

# The Main Thing

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## *Welcome to Our New Members*

We give thanks to God for bringing new members to Main Street Presbyterian Church. Below is some information to help you get to know them. I encourage you to introduce yourself to our new members and welcome them into our church family.

### ***Pastor Matocha***



### ***Eddie and Lynn Estalote***

#### **Where are you from?**

I was born in Memphis and lived there until I left home for college at LSU.

#### **What brought you to Columbus? What is your occupation?**

We came to Columbus in 2003. Eddie retired from U. S. Navy civil service and accepted teaching positions at MSU and also MUW. We moved here from Alexandria, VA. I am a retired R.N.

#### **What is your church background?**

Growing up in a Christian home I was a very active member of FBC Memphis. I was born again as a young teenager. We have been members of Baptist churches wherever we have lived, the last being Engleside Baptist Church in Alexandria. It is a small Independent Baptist Church (much more "conservative" than SBC) that had a heart for missions, a K-12 school and a home school association.

#### **How did you hear about MSPC?**

We were looking for a PCA church. In Virginia, we had close ties with Harvester PCA. MSPC is closer to our understanding of a New Testament church than local Baptist churches we considered.

#### **What is your favorite book of the Bible or portion of Scripture?**

Favorite OT book would be the Psalms. Favorite New Testament book is John. Favorite verse is very hard to choose. Among favorites are Is. 26:3, Is. 41:10, Is. 61:10, Heb 4:16, Heb 12:1. Like I said...hard to choose!

#### **What is your favorite Christian Hymn/Song?**

Favorite hymns are:

*And Can It Be* and *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

#### **Do you have any hobbies?**

It gets harder to find the time but I enjoy reading, cooking, yard work, trying to do vegetable gardening, being with friends and family. I used to sew quite a bit but not much anymore. We watch Fox News at night and SEC football, but that's all the TV I can tolerate. We have 3 dogs and 4 cats who insist on some attention!

## **Gary and Jennifer Harris**



### **Where are you from?**

Jennifer: I have lived in various places, but my hometown is Crystal Springs, MS.

Gary: From Crystal Springs, MS. Graduated with a degree in Political Science from Mississippi State University

### **What brought you to Columbus? What is your occupation?**

Jennifer: My sweetheart brought me to Columbus! 😊 I am a Licensed Professional Counselor with Student Counseling Services at Mississippi State University. I am a cognitive-behavioral based therapist, specializing in trauma therapy and related concerns such as eating disorders, anxiety disorders, and self-harming behaviors.

Gary: Head Boys Basketball coach and Girls Fast pitch Softball coach at Heritage Academy. I also teach several classes in Speech/Debate, Journalism and History.

### **What is your church background?**

Jennifer: I was reared in a Southern Baptist Church as a child, but most of my adult life has been spent in conservative Episcopal parishes and other PCA congregations.

Gary: I grew up in the Roman Catholic Church, attended Southern Baptist churches during high school and college. Started going to RUF at MSU while I was working in Starkville and my sister was a student there. Began attending Grace Presbyterian Church and have been in the PCA since that time.

### **How did you hear about MSPC?**

Jennifer: Gary

Gary: Jami Laws and Henry Pilkinton invited me to start coming to church here.

### **What is your favorite book of the Bible or portion of Scripture?**

Jennifer: The Psalms is my favorite book of the Bible, because it reminds me that I can be vulnerable and honest with God in my weakness - to be present; in any season of life I can and am to praise God and enjoy Him. When I am having difficulty praying due to pride, anger, sadness, or anything else, reading the psalms helps to open my heart and changes my heart and mind, eventually becoming prayer. It helps me stay engaged with Christ in those times when I am struggling and “don’t feel like it”.

Gary: I especially lean on the Book of Proverbs. As a teacher, I particularly love that there is much wisdom and instruction in it that shows God's nature and desire for His people to follow Him.

### **What is your favorite Christian Hymn/Song?**

Jennifer: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* is my favorite hymn. I recently heard this hymn to the tune of Abbot's Leigh, rather than the Austrian tune in most contemporary hymnals and the beauty of the words really shined through.

Gary: Favorite Christian Hymn is *Be Thou My Vision*

### **Do you have any hobbies?**

Jennifer: I enjoy attending music and theatre events, participating in musical ensembles, attending sports events, playing tennis, hiking and rafting, traveling, and gardening/yardwork.

