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**Welcome! We're glad you are here!**  
Sunday - October 8, 2023

## How Is the Church to be Organized?

*by Troy Spradlin*

God has given us a divine leadership model for guiding the church. It is not of man's design, nor is it like any worldly format we might compare it to. Scripture mentions several "types" of members within the church. First Corinthians 12:28, 29 and Ephesians 4:11 mention "apostles, prophets, miracle workers, evangelists, pastors, and teachers." Philippians 1:1 also mentions "deacons." Here are some important points about each of these.

The term **Apostles** refers to the twelve men Jesus called to work alongside Him (Mark 3:14-19). They were the main leaders of the church during its infancy (Acts 2:42). But not just anyone could/can be an apostle. According to Acts 1:21-22, there are very specific requirements to be an apostle, which means it is impossible for anyone today to truthfully call themselves one of Jesus' chosen apostles. Only two other men are mentioned in the Bible as having met those requirements. They were Matthias (Acts 1:26) and Paul (Galatians 1:1). Since all the named apostles have died, we no longer have apostles as leaders within the church.



**Prophets and Miracle Workers.** This refers to those early Christians, both men, and women, who received miraculous, spiritual gifts from the apostles (Acts 8:14-17). They could speak in tongues, heal people, and had other supernatural abilities. This was necessary because the New Testament had yet to be written. These gifts were God's method for spreading and confirming His Word (Mark 16:20). But, once the Scriptures were complete, there was no longer a need for those gifts, so they ceased (1 Corinthians 13:10). In addition, all the apostles, who could impart such gifts, and those who received the gifts have all died, resulting in miraculous abilities having died with them. In addition, none of them were appointed as supreme leaders over the church.

**Evangelists.** This simply refers to a member who is capable of preaching the Gospel. Preachers are not the leader of the church. They are just workers in the kingdom who spread the Gospel to others.

**Teachers.** This refers to those brethren who can understand the Bible well and then communicate it to others in a way that can be understood. Some are capable of teaching before larger groups, while others are better suited for private settings. In either case, they are not designated as overseers of the church.

**Deacons.** These are men who have been placed in charge of a specific task within the church. The Biblical precedent is found in Acts 6:1-7. They also have specific qualifications required in order to assume the position (cf. 1 Timothy 3:8-13). While deacons may be considered a type of leader in the church, their real purpose and role is to serve, to be a servant - that's what the word "deacon" truly means (1 Timothy 3:10).

**Pastors.** The Bible also described these men as "Overseers, Shepherds, Bishops, and Elders." Each is a synonym for the same person serving in that position. They are the only members of the church designated in the Bible as leaders. They are the only ones to whom other members are instructed to submit (Hebrews 13:7, 17). Their leadership has a specific purpose - to guard and watch over the souls of the flock (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17). As a result, they must give an account to the Lord for their assigned duty. Notice also they are always referred to in the plural and never in the singular, which means no one elder is superior to the others. They, too, are subjected to very specific qualifications (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). Being an elder is an enormous responsibility that deserves much respect from the brethren.

Take time to look up each of the Scriptures cited above. Read the context and observe how each "position" functions within the body of Christ, especially in 1 Peter 5:1, 2. The church's organization was put in place by God through His inspired writers. Let us never forget that God's way works!

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# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. October 11  
5 pm in the FH




**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**


## Trunk or Treat!

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



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

Margaret St. Church of Christ  
6745 Margaret St.  
Milton 32570



### 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!



### 2023 - 2024

**Upcoming Workshop Dates**  
October 22  
November 5  
December 3

\*Puppets & Oral Bible Reading begin in November

"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

- Sherryn Canniff\* - health, pain
- Cory Gilreath - hospital, tests (Longmire\*)
- Terry Jennings\* - Olive Branch Rehab
- Joe King\* - surgery, recovery
- Mary McGriff\* - recovery, sciatic nerve
- Aaron Rodriguez - final days (Lester\*)
- Claudia Smith family - loss of Claudia
- 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 - homebound (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 • Savannah Smith
- Stephen English • Nick Webb
- Caitlyn Frizzell • Lily Weathersbee
- Jackson Lash • Reed Wilson
- Caleb Owens • 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)
- Sherry Davis\* - health
- 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)
- Marcia Jones - loss of cousin (Kenya's\* friend)
- Joe King\* - spine issues, PT therapy
- 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

## 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

## Expectant Mothers

- April Estain - January 2024



# SERVING WITH HONOR

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

## MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Mike Scott  
 Song Director ..... Mason Chandler  
 Sermon ..... Casey Bearden  
 ..... "Jesus & Judas"  
 Scripture Reading ..... Brett Napier  
 ..... Romans 8:35-39  
 Closing Prayer ..... Joe Wilson

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

Philip Lester ..... Mike Frahm  
 Bob Locklin ..... John Pace  
 ..... Luke McReynolds (Balcony)  
 Comments ..... Paul Lipford

## EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Parker Godwin  
 Singing ..... Mason Chandler  
 Scripture ..... Jak Gallagher  
 ..... Genesis 18 : 9-21  
 Comments ..... Paul Lipford

## Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ..... Hatcher family  
 PowerPoint ..... Brooks Ann Singley  
 Greeters ..... John Pace  
 Secure Building ..... Casey Bearden

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director ..... Elliot Wilson  
 Opening Prayer ..... Pete Pierce

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 149  
 AM Worship ..... 219  
 PM Worship ..... 116  
 Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 159  
 Contribution ..... \$9,542

## 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



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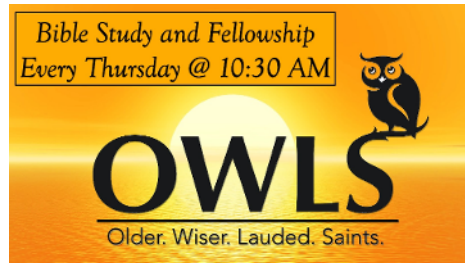
**FOOD PANTRY**

Food Pickup : 10/10 @ 9:30 AM  
 Preparing Boxes:  
 10/11 @ 5:30 PM  
 10/12 @ 9:30 AM  
 Distribution : 10/12 @ 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.

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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\*  
 Worship ..... Blake Hatcher\*  
 Youth & Family ..... Casey Bearden