

The Main Thing

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The Lord's Supper – A Constant Reminder to Love One Another

Paul's main reason for writing the letter to the Corinthians was to address the problem of disunity in the church. A number of difficulties evidence this lack of unity. There was a party spirit among the people. Some identified themselves with Paul, some with Apollos, others with Peter or Christ (1 Cor. 1:10-17). This led to divisions within the church. There was an inability to work through problems which resulted in frivolous lawsuits (1 Cor. 6:1-11). Religious liberty was being practiced with no concern for the spiritual wellbeing of others (1 Cor. 8). Spiritual gifts were sought after for personal gain rather than the edification of the church (1 Cor. 12-14). These were the pastoral issues confronting Paul in Corinth.

To combat these problems Paul appealed to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the nature of Christian love. The Lord's Supper was instituted as a sign and seal of our oneness with Christ. Our union with Christ is the basis for our union with one another. Paul makes this clear when he taught, "The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread." The division and rugged individualism that permeated the Corinthian church was totally inconsistent with the Lord's Supper. When the church gathers for the Supper it is a reminder of our unity in Christ.

Paul sharply rebukes the Corinthians for their ignorance of this fact. In the very practice of the Lord's Supper a deep seeded selfishness was revealed, "for in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk."

The Lord's Supper is a reminder that we exist with and for others. Self-interest, although legitimate in its proper place, must bow the knee to the interest of the church. Something has gone tragically wrong when the Christian community becomes a me, me, me oriented community. The root of all the problems in Corinth was selfishness, and the apostolic remedy was Christlike love. The Biblical doctrine of love is emphatically selfless. Paul's characterization of love bears this out: "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Cor. 13:4-7) Each time we "come together" for the Lord's Supper we are reminded that we are part of a body, the body of Christ. If we are to function as a body we must exercise selfless love.

This emphasis upon the corporate over the individual is needed in our age. We live in a culture dominated by self-interest. Modern man shaped by contemporary culture lives according to the doctrine of self. Priorities in life are oriented around self-interest rather than the wellbeing of the corporate (whether the church, family or state).

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According to Christian scholar D. A. Carson, "Individualistic self-fulfillment becomes the prime good." Paul's teaching on selfless love is out of step with 21st century man. Carson provides another cogent observation, "It has taken the end of the twentieth century to make self-centeredness a virtue; to interpret egotism as a strength, and whining self-pity a reason others must take yet one more course in sensitivity training; to ground every hint of instability or emotional disturbance or broken relationship in a disastrous loss of self-esteem."¹ This philosophy of life confronts us wherever we turn.

The Lord's Supper serves as a safeguard against the contemporary call to individualism. When we come together as God's people we are reminded that we are one body. We are also reminded that we function as one body through the exercise of love. As your pastor I rejoice that you love one another. I also encourage you to press on. Continue to resist the teaching of the world and grow in love one for another.

Your Pastor,
Todd Matocha

Upcoming Events

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| August 1 | Mrs. Emily Shull's 90 th Birthday Celebration – MSPC Fellowship Hall – 4:00 p.m. |  |
| August 2 | Ladies' Choir sings during the morning worship service | |
| August 18 | WIC at Night will meet at the home of Morgan Shipp – 7:30 p.m. | |
| August 24 | MSCS Teachers return | |
| August 31 | MSCS students begin the 2015-16 school year |  |
| September 1 | WIC Bible study and luncheon - MSPC Fellowship Hall – 11:00 a.m. | |
| September 3 | Football Kickoff – 5:30 p.m. |  |
| September 9 | Men's Prayer Breakfast and Wednesday Night Activities resume | |
| September 13 | Congregational Luncheon immediately following the morning worship service | |

¹ Carson, *The Gagging of God: Christianity Confronts Pluralism*, (Grand Rapids: Michigan, Zondervan, 1996) pages 48-49 & 205.



Happy Hearts

On July 6th we celebrated a spectacular Fourth of July in our fellowship hall! Last year I had invited Virgil Kimbrell to speak at Happy Hearts after reading a great article about him in the Palmer Home Magazine. We were scheduled and I was looking forward to seeing and hearing Virgil speak. I also was pleased to have an opportunity to get to know his wife, Vicki. But it was not to be in God's plan. Virgil was diagnosed with a very serious illness and was undergoing treatment on the very day we had scheduled for him to speak to Happy Hearts. We were all disappointed and began praying for Virgil. By God's mercy, Virgil was able to come in 2015 and we absolutely loved him and his Vicki! He looked great and performed with amazing clarity. He was funny and very entertaining, yet he had a real purpose in all that he said.

