

# The Main Thing

MAIN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 2019

## Welcome, New Members!



The Fondren Family

Armand, Jelaine, Trey, Penny, Oliver, and Clarity

**Where are you from?**

Armand is from Ft. Worth, TX. Jelaine is from Hot Springs, AR.

**What brought you to Columbus?**

The Air Force

**What is your occupation?**

Pilot / Homeschool Mom

**What is your church background?**

Armand – Methodist / Jelaine - Baptist

**How did you hear about MSPC?**

The Loucks

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

Philippians

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

Armand – *O Church Arise*

Jelaine – *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Armand – Hiking / Jelaine – Reading aloud to the kids

**Where are you from?**

Tristan is from Baltimore, MD and Anna is from Lynchburg, VA.

**What brought you to Columbus?**

We met at Liberty University, and came to Columbus because Tristan is in the Air Force training to be a pilot.

**What is your occupation?**

Tristan is a pilot. Anna is a nurse.

**What is your church background? How did you hear about MSPC?**

We came to MSPC because we were wanting a reformed church and did some research before coming to Mississippi. We visited the first week we were here and loved it!

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

Tristan - Proverbs

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

Tristan – *It Is Well with My Soul*

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Tristan – fishing and hunting

Anna – running and reading

We both enjoy rock climbing.



Tristan & Anna

**Where are you from?**

Columbus, MS

**What brought you to Columbus?**

As they say, "there's no place like home" and it was time to come home after many, many years away.

**What is your occupation?**

I work in the Agricultural Communications Department at State.

**What is your church background? How did you hear about MSPC?**

I am a returning member.

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

That is a difficult question to answer as it really depends on personal conditions at the time, and for what circumstances inspiration and/or motivation is needed.

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

*How Great Thou Art*

**Do you have any hobbies?**

I enjoy reading and spending time with family.



Kay Swoope



Mark Denison

I have lived in Tennessee most of my life.

I came to Columbus when I retired.

I have a varied religious background but have been in the PCA for a number of years.

I have been a business owner in several ways since I was 19.

Most recently I was an owner /operator in the Expedite Trucking industry.

I am pleased to be a member of the Main Street family.

**Where are you from?**

Kelly is from Ft. Worth, TX. Katie is from Tucson, AZ.

**What brought you to Columbus?**

Columbus Air Force base for Kelly's job

**What is your occupation?**

Kelly is a flight instructor.

**What is your church background?**

Kelly grew up Catholic and Katie grew up in a Lutheran church.

**How did you hear about MSPC?**

Kelly and I attended a PCA church in Tucson while Kelly was stationed there.

We wanted to find something similar in Columbus and found MSPC.

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

Our favorite book of the Bible is Psalms.

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

Two of our favorite songs are *Amazing Grace* and *How Great Thou Art*.

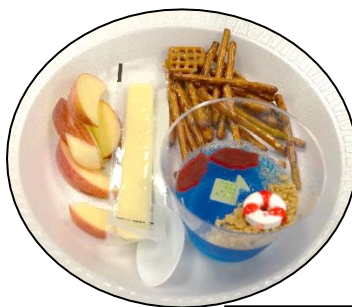
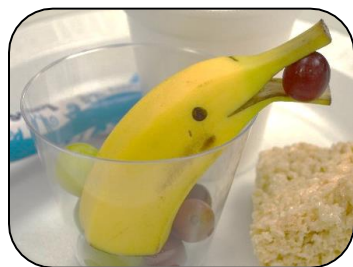
**Do you have any hobbies?**

Kelly and I enjoy traveling and hiking.



Kelly, Katie, and Parker Weber

# Summer Sequest Vacation Bible School 2019





## Happy Hearts

Bess Swedenburg



June 26, 2019 was hot and humid in Columbus, Mississippi. Our senior citizens were happy not to be going on a picnic or any other outdoor activity! We were able to enjoy the air conditioning and space of our Fellowship Hall. Often we forget about the people before us who have provided such a wonderful space. They worked hard, gave of their finances, and sought to build an appropriate building. God has blessed numerous generations of worshippers in this church and has provided a facility that has met the needs of its church members for many years. Our Fellowship Hall was constructed in the 1930's as the bottom floor of the Bateman Building. Happy Hearts has enjoyed using this space for 17 years as our meeting place. We appreciate all that our present day Deacons do to maintain this area and all of our church facility.