Gary: I love live music events and festivals. I also enjoy getting into the great outdoors.

**Chris and Marcia Lovegren  
Caitlyn, Anthony, & Makayla**

**Where are you from?**

Marcia: Huntsville, Alabama, but was born in Swaziland, Africa

Chris: Titusville, Florida

**What brought you to Columbus?**

Both: The Air Force

**What is your occupation?**

Chris: AF Pilot

Marcia: Homemaker

**What is your church background?**

Both: Southern Baptist/ PCA....plus moving around, we went to E Free churches, Bible Churches

**How did you hear about MSPC?**

Both: We were going to Grace Presbyterian in Starkville and they mentioned MSPC to us.

**What is your favorite Bible portion or Scripture?**

Chris: Ephesians

Marcia: Psalms

**What is your favorite Christian hymn/ or song?**

Chris: *Be Thou My Vision*

Marcia: *Be Still My Soul*

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Chris: running, hiking, shooting, gardening, flying, playing guitar/ piano

Marcia: playing my flute/ piano, horseback riding, painting ceramics



**Mike and Victoria Yeager**

**Where are you from?**

Mike grew up primarily in Huntsville, AL. Victoria was born and raised in Vicksburg, MS.

**What brought you to Columbus? What is your occupation?**

We moved to Columbus in August 2014 because we fell in love with a house here and liked the overall vibe of the town and its accessibility to Mike's work as the production / web manager at Gun Dog Supply in Starkville. Victoria is an Army veteran who worked as a high school science teacher and later as a purchasing agent at Gun Dog Supply before becoming a homemaker.

**What is your church background?**

Mike's church background is PCUSA. Victoria's is Southern Baptist.

**How did you hear about MSPC?**

We found MSPC through an online search.

**What is your favorite book of the Bible or portion of Scripture?**

A favorite portion of Scripture for us both is the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The story of Hannah and Samuel is also significant to us.

**What is your favorite Christian Hymn/Song?**

Mike's favorite hymn is *Holy, Holy, Holy*. Victoria's is *How Great Thou Art*.

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Mike is a musician with a home recording studio and is most proficient at the drums. Victoria's favorite interest is writing. She will be posting a vlog online in the New Year, perhaps a little sooner.



## Happy Hearts

December 15, 2015 was the appointed day for our Happy Hearts Christmas celebration. The birth of any baby should be sufficient cause for a celebration and especially this Baby. On the other hand, the death of a loved one is hardly reason for celebration. In my opinion and practice, a funeral is a time to grieve even as Christ wept over Lazarus' death. But Christmas, which is our topic today, is the celebration of the most precious child ever born, the One who came to live a sinless life in order to pay the full ransom for our sins even to His death and resurrection. And yes! We celebrate His birth praising God for His Gift of mercy and grace which brings salvation and eternal life to us.

We met at our usual 10:30 for a wonderful time of fellowship, good food, and celebration. The Harmony Grits Sweet Adeline group entertained us with a variety of Christmas music. Lots of their songs were fun and brought warm fuzzy feelings to our hearts and smiles to our faces. They sang "Here Comes Santa Claus" and unrolled a list of the naughty and nice....you would not believe the names of our members that showed up on Santa's naughty list! I think the surprise of it all will whip those folks into shape before Christmas arrives. But my favorites of all their songs were the Christmas carols. It was a delightful program and the Harmony Grits girls have become our friends now that we have invited them to come to Happy Hearts twice this year.

Our fellowship hall was spectacular in its festive attire. Mrs. Gaines Gaskin was kind enough to share her son Edmund's collection of nutcrackers with us. Mrs. Kitty Brewer had

decorated the dining tables with all sizes and kinds of nutcrackers, fresh greenery, red ribbons, and shiny red Christmas balls for our Preschool Christmas program the day before Happy Hearts. Gaines, Edmund, and Kitty gave us all a very special gift in allowing us to use their decorations and I truly appreciated their willingness to share with us. Edmund's collection is amazing. I would guess we borrowed at least 30 nutcrackers and he had more at home. I meant to ask Gaines to tell me the story of who started the collection and how many years ago, but in the Christmas rush I failed to do that. Maybe I will yet...

