

The Main Thing

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**Missions Conference
Keynote Speaker
Doug Hudson**



We welcome Teaching Elder Doug Hudson as our 2017 Keynote Speaker. The theme of the Missions Conference is *Our Mission is to Bear Witness to the Truth*. He will share his

first message on Saturday, the second during Sunday morning worship, and the third during Sunday evening worship. In addition, he will share a ministry presentation for Ministry to the Military & International during the Sunday School time.

Doug is a graduate of Belhaven College in Jackson, MS, and holds a Master of Divinity Degree and Doctor of Ministry Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. He was the pastor of Trinity Reformed Church in Ramstein/Landstuhl, Germany from 1993–2008. He also served for over 32 years in the U.S. Army, retiring in 2008 as a Chaplain Colonel.

Missions Month

**Guest Pastor for
Faith Promise
Dr. Howard Eyrich**



**Excited About Faith
Promise Giving**

Faith Promise Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017

Dr. Howard Eyrich is a FELLOW of the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. He holds an MA degree in counseling, a ThM in theology and a DMin concentration in counseling. Dr. E (as his students refer to him) has more than fifty years of ministry experience with over forty of those years focused in teaching and performing Biblical Counseling, much of which dealt with marriage and family issues. He has taught overseas in Brazil, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, England and Romania. For ten years, he and Pam served as a Pastoral Associate Team for MTW serving the missionaries in Australia.

Eyrich Ministry Presentation

Sunday School, Feb 5, 2017



We are pleased to welcome Howard and Pam Eyrich back this year. When they were teaching counseling classes in Romania in 2012, they were offered an opportunity by their translator

Genuta, who is also a lawyer and psychologist, to set up a Biblical Counseling Center that would be open to the public – a rare opportunity in Romania. This venue offered complete freedom to weave into their teaching the Gospel and the Scripture as the grounds of morals and ethics. He continues to encourage her work.

This year, in addition to regular Pastoral responsibilities and counseling ministry through Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Dr. Eyrich has been authoring two booklets. The first, *Rebuilding Trust After an Affair and Rebuilding a Marriage after an Affair*, is now in the pipeline with P&R Publishing. The other, a weekly devotional that practically works the reader through Psalm 119 is still in the editing phase. He also developed an online Doctor of Ministry degree in Biblical Counseling for Birmingham Theological Seminary. Last spring, he taught an intensive MA class for Calvary University and during the year supervised seven folks for certification in the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors.

FAITH PROMISE

Here at Main Street, the means used to fund numerous missionaries is called *Faith Promise* and consists of giving above the tithe. It should grow, not replace, our normal giving. Study booklets are available and pledge cards will be distributed beginning in February. We hope to receive the pledges by the end of March.

The amounts pledged will be used to set the Missions Budget for the coming year. While these pledges are non-binding and confidential (no one will come looking for you regarding your pledge and only the Missions Chairman sees them), they should be made prayerfully and seriously. The Missions Chairman, John (Russ) Russell, will total the pledged amounts and inform the Missions Committee what their total budget will be for the next year.

Missions needs grow each year. In addition to living support for missionaries, Main Street would like to offer more missions trip opportunities. So, please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you commit to give between this Missions Conference and the next.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2017 Missions Conference

Please make plans to join us for the Missions Conference weekend. This very special occasion at Main Street is the time each year when we renew our personal and our congregational commitment to the Great Commission.

Presentations by the missionaries and the keynote messages challenge and inspire us. Each year we are blessed to enjoy especially rich times of fellowship over meals with each other and our guests. Why not make plans now to come be a part of it?

Join with us in faithful prayer as we approach the Missions Conference. A schedule has been posted outside the church office. There are time slots to sign up for on the schedule, the goal being to have someone praying for missions for as many hours as possible of every day of February leading into the conference.

Displays for each missions partner Main Street supports will be set up in the chapel. Copies of their recent prayer requests and newsletters will be available for you there. Information regarding the guest speakers is in the conference brochure.