Because we had asked for a patriotic program, he began by telling us about his signing up for the Navy Reserves at age 38. A rather unusual time of life to join the military, but Virgil wanted to serve his country...and so he did. He had seen an advertisement for certain skills needed by the Navy Reserves. He had those skills and knew this was his opportunity. He was involved in the Navy's engineering for which he was well qualified. Virgil had taken advantage of any and every learning opportunity and was for the most part a self-taught man. He told us of befriending workers in the manholes under the streets near Palmer Home at night and learning how to wire the right things together in exactly the right way. He had worked at the local TV station as a handyman and a camera man. He operated his own business, Kimbrell Electronics, installing sound systems for schools and restaurants. He worked for the railroad also, just to mention a few of his interesting occupations. At age 55, Virgil was deployed to Iraq where his truck was hit by a bomb crater. His injuries were major and became more serious

with infections. He endured a number of surgeries and finally returned home with disabilities...but he was happy to have served his country!

We liked hearing about his service and appreciated his desire to serve our country. We were sorry he was injured and had lasting problems as a result of that explosion; he became a hero to us. But then he began to tell us his Palmer Home story which touched our hearts and made us very proud. Virgil, his brother and two sisters came to Palmer in the 1950's. He told us of his mother's love for her children and her placing them in Mr. Joe Davis' care at Palmer because she knew that was the best possibility for her 4 children. It was tender, sweet, and emotional, a precious tribute to his mother. At the same time it was a reflection of the person Virgil is....there is no glimpse of feeling sorry for himself or thinking he was neglected and rejected by his mother.

He was one young boy of 28 who lived together and grew up under Mr. Davis' guidance and the influence of a lady who was called a matron. She and her husband, who was the farm manager, lived in the Boys' Dormitory with the boys. Virgil told of wiring a buzzer to a certain step in the staircase. The 28 boys knew to always skip this step, but the matron did not. It provided a signal that she was coming and you can imagine the rest.... He recalled that the dormitory had a fire escape and of course the boys descended it during the night to go ride their bicycles. He laughed about riding all night long, coming in just in time to "get up" and go milk the cows! That went along fairly well for some time, but then Mr. Davis got wise - he climbed up the fire escape. Some of the boys were out riding, but Virgil happened to be in his room when he heard a hammer nailing down the window! Once again you can imagine the rest of this story. Having grown up on a dairy farm, I loved the stories about milking cows, stacking hay in the barn, and learning to work with their hands.

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Virgil told about stacking the hay in the loft of the barn. Rather than stacking hay as closely as possible, the boys built tunnels. I'm confident they had several reasons - the barn loft filled sooner and the hay stacking was completed, the tunnels were lots of fun to navigate, and it was more exciting to be a little mischievous! Virgil entertained us for over an hour telling us great stories of life at Palmer Home in those days. We laughed, he was an animated speaker, and we enjoyed hearing about such funny and harmless (for the most part) pranks.

I think he liked telling his stories as much as we liked hearing them. He made it quite obvious that life at Palmer was never dull, it was beneficial, it was spiritual, it was an opportunity to be all that he could be!

Mr. Davis was a father figure to every child, definitely to Virgil. There were 80 children living in the home when Virgil and his siblings were there. They were one big happy family. Once his sponsoring family wanted to adopt Virgil, but his mother would not agree to it. She wanted her 4 children to be together. Because we believe in God's providence, we are certain that Virgil was where he needed to be. He grew up to be a fine Christian, dedicated to his family, always anxious to help another, appreciative of his rearing, happy, balanced and well adjusted, a son of our church who has never forgotten the truths he learned at Palmer and at Main Street Presbyterian. What a blessing he was to us! He remembered coming to church "every time the doors opened". He remembered morning and evening devotionals at Palmer before breakfast and supper. The children did the morning devotionals and Mr. Davis did the night ones. The ultimate compliment that Virgil paid Mr. Davis was his daughter's naming her son, Davis. He had instilled his own love for Mr. Davis in his daughter. This story could go on and on - his presentation was truly special and I have barely scratched the service. He was wonderful, what more can I say! Several of us knew Virgil from

his childhood. We went to VBS with him and his siblings, we attended PYF with them, we were in church with them every Sunday, and we were so proud of him on July 6.