Our meal was pretty spectacular also. We had baked ham, wonderful grits (other than the Harmony Grits), pineapple casserole, green beans with a horseradish sauce, tossed salad of fresh greens, apples, cranberries, walnuts, and feta cheese, rolls, watermelon rind pickles, and cranberry relish. For dessert we enjoyed boiled custard and Charlotte. It was as delicious as it sounds. I always tell you what we ate hoping to entice you to join us the following month. Frances Laws made the grits casseroles, which were really scrumptious. Jean Yelverton made the Charlotte. It is an old fashioned Southern Christmas tradition tasting much like a cool homemade marshmallow but even more delicious. It makes the boiled custard a delicacy. Betty Weaver provided the yeast rolls, which are always a favorite with our group. And of course, our own Nancy Franks, Pat Wallace, Diann Carter, Ann Chilcutt, Jean Yelverton, and Johnice Pilcher composed the cleanup committee. It is all a blessing, from the program to the decorations, to the meal and even the cleanup.

I was delighted with the group's having individually signed a very special Christmas card for me, declaring me to be the Mother of

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Happy Hearts! What an honor and a privilege, one of my most enjoyable blessings, an event I cherish every time we meet! Thank you!

I had thought I would frame the card and hang it in our Honey House, but I have changed my mind. I plan to place it in our Happy Hearts scrapbook which can be seen in the historical room on third floor. I know that is the most appropriate place to preserve the memory and the love expressed. But thank you again for such a thoughtful and meaningful gesture. I do truly love you and this expression of your love. Merry Christmas to each of you and may 2016 be a year of many more good times together growing to love each other and our Savior more each day.

In January we will have a most unique program. Robert E. Lee will be joining us. I think you will find him intriguing. The date has not yet been set, but you will be receiving a card in the mail and announcements will be found in our church bulletins. I will let you know ASAP so you can make your plans to attend. Hope to see you there.....2016 will have arrived!

Love in Christ,  
*Bess*



Harmony G.R.I.T.S.



*Women  
in the  
Church*



Thank you to the "Cookie Swap" committee for such a delightful party. Mrs. Bess graciously served as hostess at The Honey House where it was beautifully decorated for Christmas. A special "thank you" to Hannah Nail and her committee for providing a wonderful meal of chicken salad croissants, butternut squash soup, and tossed salad.



For a special treat, the younger girls entertained us with the telling of the Christmas story followed by scripture reading by Alice Talley. Then we all sang Christmas carols led by Rhonda White and Marcia Lovegren.



I am very thankful for our annual cookie swap and the fellowship we enjoy.



The monthly WIC meeting will be held Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 in the fellowship hall. Just a reminder – we are gathering 15 minutes early for those who want a time of fellowship. This will allow us to start our lesson promptly at 11:00.



Happy New Year,  
*Pat Russell*





The “Mingle and Jingle...” was wonderful with around 90 people in attendance. My thanks to Janie Williams and her Sunday School class for providing the drinks and setting up the dishes. Linda Simpson went down early and was great overseeing the flow of people and last minute items that needed attention.

We now look forward to 2016 and our annual “Soup and Sides” luncheon. Yes, I know we haven’t had very cold weather, however, that doesn’t mean that we can’t make soup, stew, or chili. For sides, think cheese and crackers, cold salads, relish plate, and desserts.

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, following the morning worship service for “Soup and Sides!”

So, Fellowship, Family, Fun...without the Fuss!

*Lynda*



The Men’s Prayer Breakfast wrapped up the year in a really big way. Allan brought an insightful message using Proverbs 4 as his text. This is a father’s instructions cautioning his son to be careful what he treasures. This is especially meaningful here at the Christmas season with so much noise and hub bub to remember that we most of all treasure God’s love for us.



The tables in the Fellowship Hall were decorated as a holdover from the Happy Hearts’ luncheon. They were festive and colorful and we enjoyed them very much. The great breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon and grits was supplemented with a couple of real treats -- a nice batch of pigs-in-blankets and Nick Hairston’s world famous blueberry muffins. You’ve got to believe Nick really “knocked it out of the park”. They were delicious!

Beginning in January, the MPB is moving to one day a month. This is based on the age old business and engineering tenet that “less is more”. By moving to this format allows you guys to focus on one date as opposed to a weekly event. Now your job is to prove the tenet right by showing up. The first breakfast of the New Year is Wednesday, January 6, at 6:30 AM. The menu is French toast, bacon and sausage, scrambled eggs and fruit. There will also be assorted juices and hot water and instant hot cereal for anyone who might enjoy a bowl of oatmeal or Cream of Wheat.

