

The Main Thing

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Re-discovering the Art of Gratitude

At the end of this month we celebrate one of America's most iconic holidays - Thanksgiving. Yet, if we reflect upon the last year in our country, we've heard much more complaining and despairing about politics and the future of our nation than gratitude. It's easy for us as Christians to get caught up in this culture of criticism. We need to be very careful that it doesn't begin to take over our lives. Examine your heart to see how thankful you are. Do you find yourself more consumed with complaints and criticisms or with gratitude? How often do you see the little blessings of God in your day? An unhealthy focus on all that's wrong in your personal life, at work, in the nation, etc. will cause you to miss many of the little blessings.

The Apostle Paul is constantly challenging us to cultivate the art of gratitude. He does this by example. If you look at his prayers for the early Christian churches you hear him say things like this: "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus..." That was written to the Corinthians, one of Paul's most difficult congregations. Similarly, when writing to the church in Ephesus he says, "For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers..." Paul was a man full of gratitude to God for the church.

He also directly challenges us to saturate our prayers with thanksgiving. He tells the Colossians to "continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving". One of the most sobering things he teaches is that failure to give thanks is a mark of an idolatrous heart. In Romans 1 he writes the following about those who "forget" God: "For although they knew God, **they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him**, but they became futile in their thinking,

and their foolish hearts were darkened". A grumbling and complaining heart is a heart that fails to acknowledge God's sovereign rule of all things.

I want to encourage you to train yourself to give thanks. Each Thanksgiving my wife's family places 3 kernels of corn on all the plates around the table. Before we eat everyone takes the kernels on their plate and expresses 3 things for which they are thankful from the previous year. We make known before the entire family the ways in which God has blessed us. In my previous church, we would put together a list each year of answered prayers and unexpected blessings. The list was printed and read at a fellowship meal. We needed to be reminded of the many ways God was at work in our lives. Train yourself to start every prayer with thanksgiving. Don't move on to requests, until you have expressed gratitude.

One of the greatest threats in our lives that prevents us from developing the art of gratitude is our insanely busy schedules. Sadly, we are too busy to be thankful. Listen to the insightful observation by Christine Pohl, "Gratitude and wonder are squeezed out when our lives are packed full with busyness and responsibilities. There is simply no room, no time to notice. We experience God's gifts when we pause long enough to notice them, suggesting important but overlooked connections between Sabbath and gratitude." Learn to pause and reflect on God's goodness in your life. It is pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

Pastor Matocha

Monthly Church Luncheon

If you missed out on greeting and enjoying the company of Larry Brown and his son Carey, I hope you would make plans the next time they come to our church. Larry is truly dedicated in his role in the missionary field.

The themed “Fiesta” luncheon was a great experience. I personally enjoyed dishes with a Tex-Mex flavor that I have never had before. We might try something like this next year, so give me some ideas as we plan.

Our next luncheon is for November 13 following the morning worship service. I’ve divided the congregation into the following food items. **If your last name begins with A-D bring a Dessert, F-L a Vegetable or Salad, M-Z a Meat.**

Fall weather is FINALLY in the air but without any rain. This won’t stop us from gathering in November for our 4 F’s...Fellowship, Family, Fun...without the Fuss!

Lynda



The October Men’s Prayer Breakfast was held on October 5. The turnout was a little low, but it was good to see those who made it out.

Danny provided the message using 1 Samuel 8 as his text in which Samuel describes to the people of Israel that a king is not necessarily a protector of the people, but will place many demands on them. This compares with a modern government that requires so much of the citizens just to operate. This message is very appropriate in this election season.

The breakfast meal was delicious. Bill fixed his famous fried eggs. It is really cool to watch him flip two at a time in his fry pans. The English muffins were also a hit. It was a little hazy that morning so I couldn’t see Mars, Jupiter and Venus lined up. I did see Venus. I hope you had a better vantage point.

The November Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. According to Space.com the predawn sky will have a cluster of favorites. I hope you’ll take a look as you drive in.

Mike



Usually I'm hoping for no rain on school days so the children can go outside, play and use up that bottled energy. However, as the days have gone by, the playground has gotten dustier and dustier and consequently their little hands and faces have gotten dirtier and dirtier! I was so thankful for more reasons than one that it finally rained and the temperatures got cooler.

