

The Main Thing

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Music at Main Street

Church music is and will continue to be a contentious issue for Christians. This is nothing new. Music is constantly in a state of flux. New and improved tunes regularly filter through the church. Because of this we find some who love the old and others who love the new. Herein lies the contention. This reality was known to our Reformed forefathers also. Hughes Oliphant Old, a leading scholar on Reformed Worship, made the following observation about church music in the 1500's: "...taste in music was changing rapidly. The average Renaissance musician regarded the liturgical music of the late Middle Ages with disdain...This often happens to even the best of music; people simply get tired of it. Those who sing it get tired of it, and those who hear it get tired of it. The music was not bad as much as it was stale. The Reformation was amazingly successful in refreshing the praises of the church." (Hughes Oliphant Old, *Worship Reformed According to Scripture*, p. 42) The changes introduced during the Reformation lasted about a hundred years before the clamor for change was heard again. This time it came from a young man in England. His name was Isaac Watts. As the story goes, when Watts was about 16 years old he complained to his father (the pastor) about the music in the church. His father's response was simple, "Then write something better." (This story is recounted in Paul Westermeyer's book, *Te Deum: The Church and Music*, p. 202) Young Isaac did, and we still sing them today.

In our current climate there is a push for new music. Many of our college students have been introduced to new tunes set to old hymns through RUF. Musicians like Keith and Kristyn Getty have provided us with "In Christ Alone" and "O Church Arise". There are others who have contributed good modern hymns as well. It is our desire as a church to incorporate the best of both the old and the new. Our goal is to sing hymns and psalms that glorify God. This means that the content of what we sing needs to be carefully considered. It must be theologically accurate. Below is a philosophy of church music that the elders and choir director will use to guide us in the selection of hymns and psalms. I would like you to read it also. We are committed to singing hymns from the past. We also welcome hymns from the present. Our aim, whether singing a Psalm of David, a hymn written in the 1700's, or one written in 2015, is to glorify and praise the Triune God.

Pastor Matocha

Main Street Presbyterian Church

Philosophy for Music in Corporate Worship

I. Purpose

This document contains the convictions and principles guiding musical worship at Main Street Presbyterian Church.

II. Guidelines for Music

Like the rest of creation, music is designed by God for his own glory (Is. 48:11; Rom. 11:36). Music should be used to enhance our expression of adoration of God, thereby facilitating worship, and not as an end in itself.

a. Guidelines for Lyrics

Though most discussions of church music focus on the *style* of the accompaniment, God's word directs us to be more concerned about the *content* of what we are singing. The content of our songs will be guided by the following principles:

We will sing lyrics that are God-focused: God is our King and he must have center stage. Anything short of God-centered worship is idolatry (Ex. 20:3–6; cf. Jer. 2:13, 27–28), and false worship is unacceptable (Deut. 12:29–31, 16:21–22). Lyrics must be God-centered, for he alone is worthy of our praise (Ps. 148:13), and not man-centered.

We will sing lyrics that promote a high view of the triune God: Lyrics that are worthy of God (the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit 1) promote an accurate and exalted view of who God is (Is. 40:12–26) and 2) facilitate heartfelt worship by conveying the majesty, glory, and honor of God (Heb. 10:31; Rom. 11:33–36; Rev. 14:7).

We will sing lyrics that are biblically sound: Lyrics should be intelligible, biblically accurate, and in keeping with the biblical context—readily conveying scriptural truth to all who sing them (Eph. 5:19–20). Lyrics should deepen the biblical and theological understanding of the congregation.

We will sing lyrics from a variety of sources, from various times in church history: In every generation, God's people have written songs expressing biblical truths about God. We choose songs based on their biblical accuracy and presentation of God, not on the date of their composition.

b. Guidelines for Instrumental Accompaniment

Music in worship should be offered in such a way that the message of a song is enhanced. We believe this can best be accomplished by taking into account the following:

We will seek to play music with a variety of styles: We believe music exists for God's glory and that he desires to be worshiped with a variety of instruments and styles (Psa. 33:2, 95:2, 149:3, 150:1–6). There is no objective biblical basis for arguing that the accompaniment of any particular musical genre or time period is inherently superior to any other. Rather than arguing the merits of one style versus another, we will look to commend what we can in various types of music. We also seek to reflect the diversity of the body by employing variety within the musical styles God has given us. Thus, we enjoy singing older songs to their original tunes, singing older songs to new tunes, and singing a variety of recently written songs.