Mark your calendars with this date. There will also be reminders in the bulletins and emails prior to the 6th.

Mike



MSP Friends,

I am not sure that I can find the words to truly express my gratitude. The outpouring of support for children in need of Christmas presents has been phenomenal.

Several weeks ago, the Lord placed an overwhelming feeling of compassion on my heart for a specific student. I have seen a lot of needs come through the doors of the school I work in, but this one burdened me more than some. When I reached out to you, the members of our church, it was for small donations or gifts in the five to ten dollar range for a few students whom I knew would be blessed by them.

My vision was to drop small gifts into the backpacks of some students on the last day before Christmas break. Instead, you embraced this venture whole heartedly, and it became so much bigger than that. Instead of a few students, we blessed families. We provided Christmas gifts for THIRTEEN different children! We went beyond the students who I had in mind and branched out to some whom I have never even met. I talked to the children's teachers and parents to find out what their wants and needs were. It took Mary Esther and I over 3 hours to wrap and sort all of the gifts!!!

As I handed gifts to single mothers, grandmothers, and fathers, I realized what we were giving them. We didn't buy anything for the parents, but we gave them the gift of being able to watch their children enjoy the holiday. That simply can't be bought. I can't imagine what this must mean to a struggling mama who can't afford to give her children the things they want or need for Christmas. I pray that they will see Jesus in this act of giving.

Please pray for the students and their families. Pray that the Lord will plant seeds in their hearts, and that they will feel his love even when they feel that they must be unlovable. Pray for the single parents, sick parents, and grandparents. I hope that you will continue to cover these children and their families in prayer this year. Thank you for making my Christmas so special this year!

In Christ,

Joy Day



Items Given to Children: 4 pairs of tennis shoes, 13 uniform sets, 1 tablet with cover, 1 Sega Genesis handheld, 2 remote controlled cars, 2 dolls, 2 nail polish sets, 1 purse, 4 sets of Legos, 2 art kits, 2 backpacks, 3 Star Wars toy sets, 1 "Frozen" purse, 1 "Frozen" doll", 2 Nina Turtle sets, 1 Ninja Turtle mask, 4 footballs, 2 basketballs, 2 board games, socks, "Frozen" jewelry, 1 "non-school" outfit, 1 coat, 1 pair of football gloves, 1 football stand, 1 water bottle, 1 tractor toy, 1 tank toy, 1 "Frozen" sweatshirt, 2 coloring books, 1 over the door basketball game, 9 nail kits, 11 spy sets, 1 badminton racket set, 10 knitted hats, 3 scarves, 1 razor scooter, 3 bracelets



# Planning the New Year

by Ron Simpson

There is something that feels fresh and new when it comes to a brand new year. A friend of mine has often observed that a new year has not been, “messed up, sinned up, or used up.” It is the opportunity to utilize what has worked in the past, and implement new ideas and new ways. It is a chance to maybe, get it right, this time.

From the perspective of church administration the first and most obvious area to evaluate in terms of what works and what doesn't is church event planning and calendaring. First I believe our online calendar has been a helpful addition for planning. It allows for immediate access by any and all members at any time, can be adapted and altered as event details evolve, and serves as an easy means to share event details with others through email, text, and social media. If you are not yet familiar with our online calendar you can view it at <http://www.mainstreetpres.org/events>. You can always access it by clicking on the <Events> menu option at the top of every webpage on our site. Each event listed on the calendar has its own webpage where any amount of detail for that event may be posted including a Google map to where that event is taking place. To share an event on social media or by email, all you have to do is copy the web address of the event page you want to share and paste it into your media site or email.

In the coming months I have some personal goals and some challenges I would like to make regarding calendaring.

## **Let's make long range planning the norm.**

I think one of our weaknesses organizational wise is a lack of long range planning. Oh, don't worry, we are not alone. That is one of the hardest disciplines to develop in church administration. Many events are hardwired into the year as annual events and can automatically be placed on the calendar. Our missions conference, Vacation Bible School, end of school term events, holiday

events, and seasonal events can, and should be, automatically placed into our calendar over a year in advance. This keeps us from accidentally overbooking, and helps us to make sure the facility, provisions and equipment needed for any event is in place, available, and fully functional.