I have another precious group of three year olds this year; three little girls and six boys. It's quite an adjustment from the two year old class to the threes. We have much longer circle times and more structure during the day. It's hard to learn to sit still and be engaged and it's a challenge for me to keep them engaged, but I can tell a big difference in the two months since school started. It will be a night and day difference by the end of the year. They grow up so quickly during those nine months.

In addition to our regular activities, we have had the firemen come visit us, Mother Goose comes once a month and the children go to chapel with "Pastor Todd" every other Wednesday. My class had a special treat this month. Harris' grandmother, Mrs. Judy Kirk or 'Gigi', came and treated us to stories and activities about pumpkins. Also during the month of October, my class carved a pumpkin, turned out the lights and we ate our snack while the pumpkin glowed and watched us. We also made pumpkin muffins. The children love to cook and there's no experience like watching a three year old crack an egg! I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Miss Kitty





*Women
in the
Church*

Thank you to our October hostesses, Debbie Jenkins and Rhonda White. We enjoyed beautiful fall decorations along with a delicious lunch.

We continue our study of Nancy Guthrie's book Hoping for Something Better. It has been an encouragement to hear that the God of today is the same as for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. His Word remains constant throughout time.

All ladies, young and old, please mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Cookie Swap. We will enjoy food, fellowship, and, of course, cookies. The date is Saturday, December 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. at Mrs. Bess' Honey House. Please make every effort to attend. This is always a special fellowship event for the Women in the Church.

Hostesses for our November meeting are Kitty Brewer and Pat Russell.

Happy Fall Y'all!

Pat Russell

smiled continually, and of course, used numbers to guide us through her recent history. We began in the year 2000. She had graduated as a physics major, but found herself working with children in East St. Louis and at St Jude's hospital. She realized right away that she did not want to do medical research and that she definitely did want to work with kids. Resourceful and apt, Lauren learned that she could complete a 10 weeks course of training in the state of Mississippi in order to receive a teacher's license. She was very complimentary of our state for providing this possibility to college graduates. A program somewhat similar to Teach for America, Lauren was assigned a classroom in Hollandale, Mississippi. In just 9 short weeks, Lauren knew beyond all doubt that she was destined to be a teacher. She spent 5 years in Hollandale. During this time, she had fallen in love with Jon who was willing to sacrifice big city life and move to Hollandale. They married at Covenant Presbyterian Church, PCA in Greenville, MS. We laughed when she remarked that Greenville had the nearest Walmart. I'm not sure why, because we all know how important a shopping facility is to survival in this day and age. And Walmart is one stop shopping at its best! Jon also enrolled in the ten week program to receive a teacher's license. I'm confident he is an outstanding teacher also! What a great program! Our state and many students could have missed these two exceptional teachers had it not been available to them.

As Lauren continued, she held up her visual aid "2008". This was a year of unexpected changes. She and Jon were ready to start a family and knew that she needed to make some changes in her job. Lauren earned National Board Certification which afforded her an automatic \$6000.00 increase in annual pay. She was being sought after by Mrs. Debbie Fancher who was employed at MSMS and ready to retire. Mrs. Fancher had decided that Lauren was the person who would be a perfect fit for the Physics and Math teacher at the elite school. Lauren's enthusiasm, caring personality, dedication, and amazing knowledge must have been readily obvious to Mrs. Fancher (my words, not Lauren's).

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HAPPY HEARTS

On Thursday, October 20, Happy Hearts met for our monthly meeting. Each time we gather is different from the previous meetings and very special. It is amazing how God provides this special time for us. We enjoy the fellowship and food, but we love the opportunities to get to know church members better. Our last two meetings have been spectacular. Last month we loved getting to know the Frank Arnold family and this month we were privileged to have Lauren Zarandona share a very exciting story.

