



*Bible-based. Christ-centered. Family-focused. Mission-minded.*

# Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - October 29, 2023

## What the Gospel *Cannot* Do

*by Troy Spradlin*

The Apostle Paul stated that the gospel "is the power of God unto salvation." (Romans 1:16) The Bible reveals that through obedience to the gospel, one can be saved from our sins and have hope of eternal life in heaven. The gospel is God's plan which makes it possible for *anyone* to have that precious gift. What a remarkable - yet so very simple - action for receiving such a marvelous reward! However, there are some things the gospel cannot do.

### **The gospel cannot save someone who will not submit to God.**

The gospel has the power to make believers and to save the obedient, but it is entirely conditional. One must choose to obey (Joshua 24:15). God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:4) but He will never force you against your will to do so. Thus, the gospel itself cannot save those who will not submit to the process of believing (John 8:24), repenting of their sins (Luke 13:3) confessing Christ (Romans 10:9) and being baptized into Christ (Mark 16:16). The gospel can only save someone if they willingly obey God's plan of salvation, as it is presented in Scripture (Romans 6:17).



### **The gospel cannot do the work of the church.**

The word *gospel* means, "good news" but that precious news cannot preach itself. Faithful disciples carry the responsibility to spread the good news around the world (Mark 16:15). The message also contains instructions that can strengthen and equip the church, but the gospel itself cannot teach others by itself. The Lord's disciples must do that work of teaching so that others can teach also (Matt 28:20; 2 Tim 2:2). The gospel itself cannot fulfill the call to be benevolent. While the good news can motivate Christians to be compassionate, God's children must still do the work themselves to "do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

### **The gospel cannot serve as a substitute for prayer.**

Our Lord and Savior commissioned us to preach the gospel (Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15) and He also commands us to pray (Matt 6:9; Luke 18:1). He even said pray for workers to send to the harvest (Luke 10:2). Paul encouraged brethren to pray for opportunities to preach the gospel (Colossians 4:2-3). While Christians are to live the gospel, teach the gospel, and defend the gospel, we are still commanded to bring our petitions and thanksgiving before our heavenly Father in prayer (Philippians 4:6-7). All of this implies that the gospel is certainly powerful, but it cannot take away the need to pray. In fact, prayer and the gospel should be intertwined within the heart of a disciple.

### **The gospel cannot take the place of faith.**

It is the gospel that produces faith, which comes by hearing the good news of God's word (Romans 10:17). Faith is, indeed, the proper response to the gospel message. Yet, it does not stop with faith only. James teaches us that believers must "be doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22) and that "faith works together with works" (2:22-24). A faith that pleases God is a faith that produces acts through love (Galatians 5:6). Therefore, just hearing and believing the good news of the gospel is not all that God requires of us. Indeed, "without faith it is impossible to please" God (Hebrews 11:6) and "the just shall live by faith" (Heb 10:38). We are still required to manifest proof of our faith through our behavior. The gospel is good news, but faith in the gospel is shown through our good works.

We should all lift up prayers of thanksgiving to God for the power of the gospel and its ability to change people's lives and their eternal destiny. What an almighty and loving God we serve Who provided that ultimate sacrifice for us (1 Cor 15:1-4) which made it so simple to be restored back to Him. To have hope of eternal life is an incredible blessing! But we must also recognize that there are some things that even the gospel of the Lord Jesus cannot do.

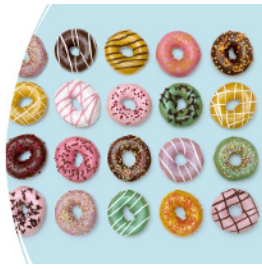
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# MSYG EVENTS & INFO

## YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. November 8  
5 pm in the FH



# FUEL

November 10 - 12

Depart on Friday at 1 pm  
Return on Sunday around 3 pm  
Bring money for 2 meals

# OWLS BANQUET

18 NOVEMBER

2-7 PM | BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE  
AGE 20-31 SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 8

# MSYG Parent Meeting

November 19 | 4:30 pm | Room 303

# SNAC SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

November 19  
Hosted by Jared & Chiara Lee

KEYNOTES: ANDREW ITSON, RALPH GILMORE, CHUCK MONAN

# exposure YOUTH CAMP

# INTO REALITY

DECEMBER 27-30 2023

## OTHER YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

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

# Margaret Street Turkey Trot

November 21st  
9:00 AM

All members are invited  
More details to come

IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON AGAIN!