Infant and toddler childcare will be available during all sessions in the nurseries. Children's programs are also planned.

If you need transportation, please contact Diann in the Church office.

On Saturday, during Session I, we will collect a special offering for the missions' fund. Of course, you can give any time!

2017 MISSIONS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 25

3:30-6:00pm Session I

**Rekindle Children's Hope and
MTW Medical Missions
Ministry Presentations**

And

**Keynote Message I
*Our Mission Begins
with New Life in Christ*
Church-wide Supper**

Sunday, February 26

9:30am-12:00pm Session II

**9:30am Ministry to the Military
Ministry Presentation**

10:40 am Morning Worship

**Keynote Message 2
*Our Mission Continues as
We are Empowered by the
Spirit of Truth***

**Church-wide Fellowship
Luncheon**

Evening Worship

6:00 pm Session III

***Our Mission is Completed
When We Enter Glory***

Guests:

TE Doug Hudson

Mr. Jim Kiel

Dr. Wiley Smith

Am I a Missionary Too?

During the month of February we focus our attention on missions. We emphasize the importance of world missions, and the need to support such work with our finances and prayers. We also have an opportunity to hear from missionaries we support at our conference at the end of the month. I encourage you to make every effort to personally join your fellow members at MSPC in supporting missions. In the past I have set a goal of giving 1% to missions in addition to your 10% to the church. I realize not everyone is in a position to meet this goal but we should prayerfully attempt to do so. Although some of us are unable to give 1%, all of us should give something.

Missions month is not just about the work of God in foreign lands. It is also a time for us to consider our biblical responsibilities to our community. A church that is truly committed to missions is a church that understands mission work starts in Columbus first. The book of Acts establishes this principle. Jesus instructs his disciples to be his witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). It would be a very odd church to love and support missionary work in Africa, Asia, and South America, but neglect evangelism and mercy ministry in its own town and region. One thing we must all remember this month is that **WE ARE MISSIONARIES TOO.**

I am encouraged with some of the progress we have made in this area. Over the past six months our community groups have engaged in acts of service and love for people in need in our church as well as in our community.

We sent a team of people to Baton Rouge in January to help rebuild homes damaged by the summer floods. In Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica he praises God for the churches "work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." His reference to their "labor of love" refers to sacrificial acts of service for others in need. John Calvin finds in this verse a definition of true Christianity. He writes, "From this we gather a brief definition of true Christianity - that it is a faith that is lively and full of vigor, so that it spares no labor, when assistance is to be given to one's neighbor..." (Calvin's Commentary on 1 Thess. p. 239). To put it in the words of the apostle James, "Faith without works is dead." We want to be a church that cherishes biblical doctrine, but we also want to be a church that acts on that doctrine through works of mercy and service.

Like Paul, I give thanks to God for the faith, hope, and love demonstrated by our congregation. I hope you find encouragement in this. However, we must love more and more. One area that we need to improve on is evangelism in our community. I want you to pray that God would rise up men and women in our church with a heart to serve as witnesses to Christ. We all have a responsibility to do this when asked (1 Peter 3:15), but some people have a unique gift. The harvest fields are ripe - pray that God would provide workers. Missions month should remind you that you are a missionary too!

Pastor Matocha

DISASTER RELIEF

MAIN STREET ON A MISSION

by
Roger Day

Over the weekend of January 14-15, Main Street Presbyterian Church sent a group of volunteers to assist in the rebuilding of homes damaged in the August 2016 floods in Louisiana. Those making the trip were: Ann Marie Chilcutt, Carson Miller, Crystal Coleman, John Ensley, Matt White, Jay & Hannah Nail, and Roger Day.

In August of 2016, a massive storm system inundated a large part of east central Louisiana. Rainfall rates were up to 3" per hour and some areas received in excess of 2 feet of rain. In total, it is estimated that this storm dumped over three times as much rain as Hurricane Katrina in this area. To put the rainfall in some perspective, estimates are that the storm dumped 7.1 trillion gallons of water. Enough to fill Lake Pontchartrain four times.

