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**Welcome! We're glad you are here!**

**Sunday - October 15, 2023**

## The Mission and Work of the Church

by Troy Spradlin

Considering the example of the first Christians in Acts 2:42-45, the Bible says, *"They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayers. ... and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need."* This passage implies that there are three different types of work of the church. They are: Evangelism - inferred from "the doctrine" (verses 42, 47); Edification - inferred from "fellowship, and prayers" (v42, 46); and Benevolence - inferred from dividing the possessions (v24, 44, 45). This teaches us that we can divide every work, or each ministry, into these three categories and there is Biblical support for each.



**Evangelism.** Jesus came to *"seek and save the lost"* (Luke 19:10), and then commanded His disciples to do the same in what is known as "The Great Commission" (cf Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16: 15,16; Luke 24:47). He made it our responsibility, both individually and collectively as the church, to seek and save the lost, as He had done while here. This simply refers to ordinary people going and telling other ordinary people the extraordinary good news of an extraordinary person, Jesus Christ. Evangelism is an important responsibility of the church!

**Edification.** This is a word that comes from the Greek, meaning, the act of building [up], or promoting spiritual growth. When we participate in fellowship activities and encourage one another, we are, indeed, building something. The words "building up" also carries the idea of reciprocity. Read Romans 14:19 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11. There, you will see that the key idea is doing something "mutual" - doing something for someone else who simultaneously does something for you. Thus, we each strengthen our faith while helping each other.

Living for others is truly the greatest secret to happiness. Many live in difficulty because they only think of themselves. Selfishness does not edify anyone, or build them up. Romans 14:7-8 says that we belong to the Lord. In Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 the Bible talks about us being part of "the body" of Christ. Thus, we can deduce that the church is a spiritual family that unites and edifies all those who have been baptized in Christ.

**Benevolence** refers to covering or providing for the physical needs of others. Benevolence only requires need and opportunity. While the word "benevolence" is not found in the New Testament, we still find the idea or concept of benevolence within its pages. A related word in Biblical Greek is *eunoia*, (which is found in 1 Cor 7:3). The word is "benevolence," but, in this case, it refers to marriage. In Ephesians 6:7-8, it is used in reference to the behavior and attitude we should have towards one another. The word "communion," in 1 Corinthians 10:16 (and as exhibited in Acts 2:42), means "fellowship, or joint participation," which also implies benevolence between each other.

The principle of benevolence can also be found in the following passages: Galatians 6:9,10; James 1:27; Matthew 7:12; Matthew 25: 32-40; Philippians 2: 4. The church, and every Christian, should feel a responsibility towards those in need, but the first emphasis is on the individual (1 Timothy 5:10). Therefore, the focus is on others, not on ourselves. Benevolence is an action in which God is glorified. This service helps us stay pure since we are busy seeking the benefit of others instead of being involved in bad things.

**Personal Application:** How do we glorify God? We do it through evangelism, edification, and benevolence, all of which produces fruit as the Lord commands (John 15:8). It is how we do that which is pleasing to Him. All three are extremely important! While these are easy things to say, they are not always so easy to put into practice. Yet, we must! Every decision we make regarding church work must be based on these three works. Each ministry, work, and focus can be divided into these three categories so the church can glorify God.

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# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



**UNSTOPPABLE**

GULF COAST  
AREAWIDE 2023-2024  
SCHEDULE

AUG 13 / AZALEA CITY COC  
SEPT 17 / GULF SHORES COC  
OCT 15 / SCENIC HILLS COC  
NOV 10-12 / FUEL RETREAT  
JAN 7 / SPANISH FORT COC  
FEB 18 / EASTERN SHORE COC  
MAR 10 / UNIVERSITY COC  
APR 21 / MARGARET ST. COC

## UPCOMING BIG EVENTS




**Lucedale, MS**  
**November 10 – 12**

**Huntsville, AL**  
**December 27 – 30**




**2023 - 2024**

**Workshop next Sunday, 22**

3-3:45, Speech  
3:45-4:30, Bible Bowl  
4:30-5:30, Song Leading

\*Puppets & Oral Bible Reading begin in November



**L2L Red Coat Project**

**For Hannah Raley:**

Donations being accepted are cotton fabrics "45x45," thread, and/or funds to purchase needed. The supplies are to create tie lap blankets for assisted – living residents. Anyone willing to help sew, or tie, please let Hannah know!

## Trunk or Treat!

Friday, Oct. 27  
@ 5:30-7:30



Margaret St. Church of Christ  
6752 Margaret St.  
Milton 32570

See sign up sheet in foyer or Tara Henry to participate!



MARGARET ST KINGDOM KIDS ARE GOING TO

**SWEET SEASONS FARM**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH  
2:00 - 5:00

TICKETS = \$14.00  
CHILDREN 2 & UNDER ARE FREE

# PARENTING SEMINAR

DECEMBER 1-3

# JANUARY 12 - 14

MARGARET STREET MARRIAGE RETREAT

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word." - Psalm 119:9-10



# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

## Recent/Urgent Requests

- Winston Burnham\* - surgery/recovery
- Cory Gilreath - hospital, tests (Longmire\*)
- Terry Jennings\*- Olive Branch Rehab
- Joe King\* - surgery, recovery
- Richard McCool\* - prayers, health
- Mary McGriff\*- recovery, sciatic nerve
- Renee Ray\* - prayers, encouragement
- Aaron Rodriguez - final days (Lester\*)
- Claudia Smith family - loss of Claudia
- Brittany Parker\* - prayers, encouragement
- Glenn Price\* - triple bypass surgery, recovery
- Ruth Williams\* - recovery, healing

## Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley\* - passing of Darlene
- Brooklyn Bostwick\* - loss of mom, Kandi
- John Hart Ellis\* - loss of wife
- Hatcher family\* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Linda Loftin\* and family - loss of Jim\*
- Elsa Nunes\* - loss of brother, Guillermo Deir
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy\*

## Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman\*)
- Sherry Davis\* - The Blake (Davis/Napier\*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis\*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia\*- Fort Walton Beach
- Betty Lee - hospice (D. Lee's mom\*)
- Linda Mann\* - Shut In
- Larry McDaniel\*-Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller\*
- Ruth Phillips\*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines\* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas\* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton\*)

## Students in College

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

## Mission Works

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

## Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher\*)
- Patricia Ann\* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford\*)
- Max Bowers- prayers, final stages (S.Temple)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Mike Brown - stroke, recovery (former mem)
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee\*)
- Winston Burnham\*-back surgery soon
- Janice Carter\* - mobility, prayers
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Sherryn Canniff\*- health, pain
- Renee Decker - final stage /kidney (Lester\*)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire\*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee\* mom)
- Myrna Fuller\* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Gary Good\* - tests
- Dixie Gorham - recovery - heart failure
- Scott Graham\* - back pain/travels to OK
- Donald Hamilton-surgery, recover (McGriff)
- Daphne Hamilton - health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues(Alonna's friend)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's\* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes\*)
- Martin family\* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Donald McGriff\* - health, prayers
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth\*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes\*)
- Elsa Nunes\* - fell/recovery, arthritis
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham\*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott\*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia\*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher\*)
- Gloria Vonada\* - health
- Jan Whitney\* - heart procedure, recovery

## Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey\* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

## Expectant Mothers

- April Estain - January 2024
- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - June 2024

## Cancer

- Darrell Bozeman\*
- Misty Bray\* - (Bird\*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott\*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis\*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher\*)
- Jack Davis\*
- Pat Deforest\*
- Sheryl Downy - surgery (Burnham\*)
- Eddie English - (R.English\*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley\*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff\*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff\*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley\*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff\*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell\*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey\*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill\*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton\*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin\* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley\* - waiting on results
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff\*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms\*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English\*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

## 2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Jada Crider\* - Baptized
- Brittany Parker\* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock\* - Baptized
- Matthew & Ashley Gingerich\* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich\* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott\* - Baptized
- Ashley Scott Buckley\* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker\* - Baptized
- Scott Graham\* - Baptized
- Gary and Sherian Good\* - Identified
- Jan Holmes\* - Identified
- Mike and Addie Frahm\* - Identified
- Terry & Judy Jennings\* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings\* - Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway\* - Identified
- Allen & Heather Overton family\* - Identified
- John & Holley Raley family\* - Identified
- Philip and Lanya Lester family\* - Identified

**MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**Love Like Jesus**  
**PENSACOLA AREA BENEFIT DINNER**  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**  
**NEW LOCATION: Margaret Street Church of Christ**  
**6741 Margaret St • Milton, FL 32570**  
**Tickets are FREE but Seating is Limited!**  
**To Attend: Scan the Code, See the Church Bulletin, or visit MDCHome.org**  
**Get Your FREE Ticket!**

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Date: October 22nd**  
**Fellowship Hall @ 7:30 AM**  
**Sign up at information Station**

**5th Sunday Potluck**  
**October 29th after AM Service**  
**What's the Menu?**  
**Soups, Chilis, and Salads!**  
**Don't forget Fall Desserts**

# SERVING WITH HONOR

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

## MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Justin Davis  
 Song Director ..... Mason Chandler  
 Sermon ..... Trevor Smoot  
 ..... "Conditional Grace"  
 Scripture Reading ..... Josh Owens  
 ..... Titus 3:5-7  
 Closing Prayer ..... Phillip Webb

## **Serving Communion (Left - Right):**

Philip Lester ..... Brett Napier  
 Bob Locklin ..... John Pace  
 ..... Luke McReynolds (Balcony)  
 Comments ..... Dane Harrington

## EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Philip Lester  
 Singing ..... Paul Lipford  
 Scripture ..... Luke McReynolds  
 ..... *Mission Report - Trevor Smoot*  
 Comments ..... Dane Harrington

## Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ..... Hatcher family  
 PowerPoint ..... Lori Mense  
 Greeters ..... John Pace  
 Secure Building ..... Rick Bird

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director ..... Brody Crider  
 Opening Prayer ..... Parker Godwin

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 162  
 AM Worship ..... 210  
 PM Worship ..... 116  
 Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 153  
 Contribution ..... \$12,084

## 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.**
- 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.

### BENEVOLENCE



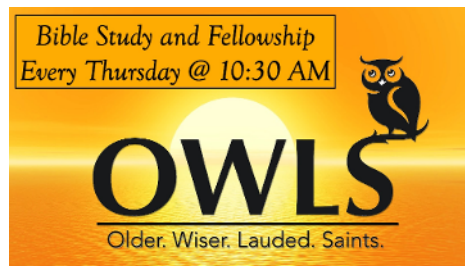
Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST

## FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 11/7 @ 9:30 AM  
 Preparing Boxes:  
 11/8 @ 5:30 PM  
 11/9 @ 9:30 AM  
 Distribution : 11/9 @ 2:30 PM  
**LAST PANTRY OF THE YEAR!**

### 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.

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 Education ..... Chris Davis\*  
 Evangelism ..... Troy Spradlin  
 Finance .....  
 Fellowship ..... Jeff Scott\*  
 Involvement ..... Joe Taylor\*  
 Lads to Leaders ..... David English  
 OWLS ..... Stephen Fulton  
 Missions ..... Mike Scott\*  
 Visitation ..... Bob Locklin  
 ..... Mason Chandler  
 Kingdom Kids ..... Dane Harrington\*  
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 Youth & Family ..... Casey Bearden