The fellowship hall was decorated appropriately for the Fourth in red, white, and blue! Marianne Field share her beautiful vine fern with us and it made the decorations complete. Nell Fleming came early to help accomplish that task. Pogie and Nick were frying bacon, and Frances was slicing tomatoes. You probably recall that we always have BLT's in July and we always have this competition between mayo and miracle whip. Nell and I hung banners designating two tables - one for each condiment. We ate heartily having our favorite spread for our individual sandwiches. We finished the meal with cool summertime watermelon chunks. Everyone helped with the cleanup it seemed to me. Ben Chilcutt, Johnice Shoemaker, Jean Yelverton, Nell Fleming, and Nancy Franks do an amazing job leaving our kitchen in better condition that when we arrived. We were pleased to have some folks who came especially to hear Virgil. Frank Webb was in the same high school class with him. Edna McCoy teaches Davis piano lessons. Oop Swoope and Ben Chilcutt had worked with Virgil, and I hope I haven't forgotten someone. There were about 30 people, which is a fabulous crowd on a Monday following a big holiday. It will be one of those memorable times!

Another special Happy Hearts is scheduled for August 1. We will be celebrating Mrs. Emily Shull's 90th Birthday! We always have a birthday party when one of our group turns 90. The entire church family is invited and we hope you will attend. Mrs. Emily has been a member of our church for years and a precious influence in many of our lives. The party will be in the fellowship hall at 4:00 in the afternoon. I hope to see you there.

With much love,

Bess Swedenburg





*HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON THE WALL
HUMPTY DUMPTY HAD A GREAT FALL;
ALL THE KING'S HORSES AND ALL THE KING'S MEN,
COULDN'T PUT HUMPTY TOGETHER AGAIN!*

LIBERIA. Fallen and broken. Shattered and Scattered. Can those pieces be put back together again? Certainly not, by all the King's horses or all the King's men. Only by God.

15 years of Civil War in Liberia not only shattered the country but it also scattered its people. The "Brain Drain" that African Bible College tried so desperately to prevent, rapidly took place as all the promising young men and women fled for their lives. Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, and America - all became places of refuge. Then, as the terrors of that war ended, many of those young people filtered slowly and timidly back home to Liberia.

But like a Bolt of Lightning out of the peace and tranquility that once again prevailed, came another terror - EBOLA! This Scourge shut Liberia down. No more friendly shaking of hands; no more going in and out of the country. Death and Fear hung heavily in the air. The OPEN DOOR to Liberia was shut. No one could go out; few desired to come in.

As were all the schools in Liberia, AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGE was closed as well. Jack and I have waited this entire year to go back and reopen the college. Finally, the cloud is lifted and we, along with a small band of faithful missionaries, plan to return in August.

Our son, Palmer, pastor of "The Grove" Church in Chandler, Arizona, is shipping a container with 12,000 pairs of shoes collected from his "BAREFOOT TRIBE" ministry to be carried by our students on motorbikes to the remote villages in Liberia. He has encouraged us to include textbooks and other supplies needed to put the college back in operation in that container. This will be a big help!

Pray for:

- ✧ the students as they return to the college that they will be able to find their tuition in a broken economy.
- ✧ the still needed BASKETBALL COACH and ATHLETIC DIRECTOR! Sports has always been a vital aspect of the African Bible Colleges. It is sad to see the beautiful new gymnasium on the ABC campus in Liberia stand empty. This is not only an important outlet for the students but an opportunity to reach out to the community with the Saving Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✧ those missionaries that will be going to Liberia with us: Dr. Buz and Sharon Beauchamp / Kent and Janice Ringger / and Rev. Lee and Pam Swengel
- ✧ Jack and me as we are still traveling and speaking and visiting our children and grandchildren before **we return to Africa AUGUST 13!**
- ✧ the EBOLA OUTBREAK TO REMAIN BROKEN.

Isaiah 64:4 clearly tells us:

For since the beginning of the world, men have not heard nor perceived by the ear neither has the eye seen, O God, beside you, what He has prepared for those who wait for Him.

WE ARE COUNTING ON THAT! AND WE ARE COUNTING ON OUR PRAYER WARRIORS TO DO BATTLE FOR US!

