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Encouragement- The Apostolic Way

In the historical account of the apostle's ministry recorded in the book of Acts an interesting pattern is seen. It was customary for the apostles, especially Paul, to visit churches they established and encourage them in the faith. For instance, in Acts 14:22 we read that Paul revisited churches he established in Lystra and Iconium and "strengthened the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith." Encouragement played a more prominent role in apostolic ministry than we may realize in our day. In this article I want to explore why encouragement is so necessary, and the type of encouragement offered by the apostles.

Why is encouragement so necessary? Jesus warned his disciples of the extreme difficulties they would face in the world. He said, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (John 15:18-19) We live in a hostile environment. Our love for Christ will, inevitably, bring with it the hatred of the world. As America becomes increasingly secularized this hatred will be felt more keenly. Just think of how unfashionable (and politically incorrect) it is to say that there is only one true God and that salvation is only through Jesus Christ, not to mention the response you might get when you argue for a biblical ethic on issues such as homosexuality and abortion.

Living the Christian life will continue to be uncomfortable and embarrassing. The more you strive to be like Christ the more you will be hated like Christ!

In addition to the pressure Christians face from the world there is also the pressure from within. Our faith is often weak. We are prone to doubt. We continue to sin. The devil is constantly attacking us and deceiving us. The effect this has on the Christian community is very damaging. Paul knew this well. Persecution from within and without often leads to the abandoning of the faith. Deny Christ and the difficulties end.

Encouragement is necessary because the Christian life is so hard. Paul warns the new converts in Lystra and Iconium that "through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22) The Christian community is like an Olympic athlete and Paul is like the coach. Olympic training is hard. Listen to the words of Jim Ochowicz, an Olympian and a coach: "People don't know the process which [athletes] undertake in their individual sports to reach the Olympic level. You get there by sticking it out. There [are] a lot of people that try and give up." ("How to train like an Olympian" by Allison Van Dusen, www.forbes.com) Sounds a lot like Christians. Many people don't know the process which God uses to lead us into His kingdom. A lot of people try Christ and give up. Just go read what Jesus says in the parable of the sower in Matthew 13.

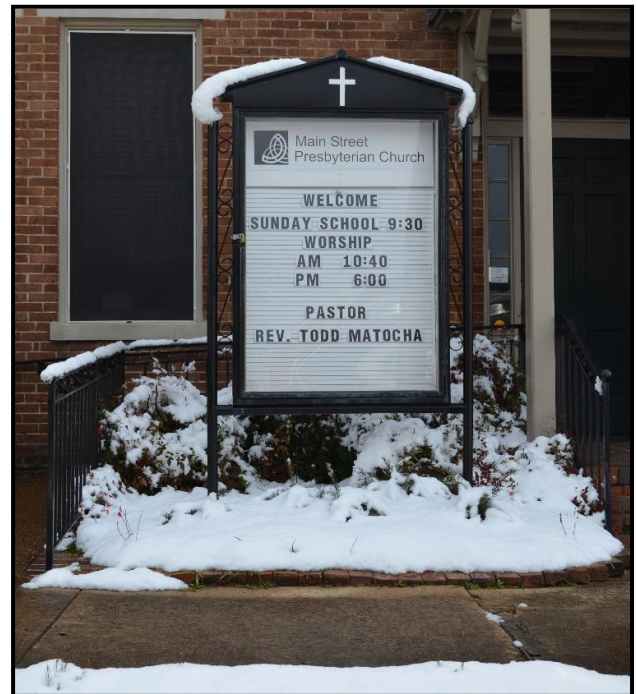
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Olympic athletes dedicate years of their lives to training. It is difficult; it demands blood, sweat, and tears. There are times when they want to give up. What motivates them to continue? They persevere because they want a shot at an Olympic medal. Our reward is far greater. Yet, in order to persevere through this life we need continual encouragement because we will want to give up.

What type of encouragement does Paul offer? Judging by some of his letters he encourages them by reminding them of their new identity in Christ and the benefits that come from that union. In Christ they are “holy and blameless and above reproach” in the sight of God. (Colossians 1:22) In Christ they are dead to sin and alive to God. (Romans 6:1-4) In Christ they have an immeasurably great power working in them. (Ephesians 1:19) In Christ they possess “every spiritual blessing.” (Ephesians 1:3) In Christ we will rise from the dead and spend eternity with the Lord of glory in a new heaven and earth. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18) Ultimately Paul encourages believers by showing them that whatever hardship they may face for Christ is well worth it. He writes, “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.” (2 Corinthians 4:16-17)

Pray that we at Main Street Presbyterian Church may learn to encourage one another in the faith. The most damaging thing to a Christian community is a judgmental and critical spirit. We already know that we are weak and frail in ourselves. We need to know that we are a new creation in Christ. Pray that the ministry will be characterized by encouragement - it’s the apostolic way.