Lauren seems like a rather quiet, shy, reserved young lady. She may be all of this, but don't be deceived! When she is teaching she is filled with vim, vigor, and vitality! She was precious and definitely invigorating as she told us about herself and her family. She spoke rapidly,

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She can't hide all these wonderful traits, not that she would want to or should. She is a gifted teacher and God has called her to this rewarding mission. Long story short, because of Mrs. Fancher's persistence, Lauren accepted the job at MSMS. During the summer of 2008 she did her first summer workshop as a facilitator at Delta State. Lauren is as passionate about helping teachers become more effective teachers as she is about teaching her students. She is creative in her teaching skills and believes learning should be fun and exciting. This was also the year she first applied for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science, which brings us to the number "4". It is rather difficult for me to understand why it took 4 applications for Lauren to receive the Presidential Award, but it did! She was the state finalist three times for our nation's highest math and science teacher award. Tempted to not apply the fourth time, Lauren was convicted that she would encourage her students to keep trying and not to give up! Thus she applied the fourth time and actually received the award. Lauren wanted the affirmation that she was on the right track with her career. She was also delighted to receive the \$10,000.00 prize money for achieving the highly sought after Presidential Award. Lauren was invited to Washington, D.C. so she could personally receive the award, and Jon was able to go with her. They had a great time, attended active learning meetings, met with Representative Harper, were honored at the ceremony, and even attended a zoo dinner.

This awesome couple is proud to be parents of two adorable sons, Isaac and Silas. And their family is definitely their first priority. Their involvement in Main Street Presbyterian is also high on their list, for which we are all very thankful. We are so in hopes that Lauren and Jon will remain in Columbus for a very long time and that their children will grow up in our church. I have always appreciated that Jon and Lauren bring students with them to our church, evidence of their teaching strengths and influence as

Christians. We wished Jon and the boys could have joined Lauren on the 20th. We deeply appreciated Lauren's making the necessary arrangements to come and share their story. We hope the rest of the family will be able to come back with Lauren during the summer months.

Our program was outstanding! The celebration was equally delightful! Johnice Shumaker was on her toes when she called to tell me that this would be Lori Myers Neely's last time to attend Happy Hearts before moving to Florida. I should have said Johnice had her thinking cap on, because she suggested the ladies wear floppy hats and long skirts or big legged pants in honor of Lori. It was such a fun idea and we followed her lead. We even decorated the tables with hats, some of which belonged to Lori who had no idea any of this was going on. Do you wonder how we "borrowed" her hats and she didn't know? If you are wondering, you probably don't know Johnice personally! I appreciated Johnice's suggestion and assistance in accomplishing the task.

We feasted on baked potatoes topped with chili, cheese, butter, sour cream, chopped green onions, and diced jalapeño peppers. Poogie and Frances provided the chili, Jean Yelverton and Ann Barkley made a delicious tossed salad, and Nell Fleming brought buttered French bread and mint tea. For dessert we had a decorated cake stating "We will miss you, Lori" and vanilla ice cream. Nancy Franks led the clean-up committee of Jean, Ann, Nell, and Johnice. They missed Ben Chilcutt and Pat Wallace, but they got the dishes, washed, dried, and put away! The fun is always in the kitchen! Thank you so much for being willing to do the dishes! We had a great crowd of 30 people, but we missed those of you who couldn't attend. Maybe you will be able to come in November. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a traditional meal and good fellowship.

Bess



Lauren shares her story with Happy Hearts.



Happy Hearts says "Farewell" to our friend, Lori Neely.





A New Law in Russia

Russian president Vladimir Putin approved legislation that makes it against the law to evangelize outside of a recognized religious building. The law even forbids individuals from evangelizing in a private residence or online. Obviously, this amendment puts an extraordinarily large burden on those actively engaged in spreading the good news of the gospel. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Russia who will now have to alter their ministries or go into hiding. You can read more about the law [here](#).

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The most common request of persecuted Christians is PRAY FOR US.

One of the ways we answer their request is through participation in the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). Our goal is simple: We want EVERY CHURCH to *Remember them that are in bonds* (Heb. 13:3).

We want Christians to pray throughout the year for those who suffer because of their Christian witness. Watch VOM's IDOP videos ... share with your friends ... and pray for the persecuted.