In total, over 200,000 homes were damaged and at least thirteen people lost their lives. 11,000 shelters were opened by the State to provide temporary shelter for those displaced. In the parish where we worked, estimates are that 80% of private residences were either completely flooded or damaged.

Since the floods affected areas not historically considered to be in flood plains, almost none of the residents had any form of flood insurance. Consequently, there is still a great need for volunteer work to help these victims repair their homes and lives. Working as part of PCA, Mission to North America has partnered with six PCA churches in the Baton Rouge area to provide disaster relief to congregants and others in the communities. Keith Perry of MNA serves as the Site Manager for the area relief efforts. Our group

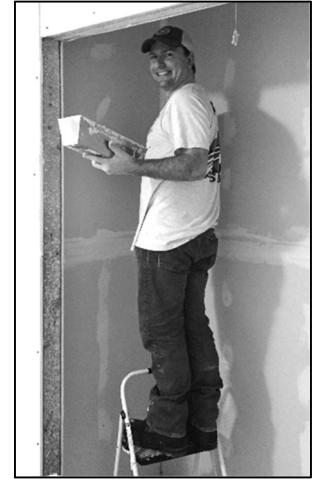
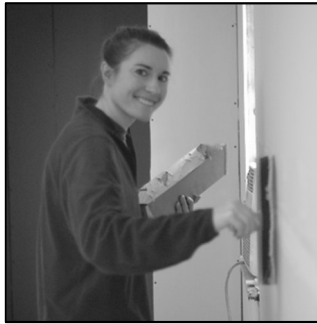
was based at Grace Presbyterian Church. Miraculously, Grace was not flooded.

The road next to the church had recently been raised and served as a dam, preventing the church from flooding. On the other side of the road, buildings were three feet deep in water during the peak of the flood. The hospitality that Grace showed our group of volunteers was fantastic. We had a wonderful place to stay, hot showers, and enough home cooked food...well, let's just say that dieting begins today!

The home we worked in is owned by Mark Atchison, a member of Grace Presbyterian. It had four feet of water at the peak of the flooding. Mark is living in a FEMA provided trailer that is parked in the yard. Previous volunteer groups had completed the 'mucking out' and had done most of the re-wiring and insulation work. Our group concentrated on hanging new sheetrock. We were able to complete all of the hanging and got two coats of sheetrock mud onto the seams and screw holes. Carson and Ann Marie also worked at another home installing electrical outlets and switches.

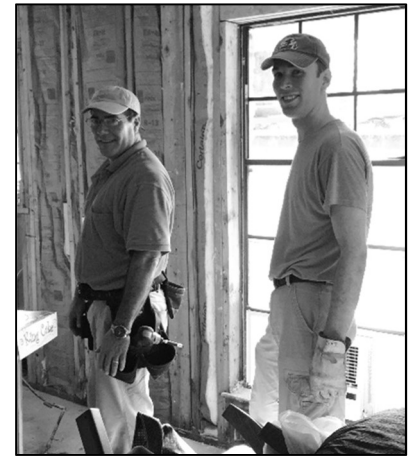
Sunday morning, we attended Sunday School and worship service at Grace Presbyterian. The members fed us one last time before we headed toward home, spoiling us yet again with smoked meats, corn casserole, green beans, chocolate cake, cookies, etc., etc.

I think I can speak for the entire group in saying that this was an eye-opening and humbling experience. So often we obsess on our own lives and problems and fail to see the dire needs of others. Talking and praying with others who have endured, and are enduring, such terrible hardship makes us keenly aware of our obligation as Christians to help those in need. Even though our intent was to provide help to those ravaged by this flood, we all came away having experienced a tremendous blessing ourselves.



Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10



THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

Matthew 9:36-38

by
Frank Webb

While on earth, our Lord could surely have been called a Man of Prayer. In fact, He remains such in heaven where He “ever lives to make intercession for us”. When on earth He taught about prayer and taught His disciples *how* to pray, but rarely taught or instructed them *what* to pray. The above passage is a rare exception. He tells them exactly what to pray, why, and to Whom. But before looking at these factors, let us look at why Jesus made this instruction for so specific a prayer. The answer is in verse 36. He saw the multitudes and He was **moved with compassion**, “because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.” His compassion moved Him because of the perceived need of the “weary and scattered” people having no one to give them guidance and care. We at MSPC have no such need, since we have a wonderful pastor/teacher in Todd, and gifted overseer/elders as well as gifted teachers to guide and assist this flock – not to mention the Great Overseer of Our Souls. **MILLIONS DO NOT**. Thus, Christ's compassion and so should be ours.

So, what exactly did Jesus instruct His disciples to pray? The answer is in verse 38, where He tells them to pray that laborers will be sent into the harvest. Why were they to make such intercession? Christ answers that in verse 37 stating, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few”. He had rightly perceived that there was a great need and a great number having need, but few workers to meet the great need and numbers. And His compassion compelled Him to ask His disciples to do the single most effective thing to remedy the problem – go gather the harvest themselves? One might think so, but NO – PRAY FOR WORKERS! We will see below why Jesus called for prayer first before actually sending His disciples as workers.

The last question is “to whom were the disciples directed to pray?” This answer is straight forward. They were directed to pray to the Lord of the harvest, their Father God. Apparently, it is He who answers these prayers and is the One who personally directs the sending out of the laborers. At this point in history we go *through* Jesus to the Father, but the outcome is the same – **laborers are dispatched pursuant to our prayers** and probably in proportion to

them.

Now that we have the What, the Why, and the To Whom, as well as the motivation of the prayer, which is the compassion of Jesus, what is the **practical application** of this command – and It Is A Command. How can we put this command into practice in a practical way here at MSPC? I could tell you to set aside each day an hour and pray for laborers, which would be an **application** of Christ's command, but probably not a **practical** one for most. Rather allow me to make a suggestion. Below is a list of most of the missions and missionaries we support here at MSPC.

Would it be practical and doable to set aside a mere 5 minutes a day and pray for one of them? And then do the same thing with another one the next day? If you forget and miss a day or two, don't sweat it; just pick up where you left off. Do this for the month of February. In that manner, we will have many (and I hope most) of the church praying for all of “our” missions/missionaries throughout the month of February. Of course, you could add a word or two about the upcoming Mission Conference, as well. The hope is that this practice could become a habit for the next month and each month thereafter – five minutes a day. Can you spare it? The real question is can you afford not to?

One more thought to chew upon. If you prayed a year for one harvester to be sent, and God granted your request, at the end of that year there would be one pray-er (you) and one laborer. Let's say the 2nd year the two of you prayed for one laborer, and our God answered accordingly. At the end of two years there would be four pray-ers and three laborers. Assume that this process was repeated each year for 34 years, each pray-er asking for merely one laborer each year. I have not done the math, but I am told that at the end of 34 years, there would be 8,000,000 laborers/pray-ers at work in His Kingdom. If ten people started at year one, there would be 80,000,000 by the 34th year (by 2051). That is why Jesus commanded us FIRST to PRAY the Lord of the harvest to send laborers. God understood geometrical progression way back then.

Let Us Not Neglect
The Great And Vital Command Of Our Lord!