We will seek to play music that employs all the abilities that God has given to the church:

We believe that God has “arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose” (1 Cor. 12:18) and that each part of the body is indispensable (1 Cor. 12:22). God brings people to a specific local church to serve, and leadership exists “to equip the saints for the work of ministry” (Eph. 4:12). If someone in our body is musically gifted, we desire to see that person use their gift in serving the body. We affirm that both the selection of instruments and the style of play will depend to some extent on which musicians God has sovereignly placed in the church.

We will seek to play music with excellence: Church music should be done for the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31). As such, natural, undistracting excellence by the musicians that draws the listeners' attention to the God-focused, God-exalting lyrics must always be our goal (Ps. 33:3).

III. Goals for Music Ministry

We will seek to balance all of the above principles to accomplish the following goals for our music in worship.

a. Passion

While maintaining a proper respect for God, biblical worship is always brimming with personal passion and Christ-exalting emotion (1 Chr. 15:29, 16:4–6). This passion must be expressed in an orderly, Spirit-controlled manner (see “Order” below). Nonetheless, passionless worship is not really worship at all. Thus both the lyrics and the music should seek to engage the congregation and promote passionate worship.

b. Order

God is a God of order. Thus, the Apostle Paul commands the Corinthians that “all things [in the church] must be done properly and in an orderly manner” (1 Cor. 14:40). Ephesians 5:18 commands believers to be under the control of the Holy Spirit at all times. Church music should never encourage participants to exchange the control of the Spirit for the control of some other force—be it emotional, psychological, or other.

c. Mission

The church’s mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ (Mat. 28:18-20). We will plan and lead services recognizing that the congregation will include both unbelievers and believers at all stages of maturity. Therefore, we should not assume familiarity with the purpose of worship and the meaning of individual lyrics, but will seek to explain, teach, and work to guide all present into a greater knowledge of what is taking place. We will also communicate, both implicitly and explicitly, that the musical component of our services is not a performance and exists not because of tradition, religion, or works-righteousness, but because it is a vehicle for us to exalt in our great Savior. Our goal is to speak and act in such a way that no one leaves the service misunderstanding its purpose. We will teach our church body to prepare for and focus during corporate worship in a way that testifies to the supreme value we place on Jesus Christ.

d. Unity

Congregational singing should build the church up in unity. The right attitude to church music sets aside personal preference and looks out for the interests of others (Phil. 2:1–4). Practically, this means that everyone should learn to worship with some songs they would not otherwise prefer. The church is multi-cultural and extends through the ages and our music should reflect this.

e. Complementing Preaching

Second Timothy 4:2 commands us to “Preach the Word!” Just a few verses earlier, Paul expounds on the sufficiency of Scripture for our lives (2 Tim. 3:16–17). It is only through the Bible that God reveals himself to us. The Scripture, therefore, must be the centerpiece of corporate worship—providing both the construct and the climax. For this reason, times of singing should never overshadow or eclipse preaching. Instead, worship through song should complement the proclamation of the truth. Music should prepare the congregation to hear the sermon and respond in the Spirit to what has just been taught.

f. Corporate

The corporate nature of the church should be highlighted in our congregational singing. The focus is not on individual experience, but on the body coming together for the corporate worship of God. This means that leadership of worship will be designed not to draw attention to the performance of the musicians, but to the singing of the congregation. The congregation should be able to hear not only the music and the singing of the worship leaders, but also the singing of the rest of the congregation.

IV. Conclusion

The principles articulated in this document are what we believe to be biblical foundations for congregational music. Under the oversight of the elders, worship leaders have the liberty to apply these principles in different ways depending on the specific needs of the congregation. Worship leaders and elders must lead in a way that is careful not to exalt personal preference to the same level as biblical principle, or to ignore biblical principles under the assumption that everything about church music is preferential.

