

The Main Thing

MAIN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2019

The summer months allow us to invite gifted preachers to fill our pulpit while I am away at General Assembly and on family vacation. This summer we welcome Kevin Jones and Brian Sorgenfrei to the Main Street Pulpit. Both Kevin and Brian are no strangers to our church. Kevin and his wife, who are members at Grace PCA in Starkville, have attended MSPC on numerous occasions over the last several years. Brian has preached for us many times, but this will be his first appearance since his move to Oxford. Please pray for these men as they proclaim God's word to us this summer.

Main Street's Summer of 2019 Visiting Ministers



My name is Kevin Jones. I am a native of Oxford, MS, the eldest son of two sons. I am married to Pamela Jones and we have three sons Nick (27), Kevin II (23) and Brandon (21). I received a called to the ministry while completing my degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Mississippi. In 1994, I became a licensed Baptist Minister followed by my ordination in 1995. Upon graduating in 1995, I received my commission as an officer in the United States Air Force. After my tour, we moved to Jackson, MS. In December of 2003, I completed the Master of Divinity Degree program at Reformed Theological Seminary. Currently I am an Engineer at PACCAR Inc., in Columbus MS, and serving Grace Presbyterian Church in Starkville in various roles as a PCA licensed minister.

Brian was born and raised in Jackson, MS, and graduated from Ole Miss. After graduation, Brian worked for two years with RUF As an intern at Auburn University. He then married Liza (Thompson) And moved to Jackson to attend Reformed Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he worked with college students at First Presbyterian Church and Millsaps College. Upon completing Seminary, Brian was ordained and moved to Starkville, MS to work with RUF at Mississippi State University. After 8 years serving as the campus minister at RUF MSU, they moved to Oxford, MS to work with RUF Ole Miss in the summer of 2017. They have three children: Shelby, Annie, and Clark.



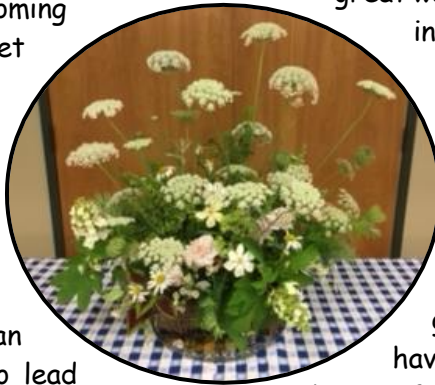


Happy Hearts

Bess Swedenburg

May 14, the Tuesday following Mother's Day, was our chosen day for Happy Hearts to meet. The Commercial Dispatch featured a Mother's Day article written by Jan Swoope, entitled "Moms to Moms" which introduced the public to MOPS. Jan had noticed that Happy Hearts was having Ivy Harris and Jen Peacock speak about the organization. Having the two things happening simultaneously was great. Jan provided wonderful coverage and advertisement for MOPS and we saw a more personal side of the organization at our meeting. Ivy and Jen shared with us just how much MOPS had meant to them and how it had been instrumental in their becoming members of Main Street Presbyterian Church.

Ivy has participated in MOPS for seven years. She realized through MOPS that she wanted a more meaningful spiritual life for herself and her family. So she and Justin began searching and praying for God to lead them. At that time, MOPS did not meet in our church facility. But the search was on and they were ultimately led to our church for which we are very thankful! Justin is a newly ordained elder and Ivy is a very active participant, having been one of the co-directors of VBS last year. Ivy emphasized the advantages of having MOPS in our church. It brings people from all walks of life into our church building where they are treated kindly and with dignity. These people become comfortable in our surroundings and that is the first step. Some of the mothers who participate in MOPS are unchurched and non-believers. It was very encouraging to hear that some participated in our VBS last year and hopefully will do so again this summer. In essence, MOPS provides for MSPC an opportunity to share the gospel while we share our facility with mothers and their children. Child care is provided for the children whose mothers are enjoying the meeting. Most of the mothers



have at least two children and some have more, so a few mothers in MOPS may mean a lot of children. The child care is exceptional with several of the mothers planning special lessons, activities, and snacks for the children. Our own Gwen Troupe helps with the babies and toddlers and Tracy Elgersma has volunteered to help with the child care. It sounds similar to Bible School or Sunday School which is another special feature of the organization. While the children are busy learning and having fun, the mothers are enjoying a speaker who shares information about child rearing, discipline, craft ideas, field trip suggestions, etc. Many mothers who stay at home with their children don't have much time to interact with other adults and may even be lonely. MOPS is a great way to meet that need and to gain valuable information.

