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**Welcome! We're glad you are here!**  
Sunday - February 25, 2024

## No One Wants to Be Wrong!

by Troy Spradlin

Most of us have strong core beliefs. Those beliefs are what shape our worldview, which originated from the cultural and family environment in which we were raised, life experiences, deductions we reached about various topics, and matters we've come to accept as "truth." All of this is the basis for how we operate in life and how we might feel about ourselves and others. In much the same way that computers and phones require an operating system to function, your worldview could be considered your "operating system."

Yet, there are times when our worldview - our fundamental understanding of how things are and should be - can be challenged. When it happens, it can trigger a complex cascade of cognitive, emotional, and sometimes behavioral responses. Or to put it in more simple terms, **no one wants to be wrong!** The aversion to being wrong is rooted in our worldview. Here are few key reasons why people often go to great lengths to avoid being wrong:

- 1. Ego and Self-Identity:** Being right is closely tied to one's sense of ego and self-esteem. To admit being wrong can feel like an attack on one's identity and self-worth, because they equate being wrong with failure or inadequacy, rather than seeing it as a natural part of learning and growing. Yet, the Bible says, *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."* (Philippians 2:3)
- 2. Cognitive Dissonance:** This is a psychological response where individuals experience discomfort when they must rationalize between two or more contradictory beliefs, ideas, or values at the same time. Admitting they are wrong would require them to confront the discomfort and stress, which most people naturally seek to avoid. But the Bible teaches, *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."* (Romans 12:2) God ways conflict with worldly ways. His way is true!
- 3. Social Judgment and Acceptance:** Humans are inherently social beings, and their status in social groups can feel threatened if they are perceived as wrong or incompetent. The fear of losing respect, status, or social acceptance can be a powerful motivator to avoid admitting mistakes or errors. This is why many refused to confess or follow Christ (cf. Matt 10:32-33, 23:5-7; John 9:22, 12:42; Acts 17:32).
- 4. Confirmation Bias:** People tend to favor information that confirms their existing beliefs or hypotheses. Such cognitive bias can make it difficult for individuals to accept that they are wrong, so they might unconsciously dismiss or undervalue evidence that contradicts their views. This was the Pharisees' problem, but Jesus said to them, *"You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God."* (Matt 22:29)
- 5. Fear of Consequences:** Being wrong can sometimes have real-world consequences, ranging from minor embarrassments to significant impacts on one's career, relationships, or financial status. The potential negative outcomes of being wrong can create a strong incentive to avoid it. Yet, Jesus said, *"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."* (Matt 10:37). Consider also what John says in 1 John 2:15-16.



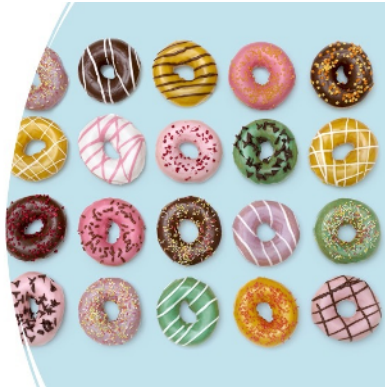
No one enjoys being wrong! But **do you realize that obeying the Gospel naturally implies admitting that you were wrong?** It is what repentance entails! It is accepting that you had been wrong about how you viewed your life and if you want to be right with God, you must submit to His commands. The Bible is full of people who had their core beliefs rocked to the foundation. Consider the challenges to the worldviews of those mentioned in Acts 2:37, 3:19, 8:22, and 26:20. God certainly challenges our natural human worldview. Not everyone can accept that. But the real question is the same one posed to those in the Bible, "How will YOU respond to God's will?"



# MSYG EVENTS & INFO

## YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. March 6<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 pm in the FH



## YOUTH FUN DAY

March 16 @ Cannon's



Gulf Coast Bible Camp  
120 Bible Camp Road  
Lucedale, MS 39452

### Camp Sessions & Dates:

**Baldwin County Week:**  
May 26 - 31 (1st-12th grade)

**Gulf Coast Week:**  
June 2 - 7 (1st-12th grade)

**Middle & High School Week:**  
June 9 - 14 (6th-12th grade)

**Junior Week:**  
June 23 - 26 (1st-5th grade)

**Hattiesburg Week:**  
July 7 - 12 (1st-12th grade)

register at [gulfcoastbiblecamp.com](http://gulfcoastbiblecamp.com)



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

## 2023 - 2024



### Upcoming Events & Info

**February 25:**

*Away Speeches @ Jay &  
Leonard Street*

**March 3:**

*Workshop; Away Speeches @  
Century & Brewton*

## 2023 - 2024



### Margaret Street Presentations

**Girls:**

*Wednesdays, March 13 & 20  
(during Bible Class Hour)*

**Boys:**

*Sundays, March 17 & 24  
(during PM service)*

## L2L Easter Bags

Easter bags will be given to L2L participants at convention. If you would like to donate money or candy please see Renee Ray, April Estain, or Ashley Ray!