Pastor Matocha





HAPPY HEARTS

Valentine's Day was special at Main Street Pres., especially for Happy Hearts! The fellowship hall was decorated with hearts, hyacinths, violets, and everything red or pink! My daughter, Julie, and Kitty Brewer decorated as if they were still at the Beehive. It was festive, fun, and fabulous. As a matter of fact, that is how the whole day



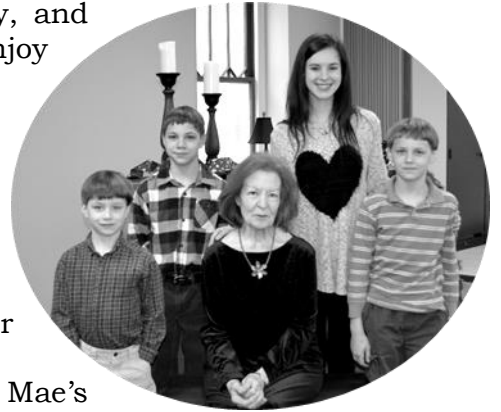
went. We had 51 people present and everyone was happy to be there! We missed a few of our regulars who couldn't make it. Hopefully, they will be able to return in March. It isn't quite the same when everyone isn't present.

To begin our program, I read the Love Chapter, I Corinthians 13. A very familiar portion of scripture, it is appropriate for a day devoted to love! Love is kind, does not envy, is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, and never fails. Faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love. This kind of love is not blind, it is Christ centered and the result of the Holy Spirit working in our hearts. It isn't the love reserved for our spouse or our children, or even our best friends, this love should be directed to all our fellowmen. Brad Talley prayed for our group and that the day would be a day of sharing Christ's love with each other.

Tim Chapman began our entertainment by playing "America the Beautiful" which he dedicated to his precious Valentine. Following their father's lead, the three older sons played their recital and festival pieces for the group.

What a sweet valentine for Christa! The boys are students of Ms. Edna Mae McCoy and played the piano exceptionally well. They have played for me after Catechism Class numerous times, and I realized they were a Happy Hearts program in the making.

Nate, Sammy, and Zack enjoy performing and they were happy to play their pieces for us. We loved their bows after performing,



Ms. Edna Mae's professional teaching! Reed Hairston, who has taken piano lessons from Ms. Edna Mae for ten years also entertained us. She is very accomplished and we were very impressed. I noticed the Chapman boys watching her and absorbing every note, they looked as if they wondered if they would ever play the piano like Reed. I am confident they will. Reed also bowed after performing, of course she did! They all seemed to be delighted to do this for us and we were delighted to have them. Their piano teacher was possibly the most delighted with her students.



As if that were not a great program in and of itself, there was more to come! A clown, Miss Happy Heart, bounced into the room bringing Valentine happies for everyone. She had valentines on her blouse, bloomers, and face! One eye was framed with a great big heart and there was a heart on her opposite cheek. She wore a bright wig that Todd suggested looked like Cheetos glued to her head! Do you get the picture? She was really adorable. She never spoke a word, only smiles and loving gestures as she distributed soft stuffed animals and assorted boxes of Valentine candy to every person in the room.

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These gifts were provided by Libby Springer who wanted to share some love with our church family who has shown so much love to her in the recent months.....and the greatest of these is love! I know you are wondering the true identity of Miss Happy Heart. So many people do so much to help



me with Happy Hearts and I love each one of them for that expression of love, but only one person would be a clown for me -- can you guess? -- Shirley Swoop! Shirley's heart is so big, she does many things for many people, but she

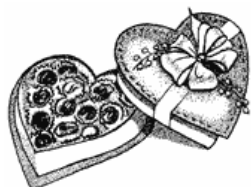
will do anything I ask....obviously! She was a perfect clown and we all enjoyed her antics.

There is more to come! Every good party must have favors for everyone. Ours did! Diann Carter volunteered to make heart shaped pralines for each of us. They were individually wrapped and placed at each person's plate....so delicious!! Thank you, Diann. Our church has been so blessed with great secretaries, the last three from Fairview Baptist Church. We appreciate all those extra miles they have trod.

The menu for the day included spaghetti, tossed salad provided by Nell Fleming and Frances Laws, French bread, white hot chocolate and heart shaped cupcakes for dessert. As I said earlier so many people help to make it all happen. Diann and Mike Carter, Robin and Tom Tait, Nancy Franks, Pat Wallace, and Nell Fleming washed dishes and cleaned up the kitchen. A special thanks goes to each of them from all of us! Enough has been said, it was a Day of Love and lots of love was shared in many different ways.