HAVE YOU FIVE MINUTES?

| Main Street Partners | Ministry Information |
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| Church Planters | |
| Rev. Bill and Mrs. Bobbie Boggess | Pastor, The Evangelical Alliance Mission, Montigny le Bretonneux, France |
| Rev. Doug Hudson | Founder and Director of Ministry to the Military International |
| Rev. Rafael and Mrs. Sagri Ku | Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize |
| Rev. Bill and Mrs. Pam Schweitzer | Pastor, Mission to the World Gateshead, England |
| Church Plant Team Members | |
| Dale and Susan Ellison | Christian Missionary Society; established/runs Peru Mission's Clinics |
| Clarke and Khrystyia Norton | MTW L'viv, Ukraine church plant; leads Bible studies and outreach programs |
| Linda Wixon | Mission to the World Nagoya church plant, Nagakute, Japan - |
| RUF | |
| Austin Lenox | RUF Intern, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee |
| Rev. Brian and Mrs. Liza Sorgenfrei | RUF Campus Minister, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi |
| African Bible Colleges | |
| Rev. Jack Chinchin | Liberia, Founder And Former President of ABC |
| Nell (Mrs. Jack) Chinchin | Liberia, Co-Founder And Dir. Of Communications of ABC |
| Rev. Dr. Larry Brown | Malawi – ABC Professor & directs outreach to villages and Jesus film |
| Worldwide Free Seminary | |
| Rev. Richard Pratt | Fern Park, FL – Co-founder, President, Third Millennium Ministries |
| MTW International Medical | |
| Dr. Tom and Mrs. Connie Edwards | MTW Medical Missions Trips, and Hope Health Center, Birmingham, AL |
| Dr. Wiley and Mrs. Karon Smith | MTW Medical Team Leader & Grace Medical Outreach Ministry , Dalton, GA, |
| Evangelism & Outreach | |
| Rev. Ron and Mrs. Donna Elkin | Director, AMMI Ministry, Philadelphia, PA |
| Dr. Howard and Mrs. Pam Eyrich | International Pastoral Associates and Counselors |
| Rev. Mbunwe George | In-Country Director of Rekindle Children's Hope, Cameroon, Africa |
| Rev. Clete and Mrs. Karen Hux | Birmingham, AL –Director, Apologetics Resource Center |
| Bob and Becky McPherson | Birmingham, AL - Campus Crusade for Christ Intl., Prison Ministry |
| Christina Thomas | Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama, Women's Coordinator |
| Dangerous Places | Names and locations are confidential |

MSCS News



January was a fun month filled with great units and unusually warm playground time that was enjoyed by all.

Our “Dinosaur” unit is always a fun unit, and every class loves to learn about these amazing giant creatures.

We made fossils and dug for dinosaurs in our sand table as we pretended to be paleontologists. We also painted dinosaurs and put together large floor puzzles. We ended the month with our “Penguins, Polar Bears, and Pajama” unit in honor of “P”. Everyone enjoyed eating “pancakes” in our “p.j.’s” also!

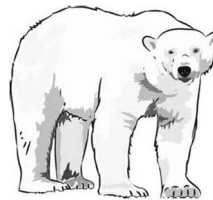
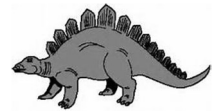
In addition to our fun units, we are continuing our letter study and pre-readiness skills needed for kindergarten success.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be Friday, February 17th. We look forward to visiting with our parents to discuss their child’s progress.

Enrollment begins February 1st. Please spread the word of our wonderful traditional preschool. Our two year olds attend on Monday – Wednesday – Friday. Our threes can attend either M-W-F or every day. Our fours attend every day. School dismisses at 11:30 each morning except for Wednesday – this is Lunch Bunch and it dismisses at 2:30.

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers for MSCS.

Sincerely,
Gaines Gaskin





Happy Hearts

It is 2017 already! Amazing! Happy Hearts met on the 17th and had a great time being together! We missed those of you who were unable to join us. Those who were present were truly blessed. We had another exceptional program, the kind I like best! We listened eagerly as Brent Drown introduced us to his family. I have gotten to know this family through Catechism Class and they are indeed a special family. Many of us know them as the family who adopted an adorable little boy from China. His name is Caleb and he told us his birthday is February 9. He has adjusted to his new family and is quite comfortable, very social, and interestingly conversational. His three older siblings and parents have obviously devoted lots of time and attention to Caleb, showering him with love and more love. Brent shared their story of deciding to adopt, their having to designate on an adoption list yes, no, or possibly and the tears they shed while making those decisions, their trip to China with their children and Kimber-Leigh's mom, the blessings and miracles involved in such an adoption, and last, but far from least the joy of having this precious child as a member of their family. God has surely blessed Caleb and each of the Drowns!

