



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

Welcome! We're glad you are here!
Sunday - March 10, 2024

The Fisherman's Club

by Troy Spradlin

In a beautiful region surrounded by lakes and streams full of fish, a few local fishermen began meeting to talk about fishing and share stories. They thoroughly enjoyed discussing the finer points of angling. One day, they decided to form a "Fisherman's Club." It would define what fishing means, determine what makes one a fisherman, and defend fishing as an occupation. Research began for new and improved methods of fishing. The club eventually developed a mission plea that declared "Everyone should be a fisherman and every fisherman should fish." As the association grew and expanded to other areas, they started holding large meetings and conferences called "Fishermen Campaigns" where they discussed and promoted fishing practices, new equipment, and newly developed baits.

But the one thing that no one did anymore, was go fishing.

The club grew so much that the fishermen decided to build a large, beautiful "Fishing Headquarters." Over time, it became the main training center to teach fishermen how to fish. Courses were offered on the nature of fish, where to find fish, the psychological reactions of fish, the needs of fish, and how to approach and feed fish. Those who taught had masters degrees and doctorates in fishology. Of course, the teachers did not fish, they only taught about fishing.

As a result, many who felt the call to become fishermen responded. They went on to graduate and were given fishing licenses. They were given salaries and were all sent out to do full-time fishing, some locally and some to distant waters. In some of the places they went, they built power plants to pump water for fish and used special methods to make new waterways for fish. Some of them constantly traveled around the world looking for potential fish hatcheries. Others decided they wanted to be part of the fishing association, but felt they had been called to furnish fishing equipment and baits, instead. Others believed their job was to relate to the fish in a way that would exemplify the difference between a good and bad fishermen. Still, others figured that simply letting the fish know they were nice, kind, land-loving neighbors was enough to persuade them.

The one thing everyone still neglected to do, sadly, was go fishing.

Finally one day, after a prominent member of the club gave a rather stirring lecture about "The Necessity for Fishing," one young man decided he would go fishing. The next day, he returned to report that he had caught two outstanding fish! In fact, he was amazed at how easy it really was and that the fish were so abundant! The Fisherman's Club leaders were greatly impressed and immediately honored the young man for his remarkable catch. Soon, he was scheduled to visit all the major clubhouses of the association and tell everyone how he did it. He was placed at the top of the lecturer's circuit as a one having considerable experience. His memoirs of that day of fishing were eventually published and became a best seller. Almost overnight it seemed, he began to travel and lecture so much and was so popular that he had to give up fishing in order to focus on this new career direction.

Now, it is true that some of the other fishermen in the club had sacrificed and put up with all kinds of difficulties. A few even lived near the water and bore the smell of dead fish every day. Still, others had been ridiculed by those who made fun of their clubs and pointed out that, while they may claim to be fishermen, they never went fishing! Imagine how hurt some club members must have been when it was suggested that those who don't catch fish are not really fishermen. After all, didn't the Master say, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"? (Mark 1:17)

Can a person truly be called a fisherman if, year after year, they never go fishing? Likewise, can one be a true disciple of Jesus if they "belong to the club" but never actually go fishing? Let's get busy fishing!



MSYG EVENTS & INFO

YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. March 27th
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



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

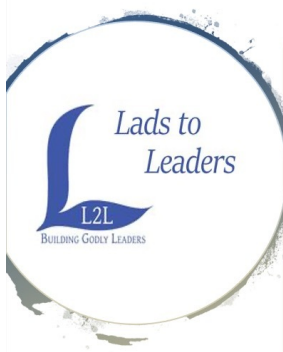
JAN 7 / SPANISH FORT COC

FEB 18 / EASTERN SHORE COC

MAR 10 / UNIVERSITY COC

APR 21 / MARGARET ST. COC

2023 - 2024



Upcoming Events & Info

March 17:

All hotel money due
Puppet Presentations after PM service

March 24:

Final Workshop
Puppet Presentations after PM service

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:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24



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

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Cassie Buchanant* - 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* - serious health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - upcoming test, prayers
- Sharon Parker* - seizures, upcoming surgery
- Sharee Patrick - tests, prayers (Jeanna sister)
- Lee Smith - fractured vertebrae, kidney infec.
- Edwina Sumrall-broken tailbone, prayers
- 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
- 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)
- Jackie Hamilton-severe health issue(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*)
- Victoria Martinez - thyroid, prayers
- 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*)
- 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 Jenning - (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
- Savannah Smith
- Seth Crider
- LizAnn Webb
- Stephen English
- Nick Webb
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Lily Weathersbee
- Jackson Lash
- Reed Wilson
- Caleb Owens
- 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
- Logan Ray* - Baptized 2/25/24
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Restored 12/31/23
- Joe and Gloria Martin*- Identified 2/4



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

MORNING

Opening Prayer Jeff Scott
Song Director Mason Chandler
Sermon Troy Spradlin
..... "Be a True Do-Goodeer"
Scripture Reading Richard McCool
..... Galatians 6:1-10
Closing Prayer Doug Lee

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Josh Owens Nick Bartell
Jake Newcomb Parker Godwin
..... Paul Lipford (Balcony)
Comments David English

EVENING

Opening Prayer Matt McReynolds
Singing Rick Bird
Scripture Pat Mense
..... Revelation 15:1-4
Comments David English

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Jan Holmes
PowerPoint Brooks Ann Singley
Greeters John Pace
Secure Building Jak Gallagher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director L2L Girl Presentation
Opening Prayer .. L2L Girl Presentation

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 179
AM Worship 207
PM Worship 67
Wed. Night Bible Class 140
Contribution \$10,950
Weekly Budget \$11,558
2024 Average Contribution \$17,930

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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