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Happy Hearts

For our June meeting, Happy Hearts was thrilled to be entertained by a local group of Sweet Adelines who were talented and funny. Have you heard Harmony G.R.I.T.S. sing? If not you are missing a huge treat! In March Jan Swoope wrote an article about the ladies for the Dispatch stating, "A school teacher, a bookkeeper, a receptionist and a volunteer pink lady, the G.R.I.T.S. live in Columbus, New Hope, and Aberdeen. Individually, they sing in church, at weddings, and at funerals. Together, they have entertained at sweetheart banquets, at senior facilities, at hospitals and events like Columbus' Wassail Fest. They have, in short, "a blast." We like to cheer people up, and everybody likes to hear a good song," summed up tenor Sally Harrell, who spends part of her time directing choir at the small church in Aberdeen her husband pastors. He sings in a men's barbershop quartet. "It's about the fun, the fellowship and the entertainment, Harrell went on "the reward is in doing it for other people." You can imagine how quickly I searched her article for the contact person's name and number! This was just exactly the kind of entertainment we needed for Happy Hearts. And they far exceeded my expectations!

You are probably wondering about the G.R.I.T.S. -- Girls Ringing in the Sound. And would you believe they actually found each other practicing with a ladies choir in our own fellowship hall? The choir dispersed after a time and these four "girls" decided to sing together as a four part harmony in 2001. They are members of Sweet Adelines International and know quite well how to entertain people. It's more than just a spectacular blending of their voices, it's a show! They joke, they gesture appropriately, they smile radiantly, they even dress in harmony and look adorable. In essence, they perform! Our group loved them! They certainly accomplished their goals of "fun, fellowship, and entertainment." The talented foursome is composed of Sally Harrell, Peggy Outlaw, Sandra Stone, and LaNette Coburn.

That small church Jan referred to is the PCA church in Aberdeen where David Harrell is pastor. We were pleased that he came along with his wife and her cohorts in song.

This program afforded us an opportunity to have lots of fun and to get to know a neighboring pastor and his wife. They all accepted our invitation to join us for lunch and we felt we had gained five new friends when they left.

Our lunch was a summertime favorite - chicken salad served on lettuce leaves, pineapple sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, stuffed eggs, assorted crackers, olives and pickles, and pavlova for dessert. Jean Yelverton and Frances Laws made the pineapple sandwiches. They cut the bread to exactly fit the slice of pineapple which makes them taste so much better. Nell Fleming made the stuffed eggs which are always a favorite with the men. It was all delicious. We shared the leftovers with some of our homebound members. Nancy Franks, Ben and Ann Chilcutt, Johnice Shoemaker, Jean Yelverton, Pat Wallace, and I'm not sure who else, accomplished the cleanup. They are so willing to do this task and they have a good time working together. We often say the kitchen is a perfect place to get to know someone really well. I appreciate more than I can convey the work these people do to help with Happy Hearts. I surely do not and cannot do it all by myself. It is a group effort and we all receive a blessing by doing it.

On July 6 we will meet again for our time of fun, food, and fellowship! I hope we have as good a crowd as we had in June. Jennifer Garner, Lori Neely, and Lenora Sloan, Clara Peterson's friend, were our visitors this month. Our guest speaker for July will be Virgil Kimbrell, who actually grew up in this church. Many of you will remember Virgil. His talk will be sentimental, patriotic, and spiritual. I know we will enjoy this opportunity to be with him and his wife. For lunch we will be doing our traditional July menu - BLT's and the usual conflict of mayo versus salad dressing. I hope to see you there, it is not as much fun when you don't come. That may seem like a broad sentence, but it is very true. We need all of our seniors to join us. Whether you have come before or whether you might be a first timer, we know you would have a good time and you will enjoy the fellowship Happy Hearts is !

Bess Swedenburg

July 6, 10:30
in our Fellowship Hall
BLT's for lunch



**Happy Hearts
with
Harmony G.R.I.T.S.**



Plan It Right

The church calendar is a living breathing entity. Ok, that sounds weird, but it is the truth. The calendar reveals much about our beliefs, our activity level, our priorities, and our goals as a church. The frequency and types of events reveal how important the sacraments, corporate prayer, worship, fellowship, missions, and Christian education are to the church. It reveals if we are busy about the things of the Lord, or if we are just busy. A prospective church member would be wise to study a church's calendar closely before joining. He can learn a lot about the congregation he is considering embracing as his new family.

Like a living creature, the church calendar is always changing. We constantly add new events. Times for this or that gathering are changed or moved due to weather or conflict with another event. No sooner have you printed this month's calendar of events for the newsletter, five more events are added, one is cancelled and the event location changed for three others. The solution for that has usually been to print the changes to the calendar in the bulletin or make verbal announcements of changes from the pulpit. But if a particular change was not reported soon enough for this week's bulletin, you may show up at the wrong time. If you were out the Sunday that a cancellation was announced, you might waste a trip.