You may wonder why I'm looking so to our past...our Happy Hearts program was a character from the past. My surprise visitor was none other than "Colonel" Clayton Richardson, dressed in his CSA uniform. He entered with a basket of perfectly beautiful white roses on his arm, a rose of each of us! He shared greetings and proceeded to read "The Blue and The Gray" written by Francis Miles Finch. It is a moving poem written to commemorate the bravery and the lost lives of the soldiers who fought in the Civil War. Memorial Day is a conflicting holiday in that several locations want to claim that the kind and compassionate gesture began in their town. We are among those claiming such an honor. We choose to believe that the ladies of Columbus, Mississippi were the first to plan a decoration day at Friendship Cemetery for the soldiers of both sides who died in the Civil War and were buried in our local cemetery. However, it is encouraging to think that in other locations similar thoughts and actions prompted people to honor the soldiers. What matters most to me is that all of the soldiers were remembered, not just the Confederates and not just the Union soldiers, but ALL.

Quoting from *The Blue and The Gray*:

*These in the robings of glory,*

*Those in the gloom of defeat,*

*All with the battle-blood gory,*

*In the dust of eternity meet:*

*Under the sod and the dew,*

*Waiting the judgement day,*

*Under the laurel, the Blue,*

*Under the willow, the Gray.*

*Last stanza:*

*Under the sod and the dew,*

*Waiting the judgment day,*

*Love and tears for the Blue*

*Tears and love for the Gray.*

The poem is well written and emotional. It is indicative of what happened on the first Memorial Day, where ever the location. Our reader, Clayton Richardson and his family actually were members of this church prior to moving to Starkville. His mother grew up in our church. He and Sally are of Happy Hearts age and knew most of our group. After Sonny read the poem, Jerry Franks spoke briefly to the group. He loves history and being a retired veteran, his comments added to our program.

Our Fellowship Hall was decorated with piñatas and bright colors, fun and festive! We feasted on taco salads and chips. Lots of folks helped with the meal. Kitty and Allan did the decorating with a little planning and supervising from me. We had fun doing it and our group always appreciates the efforts made to provide an attractive setting. Frances brought chips, Nell provided the tea, Anne B. brought the cheese, Jean brought chopped tomatoes, jalapeño pepper, and crisp lettuce. To all this we added guacamole and salsa as well as the traditional Rotel cheese dip. For dessert we served orange and lime sherbet in ginger ale, topped with a sprig of mint, in colorful margarita glasses.

July brings fresh tomatoes and our annual BLT meeting. We will plan to meet on July 9 and enjoy the sandwiches with our usual mayo versus salad dressing saga. And you can guess what our program will be. This month it won't be a surprise to anybody! Hope to see you then!





## Online Church Pictorial Directory

By now, I hope you have had an opportunity to peruse our updated church website at [www.mainstreetpres.org](http://www.mainstreetpres.org). I am hopeful you will find it useful during the week to help you stay current on church events, check out a worship service upload, see if you are listed on a volunteer duty rotation on the church bulletin, or read the most current edition of The Main Thing. There is one feature I am working on that requires your help to make it happen.

In 2016 we printed our most recent church pictorial directory. We have grown and changed a lot since then. A lot of familiar faces moved away, and a lot more have moved in. There have been changes in our church officers, and there have been changes in our families. The changes we go through as a church are often so rapid it has become quite impractical to publish a printed directory. We have reached the point that between the time we begin taking family photos, and the time we publish, changes have already taken place and the project is no longer current. That is why we are going with a password secured online church pictorial directory.

The directory link is under the "RESOURCES" menu underneath the "NEWSLETTER" link. You will also have the option to download a phone app that will allow you to access the directory from a cell phone or a tablet. Some of us will always be more comfortable having information in print. The pictures and information are printable. You can print in part or in full right off the website there in your home. As already mentioned, the directory will be password protected, so family photos, email addresses, phone numbers, and addresses will be safe and secure. Each family will have a password assigned to them so that they can access the directory and make their updates. So, if you need to change your preferred email address, get a new cell phone number, or hate how you looked in that directory photo, you can post those changes yourself. Now, I have been asked this one already, and the answer is, "No, you can't change any other family's information. And no other family can change yours." We have an administrator's password here at the church, allowing us to build and update the directory, but member's passwords will only let them edit their family information. Any member who is uncomfortable with making their changes can contact me at [ronsimpson64@gmail.com](mailto:ronsimpson64@gmail.com), and I will be glad to make a change for you.

If you have not already, you should soon receive an email from me that will provide you with a link to our directory and your username and password. After you sign in for the first time, I encourage you to go ahead and change the username and password to something you prefer and will remember easily. This identity will be like any other online password you have. The better the password, the more secure you are. Hint, "123" is not a secure password. Pick a suitable username and password and record in your password book. If for some reason the password I sent you doesn't work, email me and I will send you another one. If you have not received the email yet, be patient. It is coming.