## **Let's fill in the details well in advance of the event.**

I appreciate all of you who have kept me up to date with event details and changes so I could incorporate them into the calendar ahead of time. Many of you have made use of the online event form located under the <Events> menu on our website at <http://www.mainstreetpres.org/event-communication-form>. It is still the best way to let me know about your event details. Others of you have kept me informed by using email and text. Thank you. I lose track of details from conversations in the hallway, but I usually can keep up with and act on information you send me. I have to confess that I have missed my share of details in the last few months. If you ever see me messing with my smart phone during church, I am probably changing the calendar to match an announcement I just heard from the pulpit. Please get your details to me as soon as possible so I can help you publicize your event.

## **Let's avoid overcrowding the calendar.**

I believe time is the greatest resource God has given us. No other resource matters outside of time. Even our salvation is expressed in temporal terminology as it is, eternal. We have to be disciplined in order to effectively use our time to support our families with our work, spend time with those who matter in our lives, and worship and serve our Lord privately and collectively.

The last thing we want to do is overburden our church family with a flurry of activities that hinder our walk with the Lord or creates a sense of frustration. If we are not careful, we may wind up with days or weeks of intense back to back activity followed by periods of inactivity. If the activities of the church are more spread out, then it becomes more likely to have more participants in our planned events.

How often at an event have you heard someone say, "I feel like I have been at the church every day this week."

As I said before, I look forward to this brand new year and the challenges it will bring. Let's work to make our events effective, and enjoyable. Plan now to succeed.

Happy New Year!



## Gifts to the Church

In Memory of  
Libby Springer  
by

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Hairston  
Dr. & Mrs. Robert DeCoux, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wright  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Laws  
Mr. & Mrs. Oop Swoope  
& Dudley  
Nancy Hewitt  
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Carlisle  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dorr  
Maxine Brock  
Lori Neely  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Swoope  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Franks  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hollingsworth

In Memory of  
John D. Laws  
By

Lauren Laws Conner

## Missions News

### 2016 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

On Saturday and Sunday, February 27 & 28 we are scheduled to host our annual Missions Conference.

Rev. Rafael Ku, pastor of the Bethany Church plant in Belize, is preparing to be our Keynote Speaker. The Dale and Susan Ellison family, who serve at Peru Mission, are on home assignment and are also expected to attend.

This particular weekend is one of the most important on a PCA church calendar. A lot of activity precedes the conference, and this year Brent Drown will be working as our Conference Coordinator. If you are willing to help in any way, please let him know. There is likely to be a task for you no matter your skill or area of interest. Please pray for Brent as he serves us.

### FAITH PROMISE

Faith Promise giving at Main Street is used to provide support for a diverse group listed each week in the bulletin. The annual Faith Promise campaign will begin in February, Main Street's Missions Month.

### Missions Committee

**The next Missions Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, at 5:30 pm.** Members are encouraged to attend, even if they arrive late. If you are a member of Main Street and have an interest in serving on this committee, please join us. This will be a Missions Conference planning meeting.

### 2016 MISSIONS CONFERENCE PRAYER FOCUS

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As we approach the Missions Conference, we may wish to intentionally focus a portion of our prayer time directly upon the particular visitors we expect to see during our conference.

#### *They look so familiar, but...*

We may find the task quite challenging, however, as hear ourselves thinking:

*Now, just who are they? Just where is it that they serve? Are they the ones who (fill in the blank- or several blanks)? I should know this! Is that the person I read about last week?*

Questions always arise when we have not seen someone in person for several years. We likely feel reassurance when we learn how common these questions are. But, still the questions are unanswered. This year, let's challenge ourselves to prepare our hearts and our minds for our conference - just as our guests are already preparing their hearts and presentations for their time among us.

#### *And the answers are...*

By beginning in January, we will have two months to learn about our guests before they arrive. And to assist us in the endeavor, our two confirmed guest families have shared updates and prayer requests which follow on the next pages.

May our conference weekend be a time of renewed friendships, celebrated achievements, and rich fellowship in Christ's community!

If you find this a worthwhile endeavor, let us know so we can repeat it next year.