(See column to the right)

10 Ways to Pray for Our Persecuted Family

The 1st and 2nd Sundays of November are designated by interdenominational Christian groups as International Days of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

1. Pray that persecuted believers will sense God's presence (Heb. 13:5).
2. Pray that they will feel connected to the greater Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:20, 26).
3. Pray that they will be comforted by God when their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness (2 Cor. 1:3-5).
4. Pray that they will have more opportunities to share the gospel (Col. 4:3).
5. Pray for their boldness to make Christ known (Phil. 1:14).
6. Pray that they will forgive and love their persecutors (Matt. 5:44).
7. Pray that their ministry activities will remain undetected by authorities or others who wish to silence them (Acts 9:25).
8. Pray that they will rejoice in suffering (Acts 5:41).
9. Pray that they will be refreshed through God's Word and grow in their faith (Eph. 6:17).
10. Pray that they will be strengthened through the prayers of fellow believers (Jude 20-25).

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The Need for Volunteers Continues in Louisiana

MAIN STREET IS INVESTIGATING WHETHER WE
CAN FORM A TEAM TO VOLUNTEER.

**SHERRY LANIER,
MNA DISASTER RELIEF FACILITATOR,
WILL BE SHARING A SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESENTATION AND ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS WE MAY HAVE
NOVEMBER 13.**



With over 145,000 houses affected in LA due to the historic flood disaster of August 2016 the need for volunteers continues. **MNA Disaster Response is working to assist the six local PCA churches in the affected community. Each**

church has identified congregants and those in their immediate communities that are in need of help. The initial debris removal and muck-out work is almost complete and the move from disaster response to recovery is underway. During this phase repairs and rebuilding become the focus. Skill levels of all types are needed.

Mission to North America (MNA) is charged by the General Assembly with coordinating the PCA disaster response in the US and Canada. MNA provides support to PCA churches in disaster affected communities through a network of staff and volunteer damage assessment teams, first response teams, site managers, and key leaders. MNA recruits and mobilizes volunteers, receives and distributes supplies and equipment, brings awareness of specific needs, channels recovery funds, focuses prayer and provides spiritual encouragement to our PCA family and their communities.

Here are four powerful ways you can support MNA as we coordinate the PCA response to this major disaster that has flooded homes of at least 50 PCA families:

- ❖ Please form a team and join recovery efforts at our Central LA (Baton Rouge) volunteer staging site. Volunteers are needed to muck-out, gut-out, and dry-out storm-damaged homes. Longer term need: Once the homes are dry, we will begin the rebuilding process; therefore, we are appealing now for teams with skilled workers and apprentices to be ready to go once we pivot to the next phase. Volunteers with experience in drywall hanging & finishing, insulation installation, trim carpentry, and quality painting are highly useful.
- ❖ Organize a collection effort to gather and transport supplies and equipment to our staging site in Rome, GA.
- ❖ Send a strong financial gift. 100% of your gift will be used for recovery operations. We are working directly with the churches of South LA Presbytery to marshal relief to PCA communities.
- ❖ Above all -- please continue to lift up our staff, volunteers, and families crushed by this flooding disaster in prayer.

Arklie Hooten, MNA Disaster Response Director

More here: <http://pcamna.org/disaster-response/storms/>



Reserve the Date: February 25-26, 2017 Missions Conference

Each February, Main Street hosts her annual Missions Conference. The month of February is our Missions Month. We kick it all off with a guest pastor who focuses on the importance of giving to the advancement of God's kingdom. And later, on the last weekend of the month, we invite missionary guests to come join us in fellowship. They bring wonderful first-hand accounts of the ways the Gospel is giving new life to many. And a Keynote Speaker brings special teaching to focus on our mission.

Long-time members have participated in these conferences for many years. But we also have many new faces in our church family and the Missions Committee would like to allow everyone an opportunity to exercise their talents and interests. Our small group does not accomplish it all by ourselves. Each year we are grateful for those who step us beside us to make these events happen. For us, it is often a great way to better get to know more individuals in our church community with whom our paths don't often cross.

Whatever your talent or interest, there is likely something you'd enjoy doing. If you have an interest in being involved, please let John (Russ) Russell, our 2017 Conference Chairman, know or watch for the sign-up sheet that will be coming soon to the bulletin board outside the office.