One of the ways we are trying to address the continual process of calendaring is through the use of our church web page located at <http://www.mainstreetpres.org>. If you go to our web page and mouse over the "Events" menu, a link for the month's calendar drops down. Click on the calendar option and you have 24-hour access to the current church calendar. Oh, we will continue to use the printed calendar in the newsletter, and continue to make announcements from the pulpit. Our plan is to draw that information from the online calendar as our main calendar and keep it up to date with the most current information.



If you want to see the details on a particular event on the calendar, just click on that event and a new page opens up revealing all the necessary information and a map to the event site.

If you are a program leader wanting to place an event on the calendar, it will be useful for you to have access to the calendar information whenever you need it. It will be extremely helpful for you to submit the information in one of two ways. At that same "Events" menu you noticed there is a drop down menu for an online event form and a link for a printed form. If you will enter your event information in the online event form and submit it, your information for your event comes straight to the church office. We can then pass the information on to everyone involved in calendaring and promotion for your event. It will also facilitate our efforts to promote your event on Facebook, Twitter, and by email. If you are not comfortable with using the online form, you can get a copy of the form from the church office, write in your information, and give it to Diann. The printed form link on the website lets you access a copy of the form and print out a copy if you so desire. If you are a leader of a recurring event, it is not necessary to fill out a form for each event, but if you would like to share information on a guest speaker or a specific month's program or changes to the regular meeting time or place, we need that information to promote it for you. Using a form simply keeps all the information we need on an event in one place in the order we enter it on the website. Quite honestly, it makes things easier for us on this end.

Vacation Bible School 2015

Of course with this technological wonder comes the problem of keeping the information current. Here is where we rely on you to keep us up to date with the information. If there is a change to your event, please contact us with the change. You can call the church office at 662-328-2523. You can email a change to an event to mainstreetpres@gmail.com or ronsimpson64@gmail.com, or you can send a text with your event change to my cell phone at 662-386-2254.

When it comes to event planning and calendaring the goal is a simple one summarized by 1 Corinthians 14:40, "But all things should be done decently and in order." (ESV) We want to make the good work of MSPC as efficient and productive as possible. We want to make all the events our leaders organize as successful as possible. Whether it is a committee meeting, a monthly fellowship, mission outreach or a new Sunday school class, the more information you can provide us with, the better we can promote your event. I look forward to helping you coordinate and promote your next event.

Ron Simpson

Coming Up...

- July 5 Men's Choir – Morning Service
- July 15 High School Youth trip to Six Flags Atlanta, GA
- July 25 High School Youth trip to Memphis, TN
- August 4 WIC resumes
- September 9 Men's Prayer Breakfast resumes

Dear Friends,

VBS at Main Street once again provided the opportunity for many boys and girls to learn important truths from God's Word.

We could not have organized this week without the help of everyone. It was truly a church-wide effort and we appreciate it!

Many thanks to all who participated!

Sincerely,

Laurie Chilcutt and Jami Laws



Missions News

FROM Bob McPherson, serving with Campus Crusade for Christ, now known as Cru:

That Others May Know Christ

Dear Ministry Partners,

As most of you know I have been in ministry at St. Clair prison for over 20 years. For the 1st time during those 20 years, a security guard told me I needed to have a letter, signed by the Warden, giving me permission to do what I was doing. They have allowed me to go into the blocks, where the prisoners live, 1-1/2 hours early go spend time with the men one-on-one. Afterwards, I teach a class in the honor dorm for 14 men. So, I called Chaplain Michael to get the letter. He said he would provide it and I should come to the chapel to get it.

When I arrived at the prison, the officer at the gate already had a copy of the letter, signed by the Chaplain, but unsigned by the Warden. I asked her for a copy. She took me to the copy machine and the Warden "just happened" to be there. The officer asked him to sign the letter which he did. When I arrived at the blocks, the officer who had originally requested the letter was there and I was able to show him the proper documentation.

To me, this shows how God, our Abba Father, goes before us to open doors and keep doors open for us.