Nell Chinchen



Support Raising Update

Austin Lenox

Just over two years ago, our Main Street leadership asked Brian Sorgenfrei (RUF's Campus Minister at Mississippi State) if he could recommend anyone to work with our Youth group. He recommended Austin Lenox, and Austin has been with us since. He's now a MSU graduate and, this fall, he will be moving on and pursuing a new ministry.

He is headed for the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he will begin serving as a two-year RUF Intern. To read more about RUF at that university location, visit www.UTK.ruf.org.

As Austin excitedly said, My job [will be] to meet one on one with freshman guys and guys on the outskirts of RUF to facilitate community and pursue them in the way Christ pursued us. Reaching students for Christ and equipping them to serve is our mission statement!

Austin asks that we pray for him including:

- 1) *that God would be preparing [his] heart to serve college students at UT*
- 2) *that [he will] be provided obvious opportunities for ministry to individuals*
- 3) *for discernment to clearly see those ministry opportunities*
- 4) *that the money will come in to fund [him] fully*

The Main Street Missions Committee has now included Austin in their support pledges for the coming year.

As do all RUF Interns, he must raise 100% of his support. He is greatly encouraged that as of July, \$5,000 more will put him at full support.

If you'd like to help with Austin's support and haven't already, you may do so by contributing digitally at www.givetoruf.org. If you'd like to contribute by check, make the check payable to RUF, but please designate *Austin Lenox* clearly on the *For* line and then either place it in the offering plate during church or use one of the preaddressed envelopes in the Chapel to send it directly to RUF. If the check is not clearly designated for Austin, it will go into the RUF general fund, not to Austin's personal support account.

Austin is available at Austin.lenox@ruf.org or 256-617-2891 to answer any questions - or to receive a word or note of encouragement! Main Street will miss him.

More than just a ministry on the university campus, RUF seeks to be a ministry for the university.

We strive to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life.

RUF is the official campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America



Women in the Church



As we say goodbye to the lazy days of summer, I get excited about what's in store for the fall. The WIC monthly Bible study and luncheon usually begins in August, however, we have decided to begin in September this year. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall with a nursery provided. We will be studying Hoping for Something Better by Nancy Guthrie. Alice Talley has once again agreed to be the Bible leader. We are so grateful for her willingness to be our leader and thankful for her God-given abilities to be such a great teacher. As always, we will follow with a wonderful time of food and fellowship. Karmel Crandall and Diann Carter will be our hostesses. Don't forget to bring your sandwich to share with the group.

WIC at Night will begin Tuesday, August 18 at 7:30 at the home of Morgan Shipp. (717 Prairie Waters Drive) At the first meeting, a decision will be made regarding the book to be studied. For questions or directions, please contact Morgan Shipp (662-571-1373) or Kathryn Matocha (662-242-1434).

I want to encourage all the women in our church to join us as we begin this sweet time of Bible study and fellowship, encouraging and equipping one another to be Godly women of faith.

Serving Him,

Pat Russell

We had a very successful RYM trip. The students enjoyed lots of fun in the sun and they really bonded as a group. It was so awesome to see all of them coming together with one common thread: their love for Christ and wanting to know him more deeply through his Word. Each night we had a worship service and the theme of the week was "Abiding in Christ".

We studied the **Vine** from John 15. We learned that the longings we have in our hearts are echoes from heaven. We will turn into whatever we are the most deeply connected to in life. Jesus wants to have a deep connection with each of us and He relentlessly pursues us to abide in Him.

The **Family** from John 13 & 14. We learned that we were created to live in a family. Most of our earthly families will be broken in some way, but God uses this brokenness to create a longing for our Spiritual family.

The **Meal** from John 6. A big part of our lives center around meals. Jesus spent a lot of time enjoying meals with people throughout scripture. Food gives our body fuel and energy. God wants us to think of our time in His word and with Him in this way. His truths give us what we need to navigate through life.

The **Marriage** from John 17. We will be more interested in God as we see Him being a part of our story. God wants to be with us, because He loves us so deeply. Our marriages on this earth are not the ultimate marriage, they are merely a pointer to our Heavenly Marriage. The gospel unites us to Christ and we can look forward to the day when we get to look down the aisle to Christ, our groom. What a blessing.