Brent and Kimber-Leigh met at Arden Presbyterian Church in Asheville, N.C. Chad Watkins and his family are presently serving the Lord at Arden P C. Kimber-Leigh grew up in Texas as a Baptist and attended RUF while in college at Baylor. RUF introduced her to a more reformed way of believing. Now she and Brent search for reformed churches wherever the Air Force takes them. Aren't we thankful that they

found Main Street Presbyterian! Kimber-Leigh home schools their four children. The oldest is Hadleigh, 13, next is Nathanael, 11, Madeliene is 9, and Caleb is almost 4. They are exceptionally well behaved, considerate, sharp, and lots of fun. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with them.

Brent has been in the Air Force for 18 years and was appointed commander of a squadron soon after arriving at Columbus Air Force Base. His squadron consists of about 80 people, some are full time active and some are active reserve. As their commander, his many responsibilities include caring for these people in ways similar to a minister's care. He doesn't fly far from his home base, usually here in the Golden Triangle. If things go as planned, the Drowns will be here until April 2018. Wouldn't it be great if they retired in Columbus? It is so sad to have our military families leave when they are relocated. God has been gracious to continually send these outstanding Christians to our church for many years and we are blessed by their presence. Not only do they protect our country, they encourage us as believers.



A very busy man, Brent Drown is presently serving as an elder at Main Street Presbyterian. This is his first time to serve as an elder and he stated that he felt very unworthy of the task. I appreciate his humble attitude, but am so thankful that God has placed him in this office. He is well qualified and totally capable, deeply spiritual, and a man with a most awesome missionary heritage. Both of his parents are children of missionaries, and he is the grandson of Nate Saint who was killed in Ecuador in 1956, along with four other missionaries.

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Many of you will remember when this happened. Elizabeth Elliott, wife of one of the slain missionaries, has written a book telling the story. A movie and a documentary have also been published. Happy Hearts will be viewing one of these soon. Everyone will be invited to join us for hotdogs, popcorn, cokes and the movie on the third floor of the Villee Building. Watch for the date in our church bulletin. Frank Webb actually told me that Brent was Nate Saint's grandson. Since getting to know him better and refreshing my memory about this story, I know Nate would be so very proud of Brent and his entire family. He died serving our Lord and Savior, but his lineage and his faith did not cease. His descendants love, worship, and serve the same Lord he died for. God blesses us in such indescribable and often unexpected ways. Brent now calls the man who actually killed his biological grandfather "Grandpa"! He was converted and is now an active witness of God's love and salvation by the blood of Jesus. Brent's family has forgiven him and embraced him as a brother in Christ.

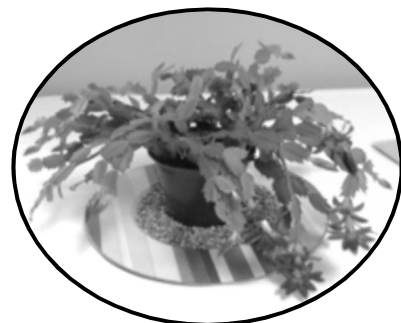
Our program was surely the best part of this meeting! It is always a big success when we get to know another church family, especially younger families! Recently I was reading from an old "Daily Bread" and the scripture reference was Hebrews 10:19-25, which happens to be one of my favorites. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together." At the bottom of the page was a concise statement of the lesson, "Life in Christ is meant to be a shared experience". How true and perfectly stated! We need each other by God's design, interacting with other Christians strengthens and encourages all who are involved.