I know thy works: behold, I have before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou has little strength, as has kept my word, and has not denied my name Rev. 3:8

As always in Christ,
Bob McPherson

From The Schweitzers:

Hexham Update, Visits to Other Denominations, and Miscellany

Hexham

The Hexham church plant is now in its fifth month. We can be very thankful for the Lord's blessing upon it thus far. However, there is also much to pray for. In such a dark place, people who are fully committed to the reformed faith are in short supply. We must pray for divine blessing, and for perseverance throughout the long slog that likely remains ahead. Pray also for Gateshead, which is only now getting out of what Bill calls a "post-partum depression" after the departure of our Hexham people.



Kevin Bidwell came to lead the midweek Bible study in Hexham

Visits to Other Denominations

After a two-year hiatus, Bill again served as the EPCEW's fraternal delegate to the Free Church and Free Church (Continuing) General Assemblies held in mid-May. It is always a delight to be back in Edinburgh among old friends. More recently, we just returned from visiting the Evangelical Reformed Church (Westminster Confession) in Austria and Switzerland. Friends found us free accommodation at a Salvation Army apartment in picturesque St. Gallen. Bill preached on Sunday at the church in Basel (with translation by the pastor, Kurt Vetterli). Later in the week, he met with the minister and church officers of the church in Rankweil, Austria.

(From the Schweitzers, continued)

We were struck with the darkness of the land (particularly Austria), and the magnitude of the need to plant good churches. We hope that the EPCEW will be able to forge closer ties with this fellow Westminster Confession denomination.



Bill and Pam with Rev Kurt Vetterli and his wife, Barbara, in Basel, Switzerland

Miscellany

Our family of churches in the North of England held a church walk over the May "bank holiday". It was a great time of fellowship, but I think we all felt the need for more time to get to know one another. We thus decided to plan a multi-day fellowship event in 2016.



Jelme (pronounced Jaime) was the man who came to us from the evangelistic book table. He has been in attendance morning and evening for three months now, and is interested in church membership. He has largely overcome the substance abuse/addiction issues, but such things can easily crop up again.

Jess is a believing friend of one of our members who invited her mother Kim to our Christianity Explored course last year.

After the course, Kim started attending church in the evenings, and Jess came for the sake of her mother. A year later, both mother and daughter hope to join the church.

Pilan is from Indonesia, and is here for six months working with an engineering firm in Newcastle. She did a search for a Presbyterian church in the area, and has starting coming. We hope her time with us will be blessed.

Paloma comes to us from the church's literature distribution ministry. She has many needs, but mainly pray for her salvation and growth in grace.

Finally, please pray that God would provide a replacement for Bill's hardworking ministerial assistant, Benjamin Wontrop. Due to insoluble immigration issues, Benjamin and his wife will be heading to Greenville, SC to finish his final year in seminary. We pray for them as well.



Dog-powered strollers are useful in the Alps

May the Lord show us great things, for His glory and for the blessing of His church.

With you in the work of the Great Commission,

Bill and Pam Schweitzer
Mark, Bethany, Mary, Anna,
James, Rebecca, and Ruth

Dear Friends,

I wanted to bring you a short update on some of the things we are doing here at ARC:

LGBT: Some of you know that I'm on a task force that developed a church leadership seminar to help church leaders respond biblically to the growing acceptance of the Homosexual lifestyle and its intrusion into the church. We held our first seminar in March with 230 pastors attending. There was great response! Please pray for two more seminars already scheduled this month. Also, pray that our Sovereign Lord will have His way with the Supreme Court Justices this summer and not approve of Same-Sex marriage!

Comparative Religions: We just completed our 16th semester at the Bibb County Correctional Facility(BCCF) on Comparative Religions contrasting Christianity to more than 15 other religions that are housed at BCCF. During our time there we have seen Muslims, Native Americans, even a few Wiccans come to embrace Christ and Christianity. Also, this semester we taught the Prison Fellowship sponsored Transformational Ministry(TM) class. TM, unlike the regular class, is mostly Christian and many have been strengthened in their faith by apologetics. Many inmates ask us for resources to help them witness to other inmates. We look forward to carrying on this vital ministry there this fall semester!

Birmingham Theological Seminary (BTS): I just finished teaching two Directed Study Courses. One was Apologetics and Personal Evangelism; the other was God, Ethics and Society. Please pray for a student in the Evangelism course whose daughter had a brain aneurysm a week ago and went into a coma. She is now out of the coma and responding. PTL! Another student in the Ethics class decided to do his paper on a very controversial topic, Civil Disobedience. It is an excellent paper. We're hearing more and more about this topic, especially as it relates to issues of church and state and free speech.