If you had a photo in our 2016 directory, it is already posted. Please review that information and make any needed changes or corrections. You can add that new child's name and photo. You can remove the child who is now an adult with their own family. You can correct the spelling of your name, etc. Each family will have a place for a family photo and a place for an individual picture of each member of the family. Changing images is easy. I encourage you to change the family photo to something more current. If you want some help with a family photo, email the church office. We will help you arrange for a photo one Sunday morning here at the church. Of course, those of you who were not in the 2016 directory will need to provide and input more information and photos. New members, as you receive the link, please make your updates. Not only will the directory help you to get to know us, but it will also help us get to know you.

*Ron Simpson*



## Women in the Church

Bess Swedenburg

The summer is filled with WIC excitement! Our ladies are meeting at Bethany Hairston's home every Tuesday evening from 6:30 until 8:30. The group is studying "Spiritual Mothering" written by Susan Hunt. I have not been able to attend yet myself, but am planning to do so soon. Every person I have spoken to about the Bible study has been so pleased and enthusiastic about the study and the fellowship. It's never too late to join in, so please plan to attend. All ages are encouraged to come. This is a study about women mentoring women based on Titus 2.

*"Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled." Titus 2:3-5 ESV*



**Weekly Prayer Meetings have been postponed until August. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, August 1, 2019.**

Gifts have been received by  
Main Street Presbyterian Church  
in memory of:

Mrs. Sadie Brewer  
Mrs. Martha Clegg  
Mrs. Verda Laws  
Mr. John Wingard

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!  
Psalm 34:8 ESV*

**Faith Promise Pledge Update:**

**32 pledges have been made  
totaling \$38,951**



**Parker Rynn Weber**  
Son of Kelly & Katie Weber  
**Levi William Baxter**  
Son of Joseph & Bethany Baxter  
**Eliza Jaye Harris**  
Daughter of Justin & Ivy Harris

# July 2019

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                                       | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4<br> | 5<br><i>Jay &amp; Hannah<br/>Nail</i>               | 6   |
| 7<br><i>Communion</i>   | 8   | 9<br><i>Robin Tait</i>                        | 10<br><i>Joshua Crandall<br/><br/>David Glenn</i>               | 11<br><i>Armand &amp; Jelaine<br/>Fondren</i>   | 12<br><i>Jon Watson</i>                             | 13<br><i>Jon Thomas<br/>Kilpatrick</i>                                |
| 14<br><i>Visiting Minister<br/>Brian Sorgenfrei<br/><br/>Ben &amp; Ann<br/>Chilcutt</i> | 15<br><i>Charles &amp; Shirley<br/>Swoope</i> | 16  | 17  | 18<br><i>Roger Day<br/><br/>Fran Laws</i>   | 19  | 20<br><i>Doug &amp; Jean<br/>Yelverton</i>                            |
| 21<br><i>Jacob Matocha</i>  | 22  | 23<br><i>Nathan Kilpatrick</i>                | 24<br><i>Jan Swoope<br/><br/>Jon &amp; Lauren<br/>Zarandona</i> | 25  | 26<br><i>Frances<br/>Glenn<br/><br/>Dean Harris</i> | 27<br><i>Clara<br/>Peterson<br/><br/>Ray &amp; Amy<br/>Kilpatrick</i> |
| 28<br><i>Lilla Allgood</i>  | 29  | 30<br><i>Matthew &amp; Jennifer<br/>White</i> | 31  |   |   |   |





# July Volunteers

## Nursery

- July 7 Marianne Field  
Gee & Becca Allgood
- July 14 Margo Allgood, Janie Williams  
Joy Day
- July 21 Jelaine Fondren, Pat Russell  
Kitty Brewer
- July 28 Morgan Shipp, Amber Watson  
Laurie Flora

## Ushers

- July 7 Ray Kilpatrick, Carson Miller,  
Allan Brewer, Danny Williams,  
Trip Hairston
- July 14 Justin Harris, Henry Pilkinton,  
Grover Allgood, Bill Laws,  
Ben Woodson, Stephen Matocha
- July 21 Roger Day, Gee Allgood,  
Ed White, Mike Meharg,  
Patrick Shipp, Jon Watson
- July 28 Thomas Glenn, Matt White,  
Gray Flora, Phillip Goodwin,  
Jay Nail, Russ Russell



*Praise:* Parker Rynn Weber  
Levi William Baxter  
Eliza Jaye Harris

*Our Shut-Ins:*  
Louise Armstrong  
George & Martha Clegg

Keith Cole  
Phillip Goodwin  
Debbie Jenkins  
Poogie Laws  
Dan Matocha  
John Mark Russell  
Brad Talley  
Gwen Troupe  
Faith Whitlock  
Rick Wright

*Moms to be:*  
Jessica Inman  
Ann Marie Miller

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

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Helping Hands  
Life Choices Pregnancy Center  
Palmer Home  
All Churches and Pastors in Columbus

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

*Romans 12:12 NIV*

JULY

Money Counter  
Patrick Shipp

JUNE

Budget Report

Offerings this Month

\$ 29,463

(one week remaining)

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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