Love in Christ,

Bess



Women in the Church



The month of February has been an eventful one. I am very thankful for Sandra Pilkinton and her willingness to chair our meal ministry. This is a wonderful way to help someone who is in need and a great way to get to know others within the church. If you have not already signed up to participate, please do so soon.

A big thank you to Robin Tait and Lynda Meharg for hosting our February WIC luncheon. We enjoyed sandwiches, chips, a strawberry congealed salad, and red velvet cupcakes adorned with a valentine treat. Love was "in the air".

If you missed the Missions Conference, you missed something great! Dr. Richard Pratt, our keynote speaker, was very informative about the battles Christians face today. Dr. & Mrs. Chinchon shared with us their desire to build a 4th African Bible College, and Dr. Tom Edwards informed us of the medical needs in the Birmingham area. We were both blessed and encouraged as we witnessed the workings of Christ through His servants.

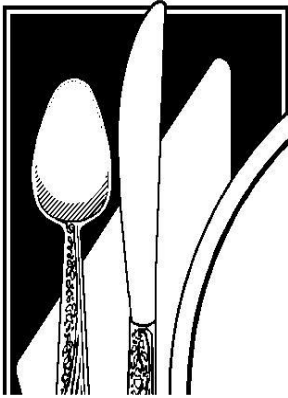
The Tuesday night Bible study has a new name - they are now known as "WIC at Night". They continue to meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Kathyryn Matocha.

Our monthly WIC Bible study and luncheon will begin at 11:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. This is a change to the old format. We are hoping this will better accommodate those who attend. The hostesses for March are Jane Rogowski and Pat Russell.

These are exciting times for Main Street Presbyterian Church. I encourage everyone to participate wherever they can.

Serving Him,

Pat Russel



The *WIC Meal Ministry* team is up and running. We have 32 wonderful women that have agreed to deliver meals to MSPC members in need. In a church with only 60 or so women, this is pretty awesome!

Our goal is for EVERY woman (or man if you are willing) to take ONE week out of the year to be in charge of ministering to the body of Main Street Presbyterian Church through meal delivery. There are 52 weeks in the year SO **we need 20 more volunteers!** (The above mentioned 60 women includes shut-ins ... so our pool of volunteers is actually smaller.)

If you haven't signed up ***because*** ...

- you are elderly or sick: we want to minister to you, please let the church know when you have a need for a meal that we may not know about!
- you haven't gotten around to it or didn't even know about this opportunity: it only takes an email (sandra2@cablone.net), a phone call / text (Sandra's cell phone: 251-4773) or a couple of clicks of the mouse (Takethemameal.com login id: Presbyterian Password: 2523.)
- you cannot afford it: volunteer to be a delivery person.
- you don't cook: you DO NOT have to cook! Takeout food is always good and this ministry is about so much more than the food.
- you are nervous about delivering a meal: you will receive step by step instructions on what to do (and if you really, really feel overwhelmed, we have someone who will do the delivery portion for you!)
- you: don't have time / have young children / are too tired / are too old and have done your time / felt neglected when you had a need ... will you trust God to provide the time, energy or love to be His hands and feet?
- you think this is not one of your gifts: will you trust God to equip you for every good work that He calls you to perform?

- no one has called and asked you individually to join this team: I am asking you NOW, don't wait until someone calls you (reactive), but be proactive about serving. (If you sign up, I will email you lots of details – you will not have to wonder what to do!)

With shame, I admit that most of these are excuses that I have personally thought or used, so it was an easy list to write. Please be encouraged that you have a part to play in our church family; you are needed.

Another part that you play in this ministry is keeping the WIC informed of needs that arise. If you know of a church member that is having surgery, is sick, etc., and you think that a meal is in order, please let us know! (We are aware that some members have a lot of family or a large support system and they may not be in need of a meal.)

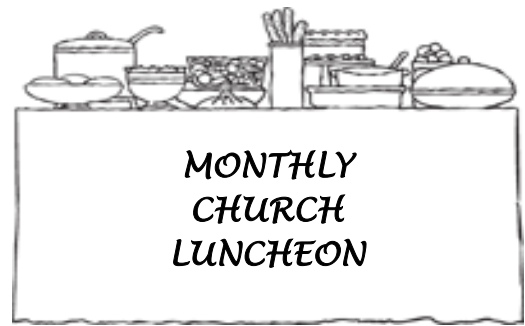
Below is a list of dates and helpers. **Please make note of your chosen date for your records.** (You will also receive a reminder email on Saturday before your week begins.)

