike, both he and Patsy were without question some of the most influential to me at Margaret Street. Few could rival his example and wisdom to me on how to be a man, and none could so clearly discern my thoughts as Patsy (not even me! I'm convinced she knows my future). Also among the closest families to me are those in David and Jeanna's family. That they rose to the very top in making sure I knew I was welcome in their home among those at Margaret Street is a testament to their hospitality (lest anyone think I'm suggesting a lack thereof elsewhere). Michael was among the very first friends made here, even before I was officially a member; Stephen, brief though our interactions were, was sincere in his encouragement, and Kathryn's eagerness to learn the latte trade was a joy to (attempt to) mentor her in (not to mention being partly responsible for my own eagerness for learning jiu jitsu).

It would be impossible to not mention the other members of the 20's. Hospitable as they are athletic, the Newcombs' friendship was a joy to develop throughout this year. Getting to sing with Jake Armstrong (not to mention the late discovery of a shared love for Skyrim), but also seeing the thoughtfulness in his spiritual walk was a great privilege. Leading this charge, naturally, are the Hatchers. I could hardly find a reasonable span of paper to remark on the clear love Blake, Blisse, Eden, or Titus have for me. Their brotherly and sisterly disposition toward me has been a literal Godsend.

I simply don't have enough room to speak to the Beardens and Spradlins. Anything I could put here would be an insultingly summarized abbreviation. Suffice it to say the love Leanne, Makenzie, Klayton, and Andrea have (all, naturally, expressed in their own ways – great sisterly advice, drawings and tee-ball invites, fist bumps, best cupcakes in the States to name a few) was a regular and necessary form of encouragement to me. The brotherhood of Troy and Casey proved to me that iron sharpens iron (as if God needs to be validated by my experiences). Without them, I would be without some central pillars of a bolstered faith. Without them, my spiritual growth would have been stunted.

Many preacher friends, as they check in on me, wonder how my first work is going. I've put it to them this way: "If every minister's first work were like mine, there would be an abundance of preachers who would never leave the work." It is because of this that I both feel empowered to go, but lament that I must leave. You have confirmed to me that I may very well have some purpose for the Lord. I love you all. See you soon. And if I don't see ya, I better see ya.

- In Him,
Trevor



5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

JANUARY 29TH
THEME TBD

Margaret St church of Christ

BREAKOUT
CONNECTIONS



Every 1st Sunday
of the Month!

Next session:
February 5th

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Special

- Patricia Ann* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Trevor Bostwick* - blood poisng @ SRH
- John Broam family - loss of John
- Winston Burnham - oblation rescheduled
- The Davis family* - birth of Rosalie!
- Louise English's families - loss of Louise*
- Lauren Kreis (Martin family) - prayers
- Bob Locklin* - chest bruising, recovery
- Donald McGriff* - surgery/recovery
- Richard McCool - heart attack, recovery
- The Owens' family* - loss of Charlotte
- Brittany Parker - requests prayers
- Faye Smith(Jeanna's mom)- recovery
- Tony Smith family - loss of Tony (Fisher*)
- Zyler Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Gloria Vonada - recovery/foot procedure
- Ruth Williams* - fractured tailbone, recovery
- Maggie Wilson* - @ home recovering, asthma

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

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Expecting Mothers

- Lauren Godwin* - January 2023
- Heidi Hudgens - January 2023 (Avalon)
- Nikki Tebbe -January 2023 (Blisse's cousin)
- Jennifer Cannon - March 2023

Mission Works

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

Students in College

- Haley Bartell • Caleb Owens
- Seth Crider • Nick Webb
- Stephen English • Reed Wilson
- Caitlyn Frizzell • Lexi Wildes
- Jackson Lash

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health (past member)
- Winston Burnham* - recovery
- Sherryn Canniff* - health, pain
- WillieMae Cosby - hand surgery (McGriff*)
- Sherry Davis* - health
- Fatima Deem- pregnant, problems (Nunes)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Madeline Farley* - broken wrist, recovery
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham
- Donald Hamilton - surgery coming (McGriff*)
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Barbara Helms*- health
- Chris Hollis - tests (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Eddie Longmire* - health
- Cindy Marotta - paralyzed (Nunes*)
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Ella Parker* - health
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- August Eugene Smith -cleft palate (J.English*)
- Julia Torpey* - health
- Gloria Vonada*
- Jan Whitney*

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Cody Davis - Fort Hood, TX
- Spencer Gable-New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kentucky
- Byron Solomon - San Diego

Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Brooklyn Bostwick*mom)
- Justin Barnhart - former member
- Ron Bartanen - cancer
- Darlene Baxley - lung cancer (Baxley*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - surgery (Hatcher*)
- Pat Deforest*
- Brenda Dunham - (J.English*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Keith Pabst - (Webb*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse*)
- Kevin Shanahan - operation (Scott's* dad)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)
- Donnie Turner- cancer (Helms*)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (frmer mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Arcadia Health Care
- Zeb Hamilton* - Sandy Ridge
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom*)
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller*- Grandview Retire Center
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts* - Sodalis house, room 119
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In
- Troy Vonada* - Sodalis House, Hospice

Committee Planning Meeting

TODAY @ 5 PM
ROOM 303



Kingdom Leaders

Men's Ministry: Fellowship & Study

January 19th @ 6:30 PM

Special Meeting

Fellowship Hall



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

MORNING

Opening Prayer Rick Martin
 Song Director Mason Chandler
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Not What I Will, But What You Will"
 Scripture Reading Brody Crider
 Mark 14:32-42
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion:

Comments Rick Bird
 Matthew Henry Blake Hatcher
 David English Pete Pierce
 Mike Scott

EVENING

Opening Prayer Jack Davis
 Singing Casey Bearden
 Scripture Brett Napier
 Luke 1:1-4
 Comments Rick Bird

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Stephanie Wilson
 PowerPoint Matt McReynolds
 Greeters: Elsa Nunes

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Elliot Wilson
 Opening Prayer Jeff Scott

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 153
 AM Worship 187
 PM Worship 115
 Wed. Night Bible Class 168
 Contribution \$8,723

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

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

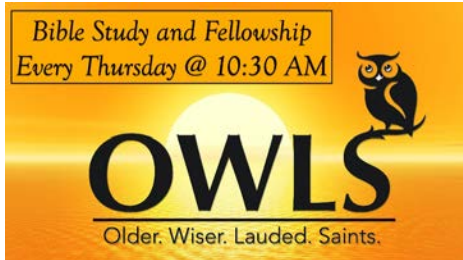
ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**



EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



WORSHIP

- Service Rosters are available on the Welcome Desk and Margaret Street website (listed under "Archives")
- "LISTEN" devices available in the foyer, located in the Armoire.

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