



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

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - December 10, 2023

How Many Souls Have You Led to Satan?

by Troy Spradlin

As Christians, we have been given the responsibility to, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) It is through this action and the message of the Gospel that souls can be redeemed, just as God redeemed us. The result is, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16) It is what Jesus meant when He said, "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) This "Great Commission," as it is known, is clearly demonstrated in John 1:40-41 in the example of Andrew bringing his brother, Peter, to Jesus. It is also seen in the preaching and response to the first Gospel sermon (Acts 2:40-41), through Phillip's efforts in Samaria (Acts 8:12), and Paul's evangelistic work in Philippi (Acts 16). Bringing people to Jesus through the Gospel is God's prescribed method for rescuing souls from sin.

Have you considered if you are fulfilling the Great Commission? Remember, it is not a suggestion, it is a command. Every Christian has a personal duty to sow and plant the seed - the Word of God (cf. Matthew 13). By spreading the Good News, we are presenting an opportunity for people to access the free gift of God. It is still their choice to accept Jesus or not, but whatever the outcome, we have been charged with showing them the way. So, how many people have you brought to the foot of the cross? How many souls have you led to Jesus?



Sadly, many Christians fail to meet the divine obligation of the Great Commission due to a host of disingenuous reasons. For example, some believe evangelizing is only the preacher's job. Others feel as if they are incapable of teaching someone else. Many claim they don't have the opportunity to evangelize or will use the excuse of "No one wants to listen to me talk about Jesus." There are innumerable pretenses given, but they all fall short because if someone could learn how to become a Christian for themselves, they certainly can teach another or lead them to a teacher who can help. The truth is that everyone is capable of evangelizing lost souls.

A similar commission was given to the prophet Ezekiel, he was made a "watchman" over the people. If he warned the people and they didn't listen, God would not hold him responsible and said, "you have delivered your soul." But then God told him, "if you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand." (Ezekiel 33:7-9) The same principle applies to us today. God hasn't changed.

What's more severe and might be considered the opposite of the Great Commission is what Paul teaches in Romans 14:13, "let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall." So, instead of preaching the Gospel and leading a lost soul to Jesus, this passage describes one who causes a Christian to fall away from the faith, putting their soul in danger of eternal condemnation! Simply because of some foolish word or hurtful action committed by one individual, the result was another stumbled, left the church, and is now lost again! Rather than a soul being led to Jesus, they were led to Satan! How tragic! Yet, this scenario seems more common than evangelism. It appears as if it is easier to drive someone out of the church than to bring them in.

With all that being said and understood, how often do you think about the impact you have on the souls of others? In the end, "**How many souls have you led to Jesus? vs. How many souls have you led to Satan?**" This is ultimately what our words and actions can do! The example of our lives to others, the things we say, and how we make people feel can enormously impact a soul's eternal destiny. The Great Commission makes you and me God's "watchman." We will all have to give an account to God for the charge of warning lost souls. Did we fulfill our task or allow souls to be attacked and perish? Did we offer rescue through the Good News or cause them to stumble? When you stand before God's throne on that Day of Judgment, what will your "record" be?



MSYG EVENTS & INFO



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

YG Holiday Party

December 16th
5 - 7 pm

Bring \$15 Gift
for Game

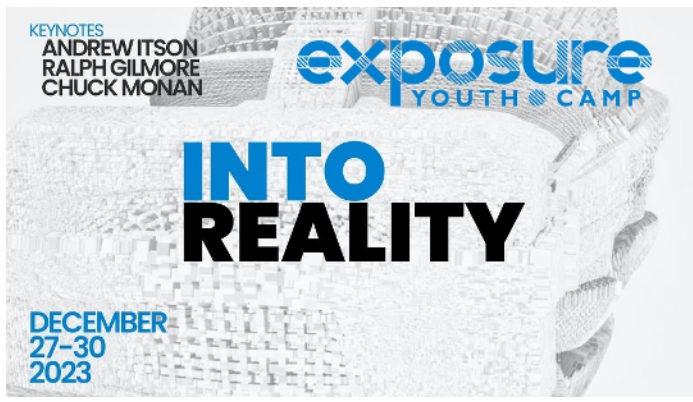


KEYNOTES
ANDREW ITSON
RALPH GILMORE
CHUCK MONAN

exposure
YOUTH CAMP

INTO REALITY

DECEMBER
27-30
2023



YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. January 17th
5 pm in the FH



IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON AGAIN!