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| Feb 8 | Eleanor Hairston |
| Feb 15 | Clara Peterson and Alice Tally |
| Feb 22 | Bess Swedenburg |
| Mar 1 | Amy Kilpatrick |
| Mar 8 | Susan Wright |
| Mar 15 | Frances Laws |
| Mar 22 | Meryl Fisackerly |
| Mar 29 | Shirley Swoope |
| Apr 5 | Morgan Shipp |
| Apr 12 | Sandra Pilkinton and Laurie Chilcutt |
| Apr 19 | Anna Woodson |
| Apr 26 | Marcia Lovegren |
| May 3 | Melinda Howard |
| May 10 | Robin Tait |
| May 17 | Janie Williams |
| May 24 | Ann Chilcutt |
| May 31 | Laurie Chilcutt and Sandra Pilkinton |
| Jun 7 | Jami Laws |
| Jun 14 | Lynda Meharg |
| Jun 21 | Nell Fleming |
| Jun 28 | Nell Fleming |
| Jul 5 | Bess Swedenburg |

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Jul 12 Bethany Hairston
Jul 19 Bess Swedenburg
Jul 26 Cathy Duncan
Aug 2 Debbie Jenkins
Aug 9 Marianne Field
Aug 16 Kathy Newton
Aug 23 Melissa Allgood
Aug 30 Karmel Crandall
Sep 6
Sep 13 Laurie Flora
Sep 20 Kimber-Leigh Drown
Sep 27 Kathryn Matocha
Oct 4
Oct 11 Hannah Nail
Oct 18 – Dec 6 *open*
Dec 13 Lauren Zarandona
Dec 20 – Feb 7 *open*

Thank you,
Sandra Pilkinton



Wasn't it wonderful joining with our missionaries to share bountiful meals during Mission Conference! The Deacons' fish fry Saturday was great. I think you'll agree those guys really know their way around a deep fryer! The Sunday luncheon was wonderful with the pulled pork and many delicious sides 'n fixins. The decorations were beautiful and made us all the more anxious for spring. Everyone recognizes what a blessing it is when so many contribute, participate, and generally "pitch in". A special thanks to Diann for all her extra efforts and time.

We are now in the month of March and looking forward to our next time together. Please note that the date has been changed to Sunday, March 15th after the morning worship service. It has been since November that we have had a non-themed gathering. Therefore pull out your favorite meat dish, vegetable, salad, or dessert and join us.

Remember the four F's...
Fellowship, Family, Fun, without the Fuss!

Lynda



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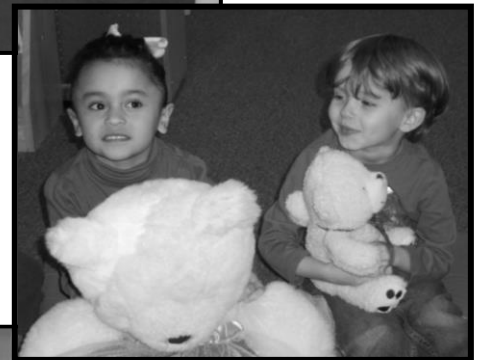
from
Main Street
Christian School

After snowball fights in January (with marshmallows), February was a little calmer, but still filled with fun and meaningful activities. All of the classes have units on Dental Health in February. This year's visiting dentist was 4 year old Ethan Singley's dad, Dr. Patrick Singley. He gave everyone a toothbrush that lights up the length of time you should brush!

Valentine's Day is always a wonderful opportunity to talk about God's love and how we should love others. Pastor Todd's chapel lesson during this time was I Corinthians 13:4-7. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." Of course, Todd explained it in terms the children could understand. We're never too young to ponder those truths and to strive to implement them in our lives.

The three's bring their teddy bears to school during the teddy bear unit. It's always so cute to see them feeding the bears at snack time, rocking and dressing them, and introducing them to their friends. We end the week with a teddy bear contest where every bear is a winner!

Kitty Brewer



Choir Notes

Ron's Illustrated, Simplified and Painless Music Lessons: Lesson #3 Are We There Yet?

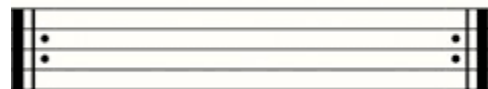
In 2005, driving over the road for a refrigeration trucking company was a very eye opening experience for me on many levels. One of the most startling ironies I came across during this experience regarded maps. I have always been fascinated with maps and can remember in my childhood getting out travel maps, spreading them on the floor, and looking at how all the towns and cities were connected by roads. I would pretend to travel from here to there while looking at the roads on the map. That being said, the act of using a driver's atlas to plan my routes required using a skill I have been using for most of my life. Whether it was driving to Hunt's Point in New York City or finding my way to Barstow, California, I felt comfortable planning my route and took great pains to know as much about where I was going, especially if I had never been there before. The startling irony was how many drivers I came across who did not know how to read a map or did not even own one. One of the most common things to hear on the CB radio was some driver asking where a city was and how do you get there. Of course the most common and helpful answer was, "Buy a map!"