## **Missions News**

### **The Ellisons: Peru Mission**



#### **Merry Christmas!**

*Greetings to all of you from our family. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Being back in the states we are reminded of the busyness of the season, yet very much enjoying our time with our family and friends here in Mississippi. We also, of course, miss our team and friends in Peru and know we will see them again in about 7 more months. We hope you are celebrating the birth of our Saviour and giving thanks for God's wonderful provision to send Immanuel, God with us!*

#### **Summing it Up**

*Now that we are back on HMA, I thought I would not just give an update on our past year, but rather our past 4 years! Sounds ambitious right? But don't worry; I'll stick to the high points. We returned to Peru in January 2012 and immediately found ourselves very frustrated by not being able to find a home to rent. However after a few months of consternation we ended up in Huanchaco, about 5 miles away from Trujillo, in a nice house and praised God for again providing for our needs. In 2012 Dale continued to spend time at the Wichanza clinic and was installed as an elder at our church, Christ Restorer. 2013 was a year spent mainly overseeing the construction of our Arevalo clinic, which is a much larger facility than our original clinic. We were able to open the doors in September and were blessed to have a great start to our new ministry.*

*In 2014 we spent most of our time and effort in constructing our new school and organizing for our opening. Most of that year we planned and hired our first staff - and were able to make it to our goal of starting with 2 - 5 year old students. Geneva School was a challenge to open and remains a challenge, but again God is faithful and continues to bless us in our labors. In March of 2015, we began classes and have just concluded our first year! Of course during these years we had many teams and visitors come down to work with us in Peru and are so grateful for the help and encouragement. We again thank you so much for your giving and praying, knowing that without you we would not be able to continue as God uses you and us together to build his Kingdom. Many things happened along the way, including new members joining our church, and instituting an annual mission's conference to put an emphasis on outreach for our members.*

*We ask for your prayers, not only for our family and these ministries, but for the young men and ladies who I was involved with as a youth leader. In this photo below are several young men who joined the church this past year and made professions of faith! Pray for their continued spiritual growth and protection, for they are the future of the church in Peru. Pray for us as well to have a good end of year giving for our personal support, for the school and clinic to grow in financial support, and for our ministries to prosper in 2016 with the Lord's favor.*



**Arevalo Youth Group:** pray for Alexis as he teaches and leads the group, Rafael, Christopher, Luis, Angel, Dorothy, Oscar, Wilfredo, Oswaldo, and Jenifer, plus more not in the photo. Pray for them!

## **Missions News**

### **Rafael Ku Family**

#### **Bethany Presbyterian Church Plant**



#### **Pray for our Family:**

1. Sagri's [Rafael's wife] health: For several months she hasn't been sleeping well. There are nights when totally she doesn't sleep at all. She has been taking medication from different doctors including natural medicine. It hasn't really helped. One doctor told her it might be stress. Seems she needs to check with a specialist. Pray the Lord will lead us to a good doctor who will be able to understand her medical problem.
2. School: Kristen is in her last year of high school. Lord willing she will graduate in May 2016 and will move to college.
  - a. Pray for her as she will be taking nine extra exams next semester.
  - b. Pray that the Lord will bless our finances so we can pay the balance of tuition.
  - c. Pray that the Lord will make it clear to Kristen which career to follow and to provide the resources. At the moment she has been thinking of either Pharmacy or nursing.
  - d. Transportation: Pray for an 8 seater vehicle, 4 cylinders- to help us in the ministry as we help people to church. Maybe someone might have one to donate to us?

#### **Pray for Bethany Church:**

As we come to the end of 2015, we can again say that the Lord is good. But it has been a difficult and discouraging year. Many spiritual battles have been fought. Some of our members are no longer attending. Among the reasons are family problems, lack of commitment, sickness and schooling.

1. Leadership- it's a slow process and at times discouraging. Pray for greater understanding of what church is, their relationship with the Lord, and the desire to serve and be used in a greater way. Pray for Gustavo Perez, Gertrude Armstrong and Ruth Sierra who together with Rafael form the church Committee.
2. Home fellowship- an opportunity for believers to reach out to their neighbors. Pray for us to be more aggressive with evangelism.
3. New members- pray for Daisy and Hilda who are in the process of joining church early January 2016.
4. Sunday school teachers- we are in need of a teacher for the children in the church. Pray God will raise the person to take this ministry. Pray for the children's ministry.
5. Evangelism- pray for us as we target Preschool children and their parents with the gospel.