Jen Peacock and her family have been at CAFB almost four years, but have attended MSPC only two of those years. She has participated in MOPS during that time and found our church through the organization. Jen and Ben grew up Presbyterian, but not PCA. They have enjoyed being in our church and are looking forward to attending Trinity Presbyterian in Montgomery when they are transferred there in June. Jen brought a few crafts to share with our group and said she had especially been blessed by the sound spiritual aspects of MOPS here in Columbus. Like most international organizations, not every chapter or group is the same! Jen had come from California and the MOPS group had not been as spiritual as this one. Jen mentioned that MOPS encourages each mother to begin her day with a quiet time before the children are awake. She has been blessed by spending that early morning time in scripture and prayer. She and Ivy told us that there is a steering committee that not only plans activities for the group, but that they actually pray over each of the mothers and their families. Jen said that military moms are often interested in MOPS. I just realized that I have not told you what MOPS stands for - Mothers of Preschool Children! Guess I assumed you learned that from Jan's Mother's Day article.

Ivy and Jen brought an attractive banner that they hang outside the church to indicate MOPs meets here! How good that our deacons have approved the group using our facility and that we have Ivy Harris as a liaison between the group and our church. Sometimes there are conflicts, but they can always be worked out! And how wonderful that thru MOPs (directly or indirectly) we have two precious families worshipping with us, though sadly one will be leaving very soon. We're hoping that Jen, who was a leader last year, and the girls will be able to participate in VBS before moving. Ivy and Jen presented a very interesting program for Happy Hearts. They and their children, Whitt and Dean Harris and Emma and Harper Peacock, joined us for our picnic lunch. Whitt declared the meal to be his best ever! What a compliment! Thought I would pass it along to prompt some of you who aren't participating to join us!"

Picnic it was! Eleanor Hairston provided little individual baskets for our fried chicken, pineapple sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, and chips! Kitty Brewer made a delicious layered salad to add to our lunch. We finished with pound cake topped with peaches and ice cream. Nell Fleming's sweet mint tea is always a treat for us! Thanks to Diann and Mike Carter for ordering and picking up the chicken for us. It was great having them join us for the program and lunch. Colleen Meek, who had participated in MOPs at our church many years ago, also joined us! And Todd was able to attend as well! We are blessed when our church staff is present. It gives us an opportunity to fellowship with them and know them better! It only happens rarely!

Nell Fleming and I had fun decorating and setting tables. We recycled flowers from a PEO luncheon on Monday and added a few more Queen Ann's Lace and Oakleaf Hydrangea. Because we were picnicking, we used Lynn Estalote's blue and white checkered table cloths. We are missing the Estalotes being with us, but we are definitely enjoying the items they donated to the church. Our clean-up was minimal and that was good because Ben Chilcutt and Nancy Franks were

unable to attend. They were certainly missed, but we did get the dishes all washed and put away!

Hope to see each of you in June, not exactly sure when at this time, but probably the latter part of the month! Bring a friend!



Missions News

The following letter is from Henry and Sandra Pilkinton's daughter, Paige. A contribution has been made from the Main Street Missions Fund toward her expenses. Pray!

Her trip dates are June 25 – July 9.

Dear Main Street Presbyterian Church,

Christ is working powerfully in my life this winter term as I return to graduate school at the University of Miami. I'm writing to share with you a great opportunity that I believe God is leading me to: a short-term mission trip next summer to reach lost souls in Slovakia in Eastern Europe. And I'd love for you to be a prayer partner in this mission with me.

The summer of 2018 I was living in Charleston when a friend approached me about a last-minute opening for a mission trip to the youth of Slovakia. Like most of you, I didn't even know where Slovakia was, but soon God had me on a plane across the world to live with foreign high school students. This mission trip showed me how God is working in all of us. I was amazed how the Lord is using young adults who came to Christ through the camp to now run the whole operation. College students my age were making budgets, renting campgrounds, and planning all of the activities for a week-long camp. Surely only God could make all of this possible.