Like a book in the English language, music is read from left to right in a linear fashion beginning to end. But, unlike a novel or a short story, music often repeats a section multiple times before moving forward to another section. In our previous lessons you have learned about the lines and many of the symbols of music. Until the recent development of sophisticated music writing software, during composition all those symbols were written by hand. Imagine having to write those over and over again for repeated sections of music. Also, for those of you who do not play an instrument, imagine the difficulty of turning pages while playing an instrument that engages all ten fingers at once as in the case of the Piano, or while perching a violin between your chin and shoulder. Imagine how much paper it would waste if rather than repeat the last page of music three times you had a fully written copy of all three pages. Now multiply that amount of waste by the number of instruments in your quartet, ensemble or orchestra. Much like a road map, music uses a system of symbols that indicate when to repeat a section, when to turn back to a previous section, when to skip over a section, and when to move forward and ignore a repeat. I like to refer to these directions and instructions as music GPS.

If your written music experience has been limited only to the hymnal, then you have had little need for knowing about music GPS. The average hymn simply goes from beginning to end and is repeated as many times as there are verses. (Note: This does not apply if you are singing a four verse hymn in a Baptist church. If so, you leave off the third verse. No, no one knows why, but that is just what you do.) Hymns tend to have one of several simplistic structures. Most in our hymnal are individual stanzas (mistakenly referred to by all of us as verses) that follow the same melody line over and over. Amazing Grace (Trinity Hymnal 460) and A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (TH 92) are two good examples of this hymn structure. Another hymn structure we see quite prevalent in our hymnal utilizes a stanza and a chorus. The stanza changes each time the hymn is repeated, while the chorus remains the same. All Creatures of Our God and King (TH 115) and For the Beauty of the Earth (TH 116) are good examples of this type of hymn structure. Both, however follow the same understood repeat assignment, "Play or sing from beginning to end until you run out of stanzas."

Occasionally, however, we do see notated repeat assignments in the hymnal. Sometimes these are helpful and needed notations. Sometimes we cannot help but wonder why the publisher printed a notated repeat assignment on one hymn, yet did not on the hymn across the page, yet both are played and sung in the same manner. We are going to look at some of the repeat assignments we find in the Trinity Hymnal and also look at some repeat assignments we find in newer modern hymns that we are introducing into our worship repertoire.

The Basic Repeat Symbol



The most common of all the repeat symbols in music would have to be the basic start and end repeat signs. In the illustration above you see the basic five lines of a music staff. On the far left you see a heavy vertical bar line and a light vertical bar line with two dots. This is the start repeat sign.

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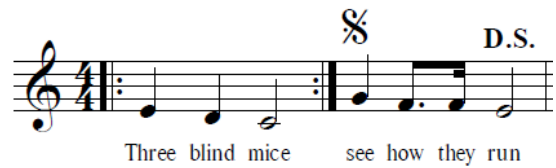
At the end of the staff you see a mirror image of the start repeat sign. Of course, it is the end repeat sign. It is called the end repeat sign because it is at the end of the portion of music you are going to repeat, not because it is at the end of the staff. The end repeat sign can and does appear in the middle of a composition. Any music written between these symbols will be repeated once you reach the end repeat sign. If you want everything since the beginning of the piece repeated it is common practice to leave out the start repeat symbol. The presence of the end repeat symbol tells you to go back to the beginning of the piece if there is no start repeat sign present. TH 81 is an example of a start and end repeat assignment. There is a written introduction, then start repeat assignment, stanza 1 is sung to the end, a two – three measure interlude and then an end repeat assignment telling you to go back to the beginning and do the next stanza. In the case of hymns, or other songs with stanzas, that usually means keep repeating until you run out of stanzas, then move forward or end. In this particular example a three measure final ending is indicated on the page to be played following the final stanza. So basically the end repeat symbol says, "Hey! See this? Find my mirror image earlier in the music and play it again." In the case of a music composition that has no words to sing, once a basic repeat assignment has been completed once, it is ignored the second time and the instrumentalist moves forward to any measures there are beyond the end repeat assignment. If the end repeat assignment is in the final measure of a piece then it simply ends there.