Our lunch was a ham base/assorted bean soup with hot cornbread, plain or Mexican. Nell provided a beautiful, healthy green salad with assorted greens and fruits and nuts. Dessert was pound cake with either blueberry sauce or nutmeg sauce. Nell brought that good, good tea and we had coffee or water. Our tables were decorated with pretty pots of primroses, hyacinths, and kalanchoe placed on brightly striped chargers. I'm still using those green split peas for texture and color on the white table cloths. Nell helped me set up and of course we enjoyed our time together at the church! The cleanup committee is always a special blessing. Ben Chilcutt and Nancy Franks organized the efforts of Jean Yelverton, Pat Wallace, Johnice Shumaker, Frances and Pogie Laws. I hope I haven't omitted anyone. We all appreciate these people consistently providing this service. To serve others is always a blessing for the servant. Those folks have a great time washing, drying, and putting away dishes, laughing and visiting! A wonderful time of genuine fellowship!

Our next meeting will be Valentine's Day, February 14, at 11:00 instead of our usual 10:30. We have a special guest performer coming. Many of you will know my friend, Cecilia Ford, who has agreed to sing for us. You won't want to miss this meeting. Valentine's is always one of our favorite meetings. You are encouraged to bring guests, but please be sure to let us know. We look forward to our time together.

Bess





CONGREGATIONAL

“MISSIONS” LUNCHEON

Our January “Soup and Sides” was wonderful! We had at least 15 crock pots and over 90 persons in attendance. Grover sent me an e-mail to say that someone thought it looked like “Crock Pot City”. ☺ Thank you to everyone for making this great.

The next luncheon will be **Sunday, February 26th**, following the morning worship service. This is during the Mission Conference weekend. The Missions Committee will provide Fried Chicken and rolls. We are asked to provide the sides and dessert. If your last name begins with A-F bring a dessert, G-N a vegetable, and O-Z a salad or fruit.

The Mission Conference “kicks off” Saturday, February 25th, from 3:30-6:00 PM. Following the evening meeting, the Deacons will provide supper with catfish, chicken nuggets, slaw and french fries. The Deacons provide a great meal and a wonderful time of fellowship. I hope you will make plans to come and hear how our missionaries are spreading God’s word and promises around the world.

To recap...**Sunday, February 26th is our luncheon. Last names A-F a dessert, G-N a vegetable, and O-Z a salad or fruit.**

Can’t wait to see you for our 4 F’s...Fellowship, Family, Fun...without the Fuss!

Lynda



The Importance of Teachers

On January 11, a group of about 20 people met in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fellowship, encouragement, and equipping for the work of nurturing the faith of God's covenant children here at Main Street. After enjoying a light supper, we gathered informally in a large circle. Amidst laughter, interaction and a keen sense of God's presence with us, we heard from the following ladies, whom I trust inspired others attending as much as they inspired me.



Laurie Chilcutt shared tenderly and with strong personal conviction, "Why?" "Why do I teach?" "What is my Why?" "What is your Why?" And, how to "Apply the Why."

Lauren Zarandona, with great energy, enthusiasm and expertise taught on "How to Plan a Bible-based Lesson."

Ann Marie Chilcutt offered her perspective as a now young adult, raised at Main Street. With much passion, she shared her testimony telling of the impact of growing up in a Christian home, where the Word of God was taught and modeled. She told of the extent of how she has personally benefited from the foundation of a loving, God-Centered church, where the whole counsel of God has been taught. She challenged the group to continue to acquaint the next generation with both the acts and the Word of God, and shared of her desire to do the same.

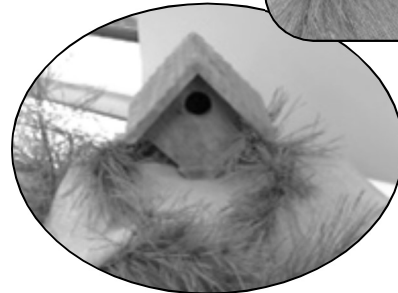
Thank you to all who are currently involved in the instruction and care of our children. Thank you too, to all those who indicated their willingness to participate.

Whilst on earth, Jesus said, *"Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."* Luke 9:48

It is an awesome privilege to lead children to Jesus, because in so doing we are touching the heart of God.