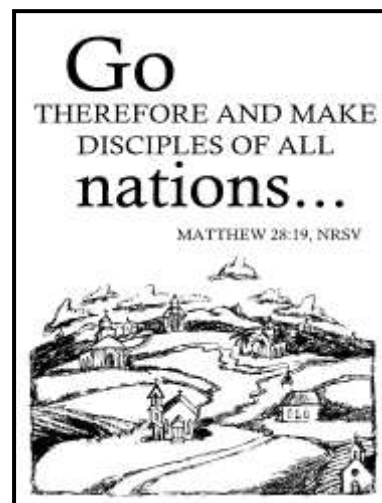
There is a broad list of tasks we work through each year. We call these our *Critical Tasks*. We have descriptions of how each has been handled in the past so any new volunteer does not have to start from scratch. If you just want to know what is involved with a particular task, please ask. Some take little time and others are a bit more involved. We are sharing this information now so that there is time to think and pray about whether you might wish to be more involved next February. We are always open to comments and suggestions.

Please plan to attend even if you are not led this year to help prepare for the conference.

Our physical presence during missionary presentations is unspoken evidence we care about the lost and those who answered God's call to go to them with the Gospel. Our guest missionaries consistently comment that the fellowship during Missions Conferences is one of their greatest encouragements. So, remember, no matter what your age or your abilities, your smile or hug is a gift that can have a lasting impact!

2017 Conference Task List

- ✓ Faith Promise Campaign
- ✓ Hosting Visitors Overnight
- ✓ Nursery Volunteer
- ✓ Children's Programs
- ✓ Youth Group Programs
- ✓ Corresponding Secretary
- ✓ Decoration and Floral
- ✓ Display Area
- ✓ Saturday Refreshments Break
- ✓ Sunday Luncheon
- ✓ Special Music
- ✓ Saturday Offering Collectors
- ✓ Prayer Support
- ✓ Month of Prayer Coordinator
- ✓ Publicity
- ✓ Setup and Cleanup
- ✓ Sound Recordings
- ✓ Video Presentation Setup
- ✓ Transportation



From Clete Hux:

As most of you know, I went to India to train and minister to our "boots on the ground pastors" in (1) Doctrines of Salvation; (2) Doctrine of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit; and (3) Islam. The training went well and it was a joy to see these brothers again. Bryan Wintersteen, Missions Pastor at Briarwood PCA accompanied me to see how we are using our pastors there. We plan to bring one of them here soon to share with some of the PAM supported churches. Pray for our work with these. By the way, we found out that when an Indian "bobbles" his/her head it means "everything is good or o.k."!

Ramadan: We took another group to a local mosque in July for dialogue. It always provides for lively discussion. Typically, when the topic of Islamic salvation comes up, I ask what part do the recording angels play. I do this so visitors can get a clear understanding of the differences between a Christian view and the Islamic view. As I was asking this question, one of the speakers started pointing toward his two shoulders and I understood immediately what he was going to say. He explained that every person born has two angels assigned to them: one angel on each shoulder. One records the good deeds and one records the bad deeds. I asked if the balance of those deeds determined whether a person went to heaven. The leader said, "No, that it was up to Allah's mercy". This was a different answer than in the past when I would ask, because in the past, the answer given was always that a person's good deeds had to outweigh his bad deeds and on that basis a person would be allowed to go to heaven. Even though this is the basis for Islamic salvation, Muslims can never be assured of their salvation, because Allah is so arbitrary-even if your good deeds do tip the scales in your favor, for whatever reason,

Allah may decide not to let you in any way! Also, this visit, they handed out a flyer of information. On it, their Jesus, who is just a prophet, will come back in the final judgement to set all Christians straight about who he is. He will destroy the false Christ who claims to be God. Interestingly, Jesus claimed to be God. So, their false Christ turns out to be our Christ and our false Christ turns out to be their Christ. This was very obvious from the flyer handed out, but yet they did not want to discuss this point. Also, their Christ will destroy all crosses when he comes back because he did not really die. Again, implications point to this being a different Jesus. The Biblical Jesus affirmed who He was by His death, burial and especially His resurrection.

Thank you for partnering with us in this work of the kingdom. Your prayers and support are deeply appreciated.