The Da Capo and Del Segno

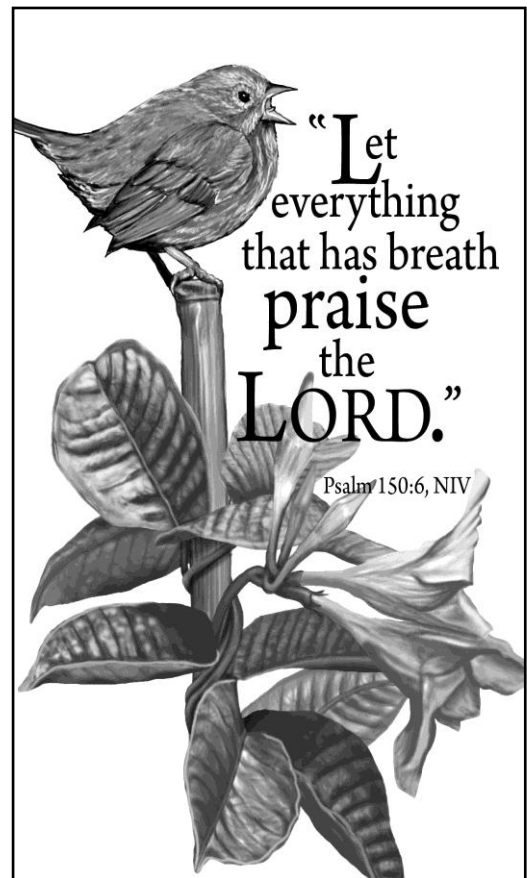
D.C. *D.S.*

As I have mentioned before, written music is a language that has developed over time. As with any language there are often several ways to do the same thing. If you see D. C. over a measure of music, it simply means return to the beginning of the piece. Therefore, a D.C. at the end of a hymn would mean the same thing as an end repeat sign. An example of D.C. is found in TH 224. D.S. written over a measure sends you back to the segno which is this little symbol. § So, a section of music bracketed with a segno and a Del Segno is treated the same way in which a section bracketed with a start repeat and end repeat sign.

In other words, you could write the first four measures of Three Blind Mice like this.



The fact you can use two different types of repeat assignments helps when you begin to use them in combination. Sometimes there are repeat assignments within repeat assignments. That is when it really gets interesting. Next time we will begin looking at more advanced uses of the repeat assignments and how they are utilized. Between now and then look for these symbols in the music we use and keep on singing His praises.



Missionary UPDATE

MISSIONS NEWS FROM UKRAINE

Family and Friends,

I am excited to share with you all some wonderful news! I am engaged to be married to a wonderful Ukrainian woman, named Khrystyia (i.e. Kristia). It has been one of my greatest joys to discover how God has gripped Khrystyia's heart and knit a strong friendship between us!



After seeing the Lord's work in our relationship and after a lot of prayer, thought, and discussion with my family and team leadership, she and I have decided to get married. We are especially thankful for the leadership and accountability the Lord provided us through this process. My team leader, Doug Shepherd, along with our country-wide team leader, and other leadership from Mission to the World (the organization I am serving with) have given us their blessing.

Khrystyia was born in L'viv in 1989, near the time of the fall of the Soviet Union. She grew up in the city, attended school, and studied marketing at one of the local universities. During her sophomore year, she saw a flyer that told her about the opportunity to attend a summer English camp. After attending the camp, she became a regular attendee of the university ministry. During the past six years, God has faithfully taught her the gospel. She is now an active member in our church as well as a core-group leader of the university ministry.

Please pray for us as we plan for the wedding! The ceremony will be in the Spring of 2015 in L'viv. Also, please pray that the Lord would deeply bless our relationship and continually develop within us the character needed for a healthy and growing marriage.

Please also ask the Lord to use us to further His kingdom work in L'viv, Ukraine.

As you are aware, Ukraine is undergoing pivotal points in her history. The unrest continues in the East (about 1,000 miles from L'viv), yet I assure you that we are safe in L'viv.

How can you pray for Ukraine? Pray:

- For wisdom for her leaders, many are new to parliament
 - Protection against enemies who strive for instability and provocation
 - Repentance for the Ukrainian people
- ### and for MTW's Holy Trinity Church Plant?
- Praise that her people are growing in the faith and that they'll continue to grow and more will become part of the living community
 - For the presence of this church in L'viv
 - For the need for a church building
 - For the church's expanding children's ministry

Thank you for your partnership in this church planting work. The Father is working on us while He is working through us. His goodness abounds, and his promises are sure!

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Victory,

Clarke Norton



Rekindle Children's Hope

Jim Kiel, the Director of Rekindle Children's Hope, will be traveling to Africa in order to spend time in discipleship with Mbunwe George and his staff. He arrives on March 20 and expects to be there for 12 days.