Colleen Meek

Youth Ministries Coordinator





New Needs:

Continuing Needs:

Our Shut-ins:

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

Margo Allgood and family

Jennifer Garner

Phillip Goodwin

Sue Lovegren

Edna Mae McCoy

Fran Perkins

Dot Pilcher

John Mark Russell

Billy & Emily Shull

Faith Whitlock

Danny Williams

Helping Hands

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All Churches and Pastors in Columbus

President Donald Trump

Officials in Washington

Governor Phil Bryant

Mayor Robert Smith

Police Chief Oscar Lewis

Sheriff Mike Aldredge

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Gifts to the Church

In Memory of

Mrs. Carolyn Russell

by

Mrs. & Mrs. John Davis

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Hairston

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Swedenburg

Mr. & Mrs. Robin Weaver

In Memory of

William Hunter Allgood

by

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Hairston

Mr. & Mrs. Frances Laws

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Swedenburg

Mr. & Mrs. Robin Weaver

In Honor of

Mrs. Bess Swedenburg

by

Terra Firma Garden Club

February VOLUNTEERS

NURSERIES

February 5 Alice Talley
Patrick & Morgan Shipp

February 12 Cathy Duncan
Roger & Joy Day

February 19 Kimber-Leigh Drown
Gee & Becca Allgood

February 26 Sandra Pilkinton
Karmel Crandall

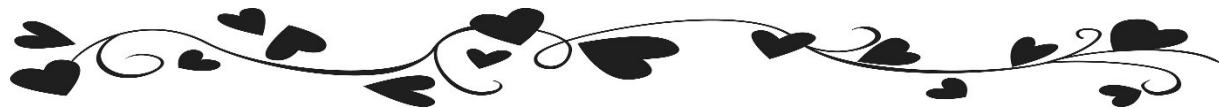
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Budget Report

January

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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Wednesday, February 1, at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

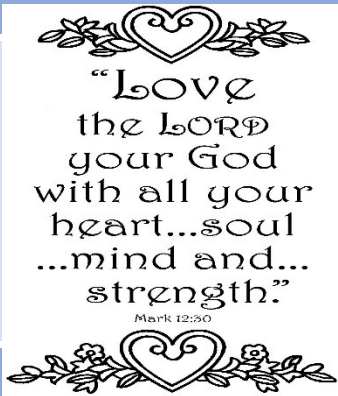
During February we remember two great presidents. Also, our church celebrates the work and sacrifices of our missionaries. This is a great time for each of us think and reflect on these things and use them as tools and catalysts to renew our

faith and commitment.

Please join other men and boys in the church for this great time of fellowship, sharing God's word and the "best breakfast in town".

See you **Wednesday, February 1, at 6:30 AM.**

Mike



February 2017

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------|---|
| | | | 1 Men's Prayer Breakfast Community Groups | 2 Prayer Meeting Noon | 3 | 4 Billy Shull |
| 5 Guest Speaker - Howard Eyrich <i>Communion</i> <i>Evening Service</i> | 6 Morgan Shipp | 7 WIC 10:45 a.m. | 8 Wed. Night Study Jack Hairston | 9 Prayer Meeting Caleb Drown | 10 | 11 Hannah Arnold |
| 12 Eleanor Hairston | 13 Leslee White | 14 Happy Hearts 10:30 a.m. | 15 Community Groups | 16 Prayer Meeting <i>Warren & Jan Swoope</i> | 17 Frank Arnold | 18 Colleen Meek Warren Swoope |
| 19 | 20 Melinda Howard | 21 Martha Clegg | 22 Wed. Night Study Henry Ensley | 23 Prayer Meeting Jean Yelverton <i>Richard & Karmel Crandall</i> | 24 | 25 Missions Conference |
| 26 Missions Conference | 27 Eddie Estalote Marcia Lovegren Frank Webb | 28 | | | | |

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:16-20 ESV



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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