Sunday School: I'll be teaching Sunday School for the next three quarters at Briarwood PCA. This next quarter's theme is *An Answer to Religious Pluralism, Secularism, and Paganism*. Particular attention will be given to a look at the Islam/ISIS crisis, Secularism and Naturalism in Education and Ecology, and the growing acceptance of a Paganistic worldview penetrating societal structures. Should be interesting!

Orchard Knob Baptist Church: This is a large African American church in Chattanooga, TN. I was asked to teach two nights at their "Boots on the Ground" Evangelism conference last week. My topic was Intro. to Apologetics, Worldviews, and False Theology. It was a delight to be involved in this and it was received very well. The pastor tells me he wants to do it again soon. Pray for this church, that it will keep standing strong on the Word of God. This church is a beacon in the community.

**There are other things we're doing at ARC, but I wanted to bring you a brief update on some of them. We count it a privilege to partner with you in our Lord's service.

Worldviews Newsletters are now available under the resource section of our website.

They are Free to download or to view online.

www.arcapologetics.org

God bless you!

Clete Hux



Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr., Third Millennium's co-founder and president, spends the majority of his time travelling to churches and seminaries around the world to teach and share the mission and vision of Third Mill. The following are a few of the exciting places Richard has already visited in 2015.



Medellin, Colombia – In conjunction with Gospel Through Colombia, Richard visited Universidad Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano to teach a course on biblical interpretation and show the current staff how to implement Third Mill's courses into their curriculum. The picture above was taken in Colombia.

Jakarta, Indonesia – Our network of partners is growing rapidly in Indonesia. Richard spent his time in the country visiting several of our partners and preaching. As the most populous Muslim-majority country, we are thrilled to have a growing presence in the country.

Chengdu, China – Immediately after his trip to Indonesia, Richard flew to the city of Chengdu in China. He spent his two days in the country teaching a course on the prophets at one of Third Millennium's partner seminaries.

Eastbourne, England – Richard was one of the keynote speakers at Bible by the Beach, a conference that offers Christian refreshment and building up through excellent Bible teaching, worship, and informative seminars.

Coming Soon: We Believe in God

Our production team is nearing the completion of our series, *We Believe in God*. This series will focus on explaining God's creative and providential works and drawing out the implications that His existence and attributes have for Christians today. Last month, Concrete Lion Pictures visited our on-site studio to record the host of the series, Rev. Thurman Williams, a pastor at Grace and Peace Fellowship in St Louis, Missouri.

Help Us Finish Our Seminary Curriculum



To help catalyze the completion of our curriculum, a foundation, that wishes to remain anonymous, has issued us a challenge grant. If we can raise \$238,000 toward the Annual Fund and English production from new donors, reactivated donors, and current donors who increase their giving, the foundation will award us an additional \$238,000. **That means your donation will be doubled! In order for your gift to be doubled, we must receive it by October 31, 2015.** With limited time to raise \$238,000, we need your help. Will you please prayerfully consider partnering with us to finish our two-year English curriculum? Your gift today will bring us one step closer to saturating the world with free seminary education. Thank you!

If you would like to donate through the church, please mark your donation Missions IIM English Fund so we can account it properly.

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NEW NEED:

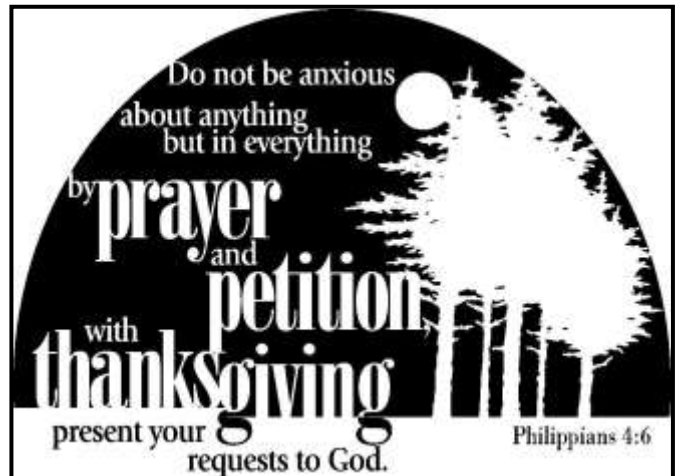
George Courington and family
Upcoming Wedding:
Christopher Newton and Natalie Hinton

CONTINUING NEEDS:

Our Shut-Ins:
Dot Norton
Louise Armstrong
Joan Buster
Sadie Brewer
George & Martha Clegg
Jamie Mills
Nell Fleming
Kennedy Flora
Jennifer Garner
Phillip Goodwin
Leah Woods (Brad & Alice Talley's daughter)
Rebekah Jacobs (Brad & Alice Talley's daughter)
Bubbie Yelverton
Verda Laws
Edna Mae McCoy
Nancy Gustafson
Jean Yelverton
The family of James Leggett (Jami Law's brother-in-law)
Libby Springer
Billy & Emily Shull
Beth Halverson - friend of Amy Kilpatrick, recurrence 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



July Volunteers

Nursery

- July 5 Lindsay Bragan
Karmel & Joshua Crandall
- July 12 Sandra Pilkinton
Meryl Fisackerly
- July 19 Melissa Duncan
Jay & Hannah Nail
- July 26 Lauren Zarandona
Christa & Zack Chapman

Ushers

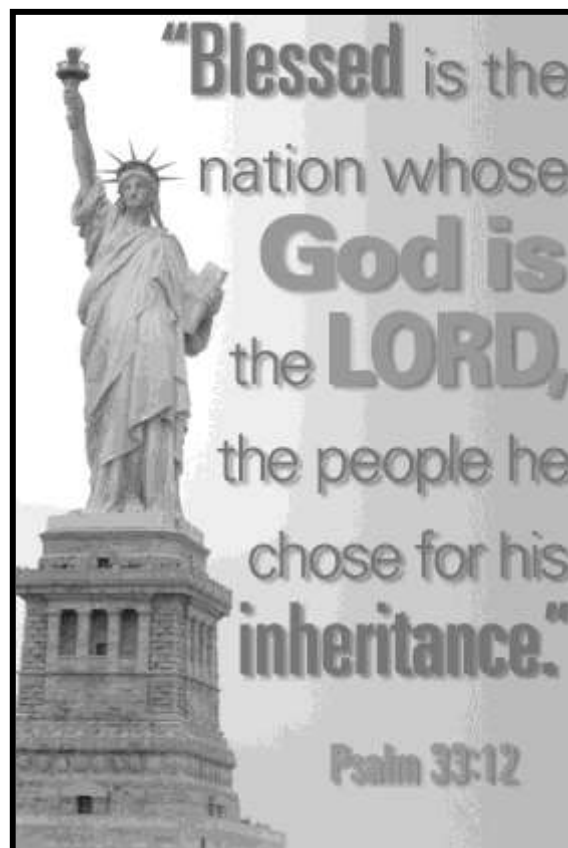
- July 5 John Beard, Roger Day,
Trip Hairston, Ray Kilpatrick,
Richard Laws, Russ Russell
- July 12 Gray Flora, Mike Meharg,
Matt White, Rick Wright
- July 19 Bayard Grillis, Bill Laws,
Henry Pilkinton, Ben Woodson
- July 26 Grover Allgood, Richard Fleming,
Phillip Goodwin, Brad Talley

MONEY COUNTER

Matt White

BUDGET REPORT JUNE 2015

Offerings this Month
\$26, 856





2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4  <i>Independence DAY</i> Dot Norton
5 <i>Communion during the Morning Service</i>	6 <i>Happy Hearts 10:30 a.m. - MSPC</i>	7	8 Tim Chapman	9 Doug Williams Robin Tait	10 Tim & Helen Anderson Joshua Crandall David Glenn	11
12 Nate Chapman George Courington	13 Thomas Comer Jon Thomas Kilpatrick	14 Louise Chappell Ben & Ann Chilcutt	15 <i>High School Youth Six Flags - Atlanta</i> Charles & Shirley Swoope	16	17	18 Roger Day Fran Laws
19	20 Doug & Jean Yelverton	21 Jacob Matocha	22 Eddie & Johnice Shumaker	23 Nathan Kilpatrick	24 Jon & Lauren Zarandona	25 <i>High School Youth Memphis Zoo</i>
26 Frances Glenn	27 Anthony Lovegren Clara Peterson Ray & Amy Kilpatrick	28 Lillian Allgood Emily Shull Thomas & Brenda Comer	29 Christopher Newton	30	31 Matt & Jennifer White	

Birthdays

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Church Officer Prayer Time

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Thursday Schedule

Weekly Prayer Meeting at Noon