We had some great group discussions each night after the worship service. All of the students impressed Austin and me with their understanding of these wonderful truths. Each of them had an amazing experience. On our way home, they asked if we could come back next year? What a great encouragement!! Austin was a huge blessing to all there. If his schedule allows, he wants to go back with us next year!! Yay!!!

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Thank you so much for your prayers and please continue to pray for our youth. They have so many challenges and temptations in this world. Trips like this are so beneficial to their spiritual life. Thanks for providing us with this opportunity.

In His Grace,
Jami Laws



We are blessed that our worship experience is growing. We are expanding our horizons musically, yet remain committed to the traditional songs of our faith. As best we know how, we are following the Biblical example of worshiping God through the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Words of confession that have stood the test of time are read and shared each and every worship service. In this manner, we remain anchored in our theology and our history of faith is celebrated continually. There is a richness that accompanies those readings.

We are blessed to be walking together in compassion. As individuals and as a church I hear and have seen brothers and sisters take action to help, assist, embolden, and minister to one another. Spontaneous ministry by members to families and individuals facing crisis occurs within the church. I have heard the buzz of chainsaws and the laughter and chatter of fellowship while a widow's heart was encouraged. I have heard individuals express the desire to do more for others. We are blessed with a real and genuine concern for the fellowship. We have a concern for those beyond our door. Through our Mercy Ministry we often meet simple needs of people in need of food, water and other essentials of life.

We are blessed to live in a day in a time in which our influence and impact are not restricted to our geography. According to Google Analytics, in the first 21 days of July we have had over 2000 views of our web page, 91% of which were new visitors. Our pastor's sermons continue to be made available to anyone wanting to hear God's word shared at any hour of any day. Non-church members share online articles, words of encouragement, and words of scripture with their friends that posted on our webpage, Facebook, and Twitter. A member of our church working on the other side of the world gets to share in our worship services. A shut-in has access to sermons.



Vigilantly Blessed

by Ron Simpson

Have you ever stopped to consider just how blessed we are as a church? I am sure you have. Consider how blessed it is to be a part of a denomination that has chosen to stand firm on the things of God continually while many others have capitulated to the whim of the week. We read of sister denominations and groups who subscribe to having a form of modern, politically correct and religious looking godliness yet deny the power thereof. We are blessed to have a pastor and a session committed to not yield when it comes to spiritual truth. It has always been difficult and uncomfortable to stand with the truth of scripture when society accepts a different norm and a divergent morality. We are blessed that as a church that our leaders are setting this Biblical example to follow.

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We are blessed to be partners in the work of missionaries around the world whom we support financially and through prayer. We share in their success, trial, failure, and passion for the lost.

We are blessed to have physical resources available to us. We have more education and worship space available to us than we currently can utilize. We have faith that God has given this to us for a reason and long for a time shortly when all of this space will be used to his honor and glory on a regular basis.

I share all of this with you, first to encourage you, but second to warn you. Israel was abundantly blessed by God and had his favor upon them. They walked close to God for a time and lived in the shadow of his protective hand and enjoyed the blessing He bestowed on them. In time, however, they failed to maintain their walk with the Lord. Arrogance, pride, mediocrity, and complacency eventually took its toll on them as a people and as a nation. As we have been blessed in each of these areas listed above, and more, we will be tempted to fail, falter, and fall. Therefore, we must remain vigilant.

We and our denomination are standing firm on doctrine and truth. But we must be on guard to not become prideful or arrogant in our stance. We must stand against sin, but reach out to the sinner. We cannot yield on principle, but must stretch ourselves to love and reach those we instinctively find unlovable.

As we grow and expand our worship boundaries, we must be cautioned to remain true to who we are and the traditions that define us. We need to move more and more toward a reformed worship that is real, living and breathing, but maintains its identity founded and anchored upon God's word.

As we minister to needs within our congregation, we must stay alert to not be jealous

or covetous of the assistance another receives. We should be generous with our energies, but also aware of our responsibilities in other areas of ministry. One area of the church's work should not become overshadowed by another.

We must be aware that as our work expands beyond our geography, we become more of a target for the enemy and those who may view us as an enemy. We must be attentive in prayer and physically vigilant as well. We have a responsibility for the safety of our families and those who gather to worship with us. We must seek the wisdom of God to know how to secure best his people and then trust Him in faith to take care of the rest.

