



"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 - March 5, 2023

## He Gets Us ...?

by Troy Spradlin

If you watched the Super Bowl this year, you may have noticed a series of commercials that were quite surprising. No, I am not talking about Ben Affleck at Dunkin Donuts, nor Workday's "Quit calling yourself a rock star" ads. I am talking about what so many others were talking about on Monday morning after the game, the "He Gets Us" commercials. These ads were purchased by an organization that is part of a billion dollar, national campaign devoted to redeeming the "brand" of Christianity. In the past year, the HeGetsUs.com campaign has bought ads for billboards, placed videos on YouTube, and purchased advertising time on TV stations across the country, all in an effort to spread a singular message - that Jesus "gets us," meaning He completely understands the current, human condition.



At first glance, one might be thrilled to see that Jesus is being promoted on a national level and in places where He might not commonly be mentioned. Indeed, we should rejoice that there are God-fearing people out there who are willing to spend that kind of money and effort to turn our nation's hearts and eyes back to Jesus. Their website even states that they are just trying to "reintroduce people to the Jesus of the Bible," and that they "believe His words, example, and life have relevance in our lives today and offer hope for a better future." To that, we could say "Amen!" and to God be the glory ... but, that's as far as it goes when you begin to dig a little

deeper into the message they promote.

Now, there is no intent here to be a party-pooper, or be pharisaical about this effort, but just like so many well meaning "Christians," they often paint outside the lines of reality. More importantly, they go beyond what the Bible actually says and thus, it can cause even more confusion within the religious world. That needs to be addressed.

For example, **one of their popular ads presents Jesus as an Activist.** The idea is that "Jesus was fed up with politics, too." < <https://hegetsus.com/en/jesus-was-fed-up-with-politics-too> > However, the Jesus we read about in the Bible does not engage in activism. An "activist" is one who seeks to bring about political and social change. Jesus did not come to bring change to worldly affairs, He came to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). He came to teach us about the Father and to bring His spiritual kingdom (the church) into effect (Matthew 16:18-19). In fact, when the Jews were trying to coerce Him into political matters, he responded, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Matt 22:21) So, no, Jesus was definitely not an activist.

Another example is how **they present Jesus as a Refugee.** Here, the idea is that Jesus can relate to and identify with immigrants and refugees because He Himself was one. < <https://hegetsus.com/en/jesus-was-a-refugee> > Yet, once again, this is not what the Bible says. It simply says that Joseph, "arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt," (Matt 2:13-19). The fact is, Egypt was part of the Roman Empire, as were many nations at that time (Acts 2:9-11). Jesus' going from Israel to Egypt would be no different than you going from Florida to Alabama, or Georgia - they are all part of the same country. So, no, Jesus was not a refugee.

There are several other erroneous presentations of Jesus that they make on their site, which we could analyze, but I believe the point is now clear. While it is good that this group is attempting to lead people to Jesus, it's sad that they think they have to mold Jesus into something He is not, all to make us feel like "He gets us." Believe me, the solution isn't "He gets us," because after all, "we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Heb 4:15) The truth is, **we must never try to change Jesus to look and be like us, but instead, we need to change ourselves to look and be like Him.**

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## 10 Elements of Biblical Masculinity (Part 2)

Brad Harrub

Much has been said and reported about “toxic masculinity.” Gillette razors made the news by producing a video that soon went viral about men changing the notion that “boys will be boys.” The American Psychological Association (APA) recently released their “first-ever guidelines for practice with men and boys—pointing out that the notions of traditional masculinity are inherently dangerous, harmful, and unhealthy. (This is the same organization that took homosexuality and gender identity disorder out of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder [DSM-V]).

I think we would all agree that anything “toxic” is bad, but what about masculinity in general? Or specifically, what about Biblical masculinity? Here is part 2 of 2 describing what these elements look like in scripture -

6. Biblical masculinity means a man protects his wife and children (Psalm 82:3-4). It frowns on men who despise children (Matthew 18:10; Psalm 127:3).

7. Biblical masculinity means a husband recognizes the differences between he and his wife (1 Peter 3:7). It frowns on men who do not honor their wives (Ephesians 5:33).

8. Biblical masculinity means a man prays for his family (Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17). It frowns on a man who is prideful thinking he can do it on his own ( Proverbs 16:18).

9. Biblical masculinity means a man is the spiritual leader of his home (Ephesians 6:4) It frowns on men who delegate this command to their wives (1 Timothy 2:11-12).

10. Biblical masculinity means a man devotes his life to making sure his family members are in the book of life (Revelation 20:11-15). It frowns on men who allow their children to love the world and follow the broad way (Matthew 7).

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



**Gulf Coast  
AREAWIDE  
2022-2023**

AUGUST 21 @	CREEKWOOD <small>Community of Love &amp; Life</small>
SEPTEMBER 11 @	SUMMERDALE <small>A Place of Acceptance</small>
OCTOBER 16 @	MARGARET ST. <small>A Place of Fellowship</small>
NOV. 11-13 @	FUEL RETREAT <small>Gulf Coast Bible Camp</small>
JANUARY 8 @	SCENIC HILLS <small>A Place of Sacrifice</small>
FEBRUARY 5 @	SPANISH FORT <small>Empowering Personal Value</small>
MARCH 12 @	ROBERTSDALE <small>Empowering Personal Value</small>
APRIL 16 @	REGENCY <small>Support Through Struggles</small>

## YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. March 22 @  
5 pm in the FH



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CREEKWOOD GIRL'S DAY 2023

<b>MOMS &amp; MENTORS SPEAKERS:</b> TAMMY WISDOM CATHY SHELburnE MARY BETH CLAYTON	<b>GIRLS SPEAKERS:</b> SHELBY CAMP ERIN MOODY ANNA MAYNARD
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GRADES 6-12 AND UP | MARCH 25TH  
STAFFED NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN  
UNDER 5.