## Kingdom Kids Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 17, 2024 | 11:45 AM  
MARGARET STREET LAWN

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED  
PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE KK FB PAGE EVENT IF  
YOU WILL BE ATTENDING

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

*O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself;  
It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.  
Jeremiah 10:23*



*Digital access to our Calendars on your  
computer or personal device.*

*Scan this QR Code for the  
Church Calendar on teamup.com*



# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

## Recent/Urgent Requests

- Becky Bernardi - prayers (AGingerich's mom)
- Cassie Buchanan\* - 2nd surgery, recovery
- David West family - passing of mother, Ann
- Richard Curtis - SHH, kidneys (Fisher\*)
- Wilfred Derrick - kidney failure (Renee Ray\*)
- Talor Freeman\* - prayers, encouragement
- Donald McGriff\* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff\* - upcoming test, prayers
- Sharon Parker\* - seizures, upcoming surgery
- Sharee Parker - tests, prayers (Jeanna sister)
- Lee Smith - fractured vertebrae, kidney infec.
- Edwina Sumrall-broken shoulder, pneumonia
- Caden Thompson - premature baby (J.Carter)
- Willie Waitman Jr. - leg amputation(Pace)

## Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley\* - passing of Darlene
- Bostwick\* family - loss of mom, Kandi
- Gary Good\* - loss of sister
- Debbie Hill\* and family - loss of Mary Salinas
- Hatcher family\* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Judy Jennings and family\* - loss of Terry
- Paul Lipford and family - loss of mother
- 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

- Ron Bartanen\* - Victorian Manor
- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman\*)
- Sherryn Canniff\* - homebound
- Sherry Davis\*-Memory Care (Davis/Napier\*)
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester\*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis\*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia\*- Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann\* - Shut In
- Peggy Masoner - Santa Rose Health Care
- Larry McDaniel\*-Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller\*
- Ruth Phillips\*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines\* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton\*)

## Expectant Mothers

- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - May 2024
- Lauren Godwin - August 2024

## Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher\*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Rachel Bugsby -heart surgery, recovery
- 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
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham\* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Donald Hamilton - tests, health (McGriff\*)
- Chris Hollins - health, test (McGriff\*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's\* friend)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Josie Locklin\* - fractured vertebrae , health
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes\*)
- Martin family\* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Theresa McHargue-ill, prayers (Gallagher\*)
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth\*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes\*)
- Patsy Prince - health struggles (Burnham\*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott\*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia\*)
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W.\*)
- 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

## Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Misty Bray\* - (Bird\*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott\*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis\*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher\*)
- Lynn Colada - (Ted's sister)
- Jack Davis\*
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham\*)
- Eddie English - (R.English\*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley\*)
- Ricky Jennings - (McGriff\*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff\*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley\*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff\*)
- Greg Lewis\* - lung cancer
- 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\* - lymphedema, bone
- 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)

## Students in College

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

## Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock\* - Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill\* - Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith\* - Baptized 1/31/24
- Brad & Amy Turner\* - Baptized 2/18/24
- Dawson Hitchcock\* - Restored 12/31/23
- Joe and Gloria Martin\*- Identified 2/4



# SERVING WITH HONOR

## SUNDAY, FEB. 25

### MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Matt McReynolds  
Song Director ..... Mason Chandler  
Sermon ..... Lance Mosher  
..... "Evangelism + Travel = Missions"  
Scripture Reading ..... Gabriel Lee  
..... Matthew 28:18-20  
Closing Prayer ..... Doug Lee

### Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Brett Napier ..... Justin Davis  
Pat Mense ..... Darrell Bozeman  
..... Michael English (Balcony)  
Comments ..... Dane Harrington

### EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Richard McCool  
Singing ..... Blake Hatcher  
Scripture ..... Judsen Jennings  
..... 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Comments ..... Dane Harrington

### Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ..... Lanya Lester  
PowerPoint ..... BrooksAnn Singley  
Greeters ..... Eddie Longmire  
Secure Building ..... Mike Scott

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director ..... Brody Crider  
Opening Prayer ..... Holden Raley

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 194  
AM Worship ..... 235  
PM Worship ..... 101  
Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 160  
Contribution ..... \$9,771  
Weekly Budget ..... \$11,558  
2024 Average Contribution ..... \$17,942

### 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.



### FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 3/12/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
  - 3/13/24 @ 5:30 PM
  - 3/14/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 3/14/24 @ 2:30 PM

### EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



### OWLS BIBLE STUDY

#### ANGELS AND DEMONS

Every Thursdays @ 10:30 AM  
Starting February 1st

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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for Online Giving

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Education ..... Chris Davis\*  
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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