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Please remember them in prayer. George has been experiencing turnover on the staff of adult volunteers that come to minister to the children. These turnovers seem to be caused by weak relationships among the staff.

Jim and George plan to focus on these interpersonal relationships and teaching and prayer for the adults during these days together.

After receiving the Christmas card made by our children, George sent this:

Hi Marianne,

Again I say thank you to the children, missions committee, and the entire church for the mail which was quite encouraging. The photo of the children, Christmas greetings, and the note were very motivating.

We are strengthened when we know that people are thinking and praying for us.

My desire for the children is that they should grow in the knowledge and fear of the Lord. But you still find some few of the children being influenced by the environment negatively. Pray that the Spirit should convict them of sin and draw them closer to God.

Pray that all the volunteers should be God fearing so that their lives can be of good example for the children to emulate.

Pray that God should grant me strength and security as I am on the move always sharing the Gospel with the children and overseeing their welfare.

Extend our regards to the children, missions committee and the church.

*Yours in the vineyard,
George*

FAITH PROMISE

Please continue to pray for our Faith Promise campaign. Our foreign missions are entirely funded through this method here at Main Street. The total amount of the pledge cards we receive will determine the amount the Missions Committee will be able to allocate. So far, we have not had to reduce our pledged support payments, but our budget last year was very tight.

There are *Faith Promise* devotional booklets available for use as you prepare to make a pledge. The pledge cards and collection boxes are also in the Chapel area. We appreciate the pledges we already received, but if you are still praying about your commitment, there is still time. You may make your pledge anonymously if you wish.

For this past year we received fewer than 20 pledges. Our goal is to receive at least 50 pledges for the coming year.

Friends,

Many thanks to you and the missions committee of Main Street. As always it was a great joy to be with all of you.

Thank you for your encouraging words about the messages. I hope that the Lord uses them to further his kingdom.

I am grateful to all of you for the many years you have supported Third Mill. I hope you were encouraged by the report of what God is doing.

Thank you again for your service to Christ. Keep moving forward!

Richard Pratt, President
Third Millennium Ministries



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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

March 2015

PRAISE:

New Members:

Frank, Robyn, Hannah, Royce,
William, & Amy Arnold
Taylor Bragan
Lindsay Cruse
Brinton Fisackerly
Jay & Hannah Nail
Patrick & Morgan Shipp
Callie Smith
Tom Stockman

NEW NEEDS:

CONTINUING NEEDS:

Our Shut-Ins:

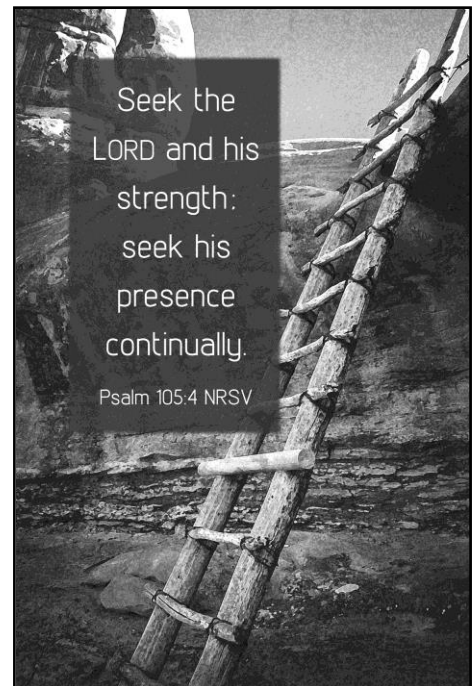
Dot Norton
Louise Armstrong
Joan Buster
Sadie Brewer
George & Martha Clegg
Jamie Mills

David Crocker -- cancer
Cole Elam – cancer
(a friend of Roger & Joy Day)
Jennifer Garner (rehab after hip surgery)
Phillip Goodwin
Leah Woods (Brad & Alice Talley's daughter)
Bubbie Yelverton
Verda Laws
Edna Mae McCoy
Nancy Gustafson
Robert Field (David Field's father –
recovering from heart surgery)
Jean Yelverton (recovering from
knee surgery)

James Leggett (Jami Law's brother-in-law)
Libby Springer
Billy & Emily Shull
Beth Halverson - friend of Amy Kilpatrick,
reoccurrence of breast cancer
Fran Perkins
John Mark Russell
Faith Whitlock - Christa Chapman's mother

President Barack Obama
Officials in Washington
Governor Phil Bryant
Mayor Robert Smith
Police Chief Tony Carleton
Sheriff Mike Aldredge
State and City and County Officials