Would you consider giving a special gift beyond your regular gift(s) as we are more behind than usual in donations.

Please let us know how we may pray for you.

God bless You,

Clete

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NOVEMBER'S VOLUNTEERS

NURSERIES

- November 6 Frances Glenn
Karmel Crandall
- November 13 Alice Talley
John Hunter & Margo Allgood
- November 20 Cathy Duncan
Jay & Hannah Nail
- November 27 Kimber-Leigh Drown
Laurie Flora

USHERS

- November 6 Gee Allgood, Roger Day,
Brent Drown, Henry Pilkinton,
Trip Hairston
- November 13 Allan Brewer, Phillip Goodwin,
Richard Laws, Russ Russell,
Brad Talley
- November 20 Gray Flora, Bill Laws,
Matt White, Ben Woodson
- November 27 Grover Allgood, Ray Kilpatrick,
Mike Meharg, Jay Nail,
Patrick Shipp

MONEY COUNTER

Roger Day

BUDGET REPORT OCTOBER 2016

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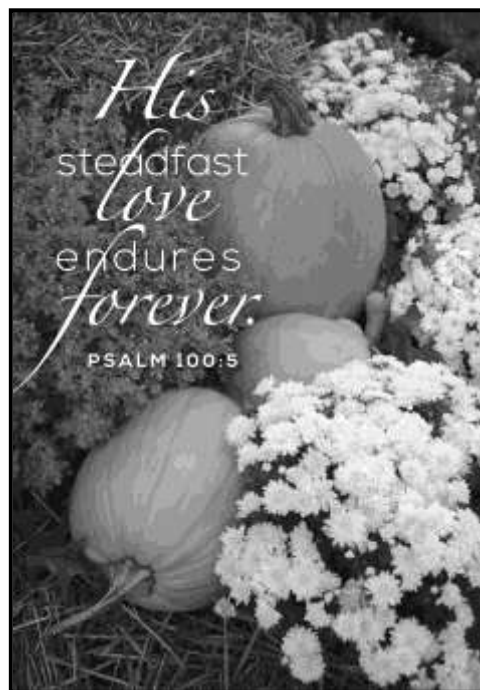
Gifts to the Church

In Memory of
Zach Swedenburg
by

Stanley & Margaret Gray
Nick & Eleanor Hairston
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Holcomb
Julia M. Phillips
Billy & Bess Swedenburg

In Memory of
Penny Burchfield
by

Richard & Frances Laws





2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 WIC Bible Study and Luncheon 10:45 a.m. WIC at Night 7 p.m.	2 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 a.m. <i>David Foster</i> Guest Speaker 6:00 p.m. Fried Chicken Gee Allgood	3 Prayer Meeting Noon Turner Kilpatrick	4 Bess Swedenburg	5
6 Communion during the AM Service Bethany Hairston Russ Russell	7 Elders' Meeting	8	9 Grover Allgood	10 Prayer Meeting Noon	11 Sadie Brewer Reed Williams	12
13 Benjamin Van Gundy	14 Bill Laws Mike Meharg Doug Yelverton	15 WIC at Night Edna Mae McCoy Ed White <i>Doug & Patti Yelverton</i>	16 <i>David Foster</i> Guest Speaker 6:00 p.m. Deli Sandwiches	17 Prayer Meeting Noon Louise Armstrong Doug Yelverton, Jr.	18 Chris Howard	19
20	21	22 Dot Pilcher Will Russell	23 No Wednesday Activities	24  Church Office Closed	25	26
27 Ann Chilcutt Shirley Swoope <i>Billy & Emily Shull</i>	28	29 WIC at Night	30 No Wednesday Activities Rachel Brown Landon Kilpatrick Ben Simpson			



*Thank
you*

Dear Main Street,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and multitude of thanks to all of you who shared your love, support, kindness, and concern since the recent passing of my father, Mr. Willie Mack Williams, Sr. Your acts of love and kindness deeply touched my heart. I truly appreciate the gift from Main Street. I am undeniably grateful.

I love you too,

Mrs. Gwen Troupe



Thank you for all the care and love for Joshua you have shown. He will be headed to Camp Geiger, NC on October 31 for advanced training and then to Pensacola in November for Mode of Service--airplane mechanics.