Kingdom Kids Christmas Party

December 10th
3:30 - 5:30 PM
Pajamas welcomed!
More details to come!



Kingdom Kids

Train Ride at Sowell Farms
December 20th | Leaving Building at 7:30 pm

All Families are welcome!
We will be meeting at Sowell Farms to ride the train together. Please note the bus is not going.
Please note it is \$20/car for entry plus \$2 per person to ride the train




2023 - 2024

Upcoming Workshops & Info

January 21: Workshop, Speech Dress Rehearsal, Registration fees due, & Pre-convention event deadline



MARGARET STREET

Marriage Retreat 2024

JANUARY 12-14 | EMBASSY SUITES | DESTIN, FL
GUEST SPEAKERS: STEVE & DEIDRA CUMMINGS, CULLMAN, AL
SIGN UP & PAY \$65 DEPOSIT BY DECEMBER 10TH



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Church Calendar on teamup.com

Digital access to our Calendars on your computer or personal device.
(Same calendar with different formats available)



Scan this QR Code for a simple list of
Upcoming Events on our website

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Pat Ann* - No more cancer! Praise God!
- Cassie Buchanan* - 2nd surgery, recovery
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- Caitlin Crider - back brace, upcoming surgery
- Sherry Davis* - compression fracture, PT
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester*)
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae
- Dan Mense - heart surgery (Pat's brother)
- Ashley Ray* - ACL surgery, recovery
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W.*)
- Damiyah Scott - surgery, recovery (J.Carter)
- Lee Smith - fractured vertebrae, kidney infec.
- Caden Thompson - premature baby (J.Carter)

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Brooklyn Bostwick* - loss of mom, Kandi
- Sarah Davis & family* - loss of Gigi, Norma
- John Hart Ellis* - loss of wife
- Gary Good* - loss of sister
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Doug Lee & family* - loss of mom, Betty
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- 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 (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Students in College

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

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- 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)
- 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
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues (Alonna's friend)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Terry Jennings* - home PT/recovery
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - recovery, sciatic nerve
- Theresa McHargue-ill, prayers (Gallagher*)
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Donnie Turner - (Helms*)

Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- 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

Expectant Mothers

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

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*)
- 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
- Emily Winfree* - 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



Congregational Planning Meeting
Dec. 17th @ 5 PM
ROOM 303

All are welcomed!



20 SOMETHINGS
Blue Christmas

DECEMBER 18TH
 AT 6:15 PM
 BRING \$20 DIRTY SANTA GIFT

5081 AVOCET LANE
 PENSACOLA, 32514

Wear something blue



Scripture Sisters
 Reading the Bible together for Ladies

Wednesdays @ 5:45
Every Week in the Library

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

MORNING

Opening Prayer Dane Harrington
 Song Director Mason Chandler
 Sermon Casey Bearden
 "Breakfast at Jesus"
 Scripture Reading Josh Jennings
 Nehemiah 9:15-17
 Closing Prayer Rick Bird

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Gabriel Lee Judsen Jennings
 Cooper Jennings Brody Crider
 Luke McReynolds (Balcony)
 Comments Philip Lester

EVENING

Opening Prayer Mike Scott
 Singing Elliot Wilson
 Scripture Jak Gallagher
 Revelation 11:15-18
 Comments Philip Lester

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep John Pace
 PowerPoint Matt McReynolds
 Greeters Troy and Andrea Spradlin
 Secure Building Casey Bearden

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director .. Luke M / Brody Crider
 Opening Prayer Joe Wilson

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 153
 AM Worship 199
 PM Worship 126
 Wed. Night Bible Class 160
 Weekly Contribution \$8,959
 Weekly Budget \$11,280
 2023 Average Contribution \$9,610

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.



LIBRARY NEWS

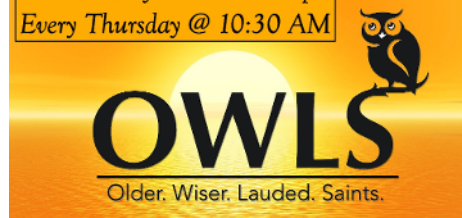
Spotlight:
Parenting and Grandparenting resources available for checkout



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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