Kids Growing in Christ
Helping Hands
Life Choices Pregnancy Center
Palmer Home
All churches and pastors in Columbus



March Volunteers

Nursery

- March 1 Melissa Duncan
 Meryl Fisackerly
- March 8 Lauren Zarandona
 Christa & Zack Chapman
- March 15 Marianne Field
 Laurie Flora & Stephen Russell
- March 22 Pat Russell
 Johanna Martinez
- March 29 Jennifer White
 Janie & Reed Williams

Ushers

- March 1 Bayard Grillis Bill Laws
 Henry Pilkinton Ben Woodson
- March 8 Grover Allgood Richard Fleming
 Phillip Goodwin Brad Talley
- March 15 John Beard Roger Day
 Trip Hairston Ray Kilpatrick
 Richard Laws Russ Russell
- March 22 Gray Flora Mike Meharg
 Matt White Rick Wright
- March 29 Bayard Grillis Bill Laws
 Henry Pilkinton Ben Woodson

MONEY COUNTER

Matt White

BUDGET REPORT
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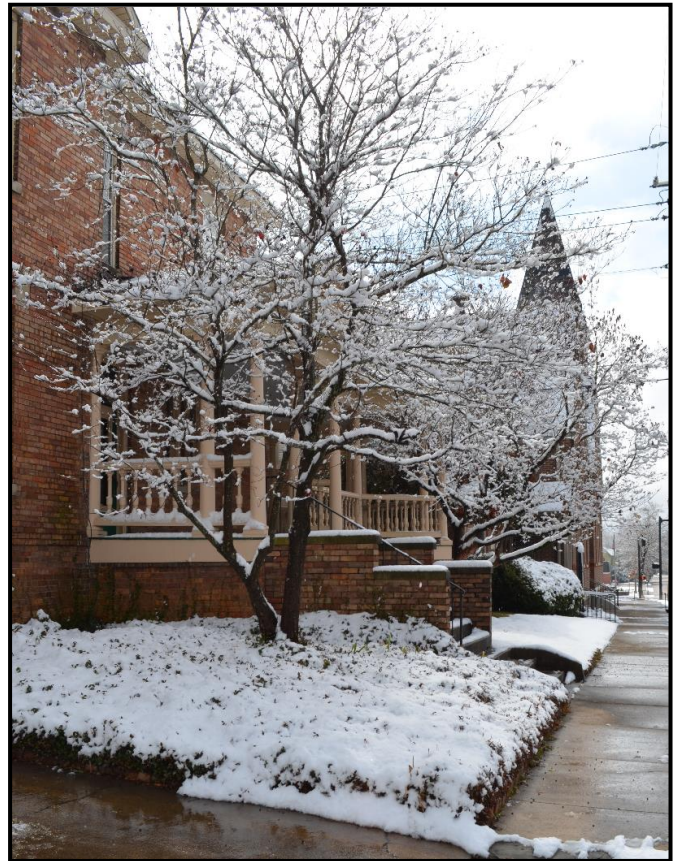
Offerings this Month
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Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Pat Berry

by

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Meharg





2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| 1 Communion AM Service Robin Weaver | 2 Jeff Green | 3 WIC 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall WIC @ Night 7:30 p.m. Matocha Home <i>Robby & Frances Glenn</i> | 4 Men's Prayer Breakfast Libby Springer <i>Fried Chicken</i> | 5 Noon Prayer Meeting Jay Nail | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins | 9 <i>Patrick & Morgan Shipp</i> | 10 <i>Keith & Gaines Gaskin</i> | 11 Hannah Nail <i>Tacos</i> | 12 Noon Prayer Meeting William Arnold | 13 | 14 Zack Chapman |
| 15 Congregational Luncheon | 16 Esther Watkins | 17 Jon Zarandona | 18 Aaron Meek Jamie Mills <i>Baked Chicken</i> | 19 Noon Prayer Meeting | 20 Ellijay Allegood | 21 Elizabeth Crandall |
| 22 John Rogowski | 23 James Fairley | 24 Sammy Chapman Vee Ferguson Maurice Herriott Charles Lewis | 25 Missions Committee Meeting <i>Pizza</i> | 26 Noon Prayer Meeting | 27 Becca Allgood Jesse Duncan | 28 Bob Meek Ron Simpson |
| 29 | 30 Debbie Jenkins | 31 | | | | |

Birthdays

Anniversaries

MSPC Members had “snow” much fun the last week of February when the snow covered Columbus and Lowndes County in a blanket of white.



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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Church Officer Prayer Time
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 p.m. Supper
6:00 p.m. Children and Youth Activities
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time

Thursday Schedule

Weekly Prayer Meeting at Noon