March 17 – 19, 2023

## SOAR YOUTH RALLY

### WHAT IS TRUTH?

Prep Meeting  
on March 8



**LADS  
TO  
LEADERS**

**L2L**

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### Upcoming Events / Info

**March 1 – PEARLS  
& Bible Bowl Make-  
up Tests**

**March 5 – Away  
Speech @ Airport  
Rd. in Crestview**



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### Upcoming Events / Info

**March 26 –  
Workshop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Away  
Speech @ Brewton,  
& Hotel Money due**

**March 29 – Girls  
Presentations**

# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

## Special

- Patricia Ann\* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Sharon Ates - surgery (Gallagher\*)
- Terri Baker - recovery (Farley\* daughter)
- Darlene Baxley\* -hospital, health (Baxley\*)
- David Black - Baptist, heart issues (McGriff)
- Josie Coons - hospice (McReynolds\*)
- Mason Chandler\* - loss of grandmother
- Louise English's families - loss of Louise\*
- Annie Favorite - Haven, recovery
- Myrna Fuller\* - pulmonary fibrosis, recovery
- The Godwin family\* - birth of Annie!
- Annie Godwin-hip dysplasia, harness 6 weeks
- Zeb Hamilton family\* - loss of Zeb
- Lauren Kreis (Martin family) - prayers
- Donald McGriff\* - surgery/recovery
- Richard McCool\* - heart attack, recovery
- Faye Smith(Jeanna's mom)- Jay hosp., health
- Edith Sullins - surgery, recovery (Blisse's gma)
- Gloria Vonada - recovery, new tests

## 2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Brittany Parker\* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott\* - Baptized
- Laura Oliver\*- Identified

## Expecting Mothers

- 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

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

## Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford\*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health (past member)
- Winston Burnham\* - health
- Sherryn Canniff\*- health, pain
- WillieMae Cosby - heath, recovery (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
- Daphne Hamilton - surgeries, health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Barbara Helms\*- health
- Chris Hollis - (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\*)
- Jeffery Norman - lung transplant list (Nunes\*)
- Ella Parker\* - health
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham\*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott\*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia\*)
- August Eugene Smith -left palate (J.English\*)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Julia Torpey\* - health
- Gloria Vonada\*
- Jan Whitney\*

## Military

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

## Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick\*)
- Justin Barnhart - former member
- Ron Bartanen\* - cancer
- 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 Sheridan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley\* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff\*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton\*)
- Donnie Turner- cancer (Helms\*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English\*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (fmer 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 Senior Living
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom\*)
- Linda Mann\* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller\*- Grandview Retire Center
- Ruth Phillips\*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines\* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas\* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In
- Troy Vonada\* - Sodalis House, Hospice



# SERVING WITH HONOR

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5

### MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Josh Owens  
 Song Director ..... Paul Lipford  
 Sermon ..... Troy Spradlin  
 ..... "Ordinary to Extraordinary"  
 Scripture Reading ..... Elliot Wilson  
 ..... 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
 Closing Prayer ..... Rick Bird

### Serving Communion:

Comments ..... Joe Wilson  
 Luke McReynolds ..... Jim Loftin  
 Bob Locklin ..... Jake Armstrong  
 ..... Justin Davis

### EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Joe Taylor  
 Singing ..... David English  
 Scripture ..... Luke McReynolds  
 ..... Acts 4:8-14  
 Comments ..... Matt McReynolds

### Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ..... Fisher family  
 PowerPoint ..... Matt McReynolds  
 Greeters: ..... Jak Gallagher  
 Secure Building ..... Paul Lipford

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director ..... Brody Crider  
 Opening Prayer ..... Pat Mense

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 146  
 AM Worship ..... 206  
 PM Worship ..... 107  
 Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 145  
 Contribution ..... 2/19 -\$26,646  
 ..... 2/26 - \$9,219

### 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.



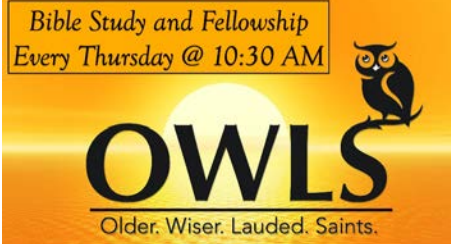
## FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 3/7 @ 9:30 AM  
 Preparing Boxes: 3/9 @ 9:30 AM  
 Distribution : 3/9 @ 2:30 PM

Please consider donating travel size toiletries!!

### EDUCATION

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



Bible Study and Fellowship  
 Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

# OWLS

Older. Wiser. Lauded. Saints.

### 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.

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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 Visitation ..... Bob Locklin  
 Youth & Family ..... Casey Bearden  
 Worship ..... Blake Hatcher\*