



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

Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - December 3, 2023

## Prioritizing Your Priorities

by Troy Spradlin

I get it; we all have certain things in our lives that we place above everything else. There is only so much time and so much we can do, so we must prioritize certain things. Work, family, health, finances, relationships, and education usually fill the top spots because they demand the most from us. Each of those aspects can also change levels of importance, depending on what circumstances are involved at the time. But, sometimes, we need to stop, regroup, and prioritize our priorities because we can get them completely discombobulated. This is especially true when it comes to prioritizing our spiritual health. **Be honest. How often do you wind up placing spiritual things at a lower priority than worldly things?** I think it's fair to say we've all been guilty of doing it at some point.

Here is a hard truth: your spiritual health should be placed above everything else in life. At. All. Times. It should never be compromised or relegated to less importance. This is because, in reality, without strong spiritual health, everything else in your life will suffer. That's right. Everything in life is impacted by it.

- Your marriage, friendships, and personal relationships will never be as good and healthy as they are when God is at the center of your life.
- How difficult is it to cope with the strains of work, finances, or educational endeavors without God? Worldly-centered people often turn to drugs and alcohol or other destructive behaviors when they can't manage life's burdens. God-centered people have a greater source of strength.
- Even your physical health will suffer without strong spiritual health. Imagine going through a debilitating disease without prayer and comfort that the Lord and His church provide. Physical health is not just physical. Studies have proven one's mental and spiritual health has an enormous impact on healing (Prov 17:22).



No premium can be placed on the benefits of having a strong spiritual life. Jesus taught, *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"* (Matthew 6:33). This was said in the context of spiritual blessings God provides in caring for His obedient children. The Apostle Paul also wrote that God *"has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"* (Ephesians 1:3). This means being a Christian will give one access to those many blessings. What are some of those blessings? They are things like: *"redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins"* (Col 1:14); being *"set free from sin"* (Rom 6:17-18); *"the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding"* (Phil 4:7); having *"God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation"* (2 Cor 1:3-4); direct access to God (Hebrews 4:16); and so much more! Don't let these be taken for granted. Put God first. Receive blessings!

With this in mind, here are a few suggestions to help you in prioritizing your priorities so that God comes first:

1. Start your day in prayer and Scripture. Spiritual strength can only be gained by starting with the right source (Psalm 119:11; Acts 20:32; 2 Tim 2:15, 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Jude 1:20)
2. Attend worship, regularly. God wants worship to Him to be top priority! (John 4:23-24; Heb 10:25; Rev 4-5)
3. Attend church fellowship functions, Bible studies, and special events. (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
4. Look for ways to help and serve others. (Matthew 25:34-40; Galatians 6:10)
5. Make a list of gratitude - count your blessings! (Psalm 36:5-10, 103:2; Ephesians 1:3)
6. Seek out sound, spiritual resources like books, blogs, podcasts, bulletin articles, and tracts. (Philippians 4:8)
7. End each day with prayer and Scripture. (James 4:14-15)

Let these verses and points serve as a warning when you are tempted to put something else before God. Don't let worldly affairs distract you or entice you away from your true priority as a Christian, *"Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man"* (Ecc 12:13). Remember, your soul is your most important possession!

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# 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 BIRTHDAY NIGHT



Wed. December 6  
5 pm in the FH

## YG Holiday Party

December 16<sup>th</sup>  
5 - 7 pm

Bring \$15 Gift  
for Game

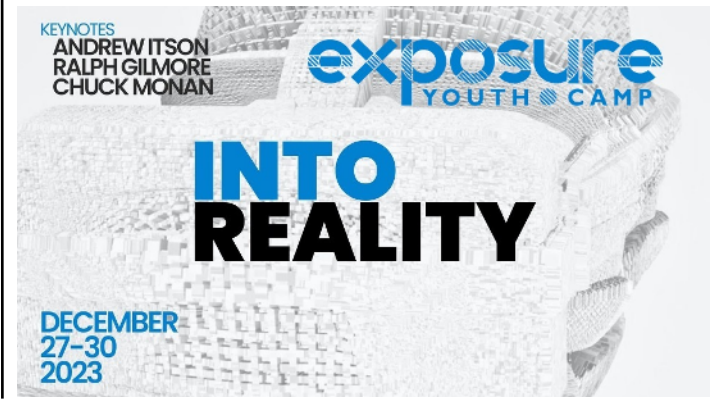


KEYNOTES  
ANDREW ITSON  
RALPH GILMORE  
CHUCK MONAN

**exposure**  
YOUTH CAMP

# INTO REALITY

DECEMBER  
27-30  
2023



**2023 - 2024**



**Upcoming Workshops & Info**

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

**2023 - 2024**



**Workshop TODAY**

- 1:30-2:30, Puppets
- 2:30-3:30, Song Leading / Songs of Praise
- 3:30-4:15, Speech
- 4:15-5:00, Bible Bowl
- 5:00-5:30, Oral Bible Reading

IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON AGAIN!

## Kingdom Kids Christmas Party

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



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




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

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**Church Calendar** on [teamup.com](http://teamup.com)



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**Upcoming Events** on our website

# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

## Recent/Urgent Requests

- Pat Ann\* - No more cancer! Praise God!
- Connie Bartell\* - prayers, encouragement
- Cassie Buchanan\* - 2nd surgery, recovery
- Caitlin Crider - back brace, upcoming surgery
- Sherry Davis\* - compression fracture, PT
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester\*)
- Terry Jennings\* - home PT/recovery
- 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)
- Troy Spradlin\* - prayers, encouragement
- Caden Thompson - premature baby (J.Carter)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery

## 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)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes\*)
- Martin family\* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Donald McGriff\* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff\* - recovery, sciatic nerve
- 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

- 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

## 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
- 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, DECEMBER 3**

## MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Josh Owens  
 Song Director ..... Casey Bearden  
 Sermon ..... Jordan Moore  
 ..... "The Greatest Father of All Time"  
 Scripture Reading ..... Parker Godwin  
 ..... Psalm 103  
 Closing Prayer ..... Joe Wilson

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

Gabriel Lee ..... Judsen Jennings  
 Cooper Jennings ..... Brody Crider  
 ..... Luke McReynolds (Balcony)  
 Comments ..... Richard McCool

## EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Jake Newcomb  
 Singing ..... Blake Hatcher  
 Scripture ..... Eddie Longmire  
 ..... Titus 2:3-5  
 Comments ..... Richard McCool

## Worship Service and Preparation:

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

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director ..... Holden Raley  
 Opening Prayer ..... Judsen Jennings

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 143  
 AM Worship ..... 184  
 PM Worship ..... 115  
 Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 149  
 Weekly Contribution ..... \$9,796  
 Weekly Budget ..... \$11,280  
 2023 Average Contribution ..... \$9,624

## 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



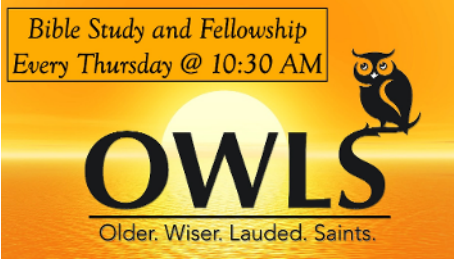
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## FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 1/9/24 @ 9:30 AM  
 Preparing Boxes:  
 1/10/24 @ 5:30 PM  
 1/11/24 @ 9:30 AM  
 Distribution : 1/11/24 @ 2:30 PM  
**NO PANTRY IN DECEMBER**

### 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

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 ..... Mason Chandler  
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 Worship ..... Blake Hatcher\*  
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