Joshua said: "Thank you for all the cards, letters and prayers. That is the only way I got through it."

NEW NEEDS:

Richard Fleming (knee surgery)
Barbara Harrel (Alice Talley's mother)
Sue Lovegren (Chris Lovegren's mother)
Colleen Meek (back surgery)

CONTINUING NEEDS:

Our Shut-Ins:

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

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
Billy & Emily Shull
Fran Perkins
Dot Pilcher
John Mark Russell
Jessica Talley
Faith Whitlock - Christa Chapman's mother

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Main Street Church Budget Report

The Budget Committee, Diaconate, and Session have just finished reviewing the 2016 Budget and approving the 2017 Budget. MSPC's fiscal year runs October 1 through September 30 of each year. Here is a recap of the 2016 Budget and highlights of our 2017 Budget.

2016 Review

2016 Budget was	\$ 387,320
2016 Tithes and donations	\$ 385,700
Additional revenues (manse rent, interest, etc.)	<u>\$ 7,600</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 393,300
2016 Actual Expenses	\$ 373,800
Budget carry over (surplus)	\$ 19,500 used on expenses listed below

2016 Notes: Due to the generous giving of tithes and donations and the careful expenditures of our congregation and officers, we were also able to redo and fix the rear parking lot (\$ 45,000), add several new AC units, including a large unit in the pre-school building (\$ 30,000), secure a renter for the manse (Life Choices) and maintain our building, including the new additions on the 3rd floor.

2017 Budget

2017 Budget will be \$ 415,106

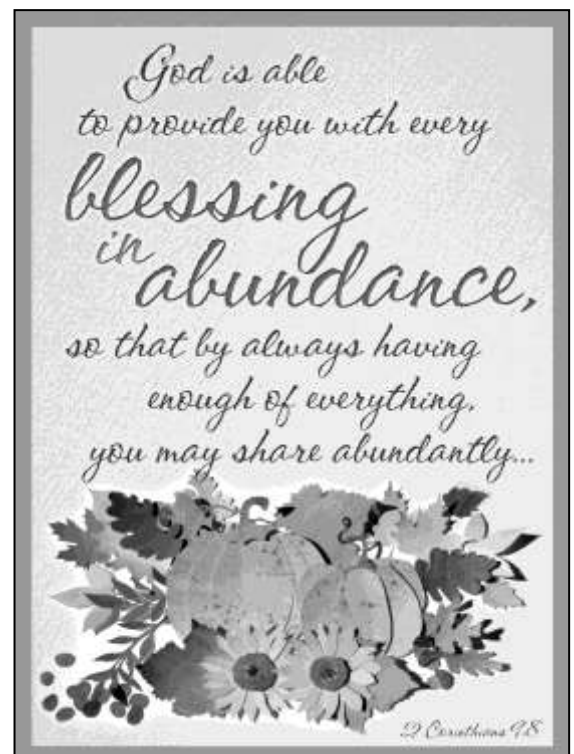
This is an increase of 6.7 % and includes additional budget for maintenance, capital improvements, and additional staff. The budget also includes \$ 38,000 in Benevolence for the organizations our church supports (see list below). As always, it does not include Missions, which secures revenue through its Faith Promise campaign.

If you have questions or would like a copy of the 2016 Final Budget or the 2017 Budget, please feel free to contact me and request them.

Henry Pilkinton, MSPC Treasurer

2017 List of Benevolences supported by MSPC

Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) administration
PCA Missions to North America
PCA Christian Education
Reformed Universities Fellowship (RUF) General Fund
Covenant Presbytery (our local Presbytery district)
Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, MS)
Palmer Home
Bethany Christian Services (local chapter, Columbus, MS)
Helping Hands, Columbus, MS
Life Choices (in manse @ MSPC)
Communion Fund (for the members of MSPC in need)
MSPC Mercy Ministry
Deacon's Local Benevolence Fund (as needed or requested)
Elder's Benevolence Fund (as needed or requested)



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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

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 p.m. Supper

6:00 p.m. Children and Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time

Thursday Schedule

Weekly Prayer Meeting at Noon