This summer camp is built on relationships. Through living "life on life" with Slovak youth (24 hours a day) we are able to build incredibly close relationships. These relationships are then used to show the students how immeasurable, undeserved, and never-ending God's love for them is. Only 0.2% of the Slovak population are evangelical Christians. The main reason students agree to attend the camp is to hang out with Americans. They are so eager to get to know us that it helps immensely with sharing the gospel. Through my brokenness I am able to reach out in the

darkness and show the students how God has saved me. I have never seen God move like He did at KECY camp. Students felt loved and accepted, and once they felt safe in that they were able to learn about Jesus and how they can have a relationship with him.

For the past few months I've been thinking and praying about going back on this mission trip to Rožňava, Slovakia with Eastbridge Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. I feel as if my work is not done in this area. I have started to build relationships, and I need to help God bring them to fruition. In a matter of two weeks my teammates and I can help save souls for the rest of eternity. Wow God is amazing. I know He will use this camp to bring more people to Him and I want to be a part of it.



The 2019 English speaking camp called "KECY" is a week full of bible studies, group competitions, prayer, games, and lots of fellowship. The conversations shared over foursquare, meals, and lying in bed are invaluable. Thank you for partnering with me and supporting me as I prepare for this adventure! I look forward to letting you know how the trip has impacted my life as I prepare to go, while I'm there, and when I return! I cannot wait to be back in Eastern Europe building relationships and sharing in God's mission!

May God's Peace Be with You,

Paige Pilkinton



Women
in the
Church

Bess Swedenburg

Our hearts are heavy over Verda Laws' passing from this life into eternity. Heavy for us, but rejoicing for her! WIC prepared and served a wonderful meal for her family following the service. The fellowship hall was beautiful and so appropriately decorated for Verda. Melissa Allgood provided buckets of her garden roses. Debbie Jenkins, Nell Fleming, and Kitty Brewer set and decorated the tables with silver bud vases of Melissa's roses and a large arrangement on the food table. They used Lynn Estalote's silver serving pieces to complete the setting. The meal was delicious and so many of our members from both of our WIC circles volunteered to help. Nell Fleming was chairman and did a great job. There were so many helpers, I cannot list them all for fear of omitting someone. They served fried chicken, potato casseroles, pineapple casseroles, a fabulous green salad, rolls, and pound cake with strawberries and whipped cream for dessert. This continues to be one of our sweetest and most meaningful ministries.

WIC in the Morning is not planning to meet during June and July. We will meet in August for a luncheon and to begin our new study. Watch for future announcements. WIC at Night has some really exciting plans for the summer months. All of the ladies who attend MSPC are encouraged to gather at Bethany Hairston's home for a Bible study at 7 p.m. every Tuesday evening. The study will be "Spiritual Mothering: The Titus 2 Model for Women Mentoring Women" by Susan Hunt and led by Bethany. As long as weather permits the group will meet in the Hairstons' outdoor room in their backyard alongside the pool. Very light refreshments will be enjoyed during a time for fellowship, but the main course will be Susan Hunt's outstanding book. "Grounded in Scripture, wed to the local church, specific to women, personal, wise, hopeful, and engaging--this book will be both a ready reference for your discipleship of women and an encouragement to both young and old as you

strive to live for God's glory." Kristie Anyabwile, wife of Thabiti Anyabwile, Pastor, Anacostia River Church, Washington, D.C. and mother of three. Susan is an awesome author, a mother, grandmother, pastor's wife, and the former director of women's ministries for our denomination. Make your plans to attend as often as possible realizing that it is very nearly impossible to attend each meeting. Come when you can and be blessed!



Time to set sail on the voyage of a lifetime!

Join the crew and passengers for a special Summer Seaquest beginning Monday, June 3 and ending Wednesday, June 5. Be prepared for new adventures daily from 9 a.m. to Noon.