# Kingdom Kids Christmas Party

December 10th  
3:30 - 5:30 PM

Pajamas welcomed!  
More details to come!

**2023 - 2024**

**Workshop - November 5**

All events will have practice, including Puppets & Oral Bible Reading

Times are TBD

# Family Enrichment Workshop

December 1 - 3  
Friday, 6-8 pm | Saturday, 2-5 pm  
Sunday, 9-11:30 am & 6-7 pm

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:  
JORDAN MOORE

# JANUARY 12 - 14

# MARGARET STREET MARRIAGE RETREAT

## Q&A: Inconsistencies and Contradictions in the Bible?

by : Dave Miller

**Question:** “My son, who we raised to believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, became liberalized some years ago. He claims that there are ‘thousands of inconsistencies and contradictions’ in the Bible. After some discussion, I at last challenged him to give me a list of ‘inconsistencies and contradictions’ that he considered significant, and I would try to give him an answer as to why they are not what he claims. He only respects theologians and scholars who have a Ph.D. in Greek or Hebrew. Please find his allegations below, taken from his email. Thank you for your willingness to help!”

**Answer:** #1: 1 John 5:7-8 is often referred to as the Johannine Comma because it was also obviously added by a later scribe and was not included in our most reliable and oldest manuscripts. The removal of this passage has two implications: (a) on the divinity of Jesus, and (b) on the existence of the trinity (see point #2).

# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

## Recent/Urgent Requests

- Will Anderson-ear drum surgery (Elliot W.\*)
- Sherry Davis\* - surgery soon, prayers
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester\*)
- Terry Jennings\*- home PT/recovery
- John King - surgery (Susan St. CoC)
- Mary McGriff\*- recovery, sciatic nerve
- Dan Mense - heart surgery (Pat's brother)
- Renee Ray\* - prayers, encouragement
- Damiyah Scott - surgery, recovery (J.Carter)
- Roxanne Pierce - surgery, prayers
- Louie Vaughn - knee surgery, recovery

## 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
- Doug Lee & family\* - loss of mom, Betty
- 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
- 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 (JEnglish mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton\*)

## Students in College

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

## Expectant Mothers

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

## Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher\*)
- Patricia Ann\* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee\*)
- Janice Carter\* - mobility, prayers
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Sherryn Canniff\*- health, pain
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire\*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee\* mom)
- Myrna Fuller\* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Gary Good\* - tests
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham\* - back pain
- Jackie Hamilton-test results, pray (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

## Military

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

## Mission Works

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

## Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- 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)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley\* - waiting on results
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff\*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher\*)
- 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



# SERVING WITH HONOR

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

## MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Scott  
 Song Director ..... Troy Spradlin  
 Sermon ..... Casey Bearden  
 ..... "Sacrificial Giving"  
 Scripture Reading ..... Richard McCool  
 ..... 1 Corinthians 16:1-2  
 Closing Prayer ..... Rick Bird

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

Philip Lester ..... Mike Frahm  
 Bob Locklin ..... John Pace  
 ..... Luke McReynolds (Balcony)  
 Comments ..... Chris Davis

## EVENING

Opening Prayer .....  
 Singing .....  
 Scripture .....  
 .....  
 Comments .....

## Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ..... Hatcher family  
 PowerPoint ..... Connie Bartel  
 Greeters ..... John Pace  
 Secure Building ..... Jak Gallagher

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director ..... Brody Crider  
 Opening Prayer ..... Pete Pierce

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 181  
 AM Worship ..... 236  
 PM Worship ..... 133  
 Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 155  
 Contribution ..... \$9,945

## 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



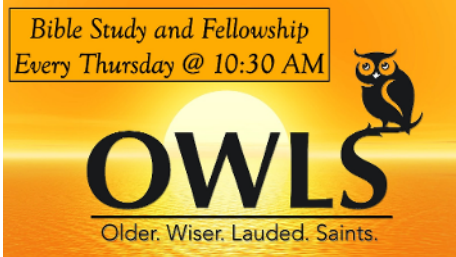
Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST

**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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 ..... Mason Chandler  
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