#### **Pray for Belize Presbytery:**

Third Millennium Ministries- Pray for the ongoing leadership training offered through the seminary. Rafael has been leading the seminary for the past years. Students have been doing Third Millennium courses. Still three more courses to go. Rafael travels to northern Belize to meet with students and facilitate the classes.

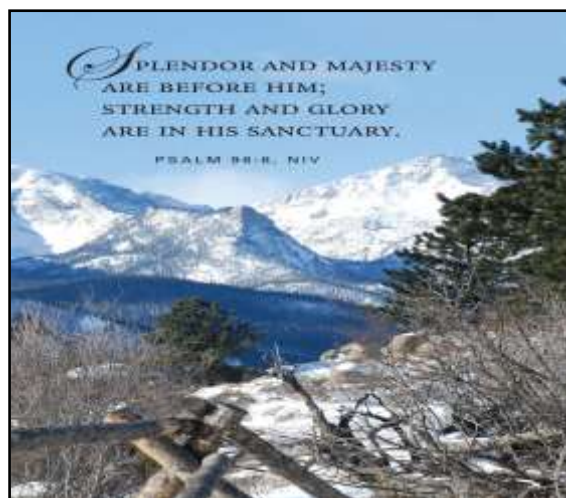
- a. Pray for perseverance of students and for Rafael's traveling.
- b. Pray for the Lord to raise new students for the seminary.
- c. Pray for other pastors in Presbytery who are coming alongside to help with classes.

# January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year! John Beard	2 Hannah Russell
3 Communion AM Service  <i>Jack &amp; Laurie Chilcutt</i>	4 MSCS Students Return  Kimberly Duncan	5 WIC 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast	7 Prayer Meeting Noon  John Mark Russell <i>John Hunter &amp; Margo Allgood</i>	8  Henry Pilkinton	9  Stephen Russell
10  Lori Neely Chris Lovegren	11	12  Missions Committee Meeting 5:30	13  Frances Laws	14 Prayer Meeting Noon	15	16  Rick Wright
17	18  McGinty Chilcutt	19	20 Wednesday Evening Activities Resume <i>Fried Chicken</i>	21 Prayer Meeting Noon  Kennedy Flora	22	23
24  <i>John &amp; Jane Rogowski</i>	25	26 WIC at Night 7:00 p.m. at the Matocha home	27  Susan Wright <i>Sandwiches</i>	28 Prayer Meeting Noon	29 Laurie Flora Isaac Zarandona	30
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Birthdays

Anniversaries





**NEW NEED:**

Upcoming Weddings:  
Hannah Russell and Ross Moore

**CONTINUING NEEDS:**

Our Shut-Ins:

Dot Norton  
Louise Armstrong  
Joan Buster  
Sadie Brewer  
George & Martha Clegg  
Jamie Mills  
Jesse Duncan  
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  
Jane Rogowski

Jean Yelverton  
Billy & Emily Shull  
Beth Halverson - friend of Amy Kilpatrick,  
reoccurrence of breast cancer  
Fran Perkins  
Dot Pilcher  
John Mark Russell  
Faith Whitlock - Christa Chapman's mother

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

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

**January Volunteers**

**Nursery**

January 3 Lauren Zarandona  
Laurie Flora & Stephen Russell  
January 10 Marianne Field  
John Hunter & Margo Allgood  
January 17 Pat Russell  
Janie & Reed Williams  
January 24 Jennifer White  
Kitty Brewer & Olivia Laws  
January 31 Frances Glenn  
Roger & Joy Day

**Ushers**

January 3 Gray Flora, Bill Laws,  
Matt White, Ben Woodson  
January 10 Tim Chapman, Ray Kilpatrick,  
Mike Meharg, Patrick Shipp  
January 17 Grover Allgood, Taylor Bragan,  
Bayard Grillis, Henry Pilkinton  
January 24 Gee Allgood, Roger Day,  
Brent Drown, Trip Hairston, Jay Nail  
January 31 Allan Brewer, Phillip Goodwin,  
Richard Laws, Russ Russell, Brad Talley

BUDGET REPORT  
  
DECEMBER 2015  
  
Offerings this Month  
\$49,170

MONEY COUNTER  
  
Bill Laws



Rick & Susan Wright have  
a new home in Texas.

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## **Main Street Presbyterian Church**

**(A Presbyterian Church in America Congregation)**

### **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

### **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  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday Schedule**

Weekly Prayer Meeting at Noon