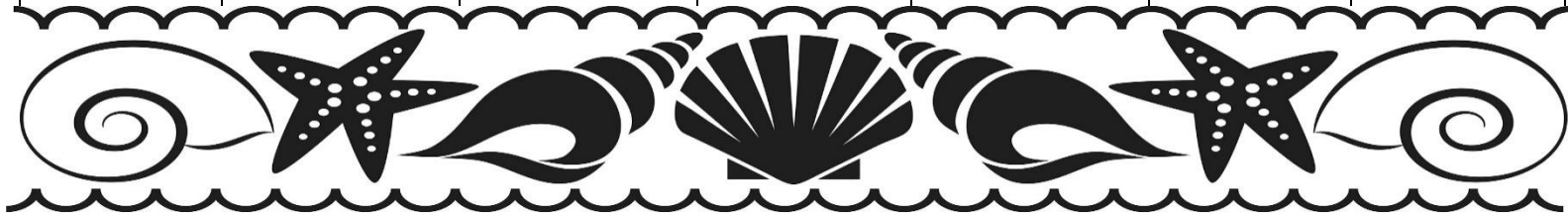
Please arrive at the Registration desk by way of the 8th Street Entrance. Stop at the desk to complete a registration form or pick up your name tag if registration has been completed prior to your arrival.

You will then proceed to the Courtyard by way of the Main Street Entrance. Enjoy the sights and sounds before boarding the ship with your fellow classmates.

Departure from the vessel each day will be in the Fellowship Hall where you will await your ferry with your classmates.

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Lucas White
2 Communion Asher Bragan Robin & Betty Weaver	3 Meghan Matocha Vee & Beth Ferguson	4	5	6 Roger & Joy Day	7	8
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Summer Sequest VBS June 3-5 9-12 Daily </div> 						
9	10	11	12	13	14 Lydia Duncan Rhonda White Ed & Rhonda White	15
16  Robert Glenn Ron & Linda Simpson	17 Kitty Brewer Gray Flora	18 Brad Talley	19 Jonathan Crandall Richard & Nell Fleming	20 Allan Brewer Nicholas Hairston	21	22
23	24 Phillip Goodwin	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">GENERAL ASSEMBLY</div>	26	27	28	29 Trip & Bethany Hairston
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June Volunteers

Nursery

- June 2 Gee & Becca Allgood
Laurie Flora
- June 9 Carson & Ann Marie Miller
Karmel Crandall
- June 16 Shirley Swoope
Pat Russell
- June 23 Sandra Pilkinton
Robin Tait & Katie Yeager
- June 30 Frances Glenn
Laurie Flora

Ushers

- June 2 Ray Kilpatrick, Carson Miller,
Allan Brewer, Danny Williams,
Trip Hairston
- June 9 Justin Harris, Henry Pilkinton,
Grover Allgood, Bill Laws,
Ben Woodson, Stephen Matocha
- June 16 Roger Day, Gee Allgood,
Mike Meharg, Patrick Shipp,
Jon Watson
- June 23 Thomas Glenn, Matt White,
Gray Flora, Phillip Goodwin,
Jay Nail, Russ Russell
- June 30 Roger Day, Carson Miller,
Allan Brewer, Danny Williams,
Trip Hairston

JUNE

Money Counter
Patrick Shipp

MAY

Budget Report
Offerings this Month
\$ 15,792.00



Praise: Robert Benjamin Lilly
(grandson of Jack & Laurie Chilcutt)

Our Shut-Ins:

Louise Armstrong
George & Martha Clegg

The Brewer Family

Keith Cole

Phillip Goodwin

Debbie Jenkins

Poogie Laws

Dan Matocha

John Mark Russell

Brad Talley

Gwen Troupe (recovering from surgery)

Faith Whitlock

Rick Wright (recovering from surgery)

Moms to be:

Bethany Baxter

Ivy Harris

Jessica Inman

Ann Marie Miller

President Donald Trump
Officials in Washington
Governor Phil Bryant
Mayor Robert Smith
Police Chief Fred Shelton
Sheriff Mike Aldredge
State, City, and County Officials

Helping Hands
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Palmer Home
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Main Street Presbyterian Church

(A Presbyterian Church in America Congregation)

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Church Officer Prayer Time

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Thursday Schedule

Weekly Prayer Meeting at Noon