We cannot allow our missions work to end at writing a check. As we continue to provide finances and prayer for missions work around the world, we must actively seek to win Columbus, MS to the Lord. There are people we work with, live next to, and do business with who have needs in their life. They must see us living out the life Christ would have us lead. They must see our faith is real. When an opportunity to share our faith arises, we must be prepared to speak up and share.

We must take care of the physical resources with which we are blessed. We must be careful to not waste or squander what God has given us. Just the simple act of turning out lights in a classroom when Sunday school is over, or closing a door can help trim waste and abuse of the blessings we have been given.

Main Street, God has blessed you. That cannot be debated. We must, however, take the time to consider, "What will we do with these blessings?" We face living the Christ-like life in this world that seems to have changed drastically. It hasn't. It is the same lost world that needs Christ it has always been. We are blessed abundantly by God to share Christ with that world. Be blessed Main Street. Be happy. Be vigilant. Let us go forward and be the church God has called and equipped us to be.



NEW NEED:

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
 George Courington
 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

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

 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

August Volunteers

Nursery

August 2 Marianne Field
 Laurie Flora & Stephen Russell
August 9 Pat Russell
 Volunteer needed
August 16 Jennifer White
 Janie & Reed Williams
August 23 Frances Glenn
 Kitty Brewer & Olivia Laws
August 30 Alice Talley
 Roger & Joy Day

Ushers

August 2 John Beard, Roger Day,
 Trip Hairston, Ray Kilpatrick,
 Richard Laws, Russ Russell
August 9 Gray Flora, Mike Meharg,
 Matt White, Rick Wright
August 16 Bayard Grillis, Bill Laws,
 Henry Pilkinton, Ben Woodson
August 23 Grover Allgood, Phillip Goodwin,
 Brad Talley
August 30 John Beard, Roger Day,
 Trip Hairston, Ray Kilpatrick,
 Richard Laws, Russ Russell

MONEY COUNTER -- Tim Chapman

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Carolyn Courington
by

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Laws
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Swedenburg

BUDGET REPORT
JULY 2015

Offerings this Month
\$23,058



2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy Hearts 4-5:30 p.m. Mrs. Emily Shull's 90th Birthday Party Gray & Laurie Flora Justin & Jennifer Yoder
2 Communion in PM Service	3	4 Douglas Glenn Silas Zarandona	5 William Laws Ben Woodson	6 Brad & Aliee Talley	7 Danny & Janie Williams	8 Todd & Kathryn Matocha
9	10 Pat Russell	11 Karen Livingston	12	13	14 Karmel Crandall	15
16 Caitlyn Lovegren Tom Stockman	17 Nancy Franks Becky Moore	18 WIC @ Night Resumes John & Jeanette Beard	19 Linda Simpson	20 Articles due for the Main Thing	21 Chad & Michelle Watkins	22 Kathryn Matocha
23	24 MSCS Teachers Return Kathy Newton	25 Johanna Martinez	26 Laurie Chilcutt Manuel Martinez	27 Henry & Sandra Pilkinton	28 Ben & Anna Woodson	29 Kimber-Leigh Drown Danny Williams
30 Richard Laws Richard & Frances Laws	31  First Day of School at MSCS Stephen Matocha Chad Watkins					

Birthdays

Anniversaries



Libby Springer Yard Project

June 27, 2015



Special Thanks 

I want to thank all the volunteers who worked in my yard on Saturday, June 27th. How humbled I am by yet another generous demonstration of caring and love from my Main Street family.

As I began my devotional that morning I could see numerous people working in the back yard pruning, raking, and so on. I could hear chain saws running. The suggested Scripture with the devotional seemed especially appropriate: “Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.” Psalm 143:8 (NIV).

Miss Bess helped me get to the front porch in order to witness what was happening outside. There were men and women, young and old, long-time and recent Main Street members. Someone said that 25 people were there to help! I was struck by how hard-working and happy everyone was. The planning of the many tasks paid off well.

My yard needed a good deal of “TLC” after at least 5 years of neglect due to my health problems. Also, several trees were down and needed “major” attention. But, the old saying applied that says, “Many hands make light work”, and soon the group was finished and gone! What a huge difference everyone’s efforts had made!

Many thanks to everyone for being such a blessing to me. Much love to my brothers and sisters in Him,

Libby

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Main Street Presbyterian Church

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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