

The Main Thing

Main Street Presbyterian Church

October 2019



Austin and Emily Krohn
Addie and Caiden

Where are you from?

We are both originally from Fresno, California, though being a military family, we haven't lived there in quite some time. We have lived in Oklahoma, Texas, and North Carolina before moving to Mississippi.

What brought you to Columbus?

The Air Force brought us here from our last duty assignment at Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro, NC.

What is your occupation?

Austin is an instructor at the 49th FTS "Black Knights" on base, which is a training squadron for future fighter pilots. Emily is a full-time mom with two little ones.

What is your church background?

We both grew up in church families, though the Lord used both of our college years away from home to grow our faith beyond our "inherited" love for God into a true grasp of the Gospel.

How did you hear about MSPC?

We found MSPC through the Gospel Coalition church directory and through other members, namely the Elgersma family.

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

Austin - Ecclesiastes, if I had to choose one (love the O.T. in general).
Emily - Daniel

What is your favorite Christian hymn/song?

Austin - too many to list. One I'm stuck on lately is "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"
Emily - A tie between "In Christ Alone" and "How Deep the Father's Love"
Addie + Caiden - "Amazing Grace!"

Do you have any hobbies?

Austin - anything old-fashioned. (Fountain pens, baseball, books, being outdoors, music...)
Emily - board games and cooking!
Addie - friends, coloring/puzzles, and thrill rides!
Caiden - walks, bounce houses, and spotting American flags wherever he goes...

Stephen and Susanna Pippel
Abigail, Caroline, and James



Where are you from?

We are both from Marietta, Georgia.

What brought you to Columbus?

We are in Columbus courtesy of the Air Force. We were also here for pilot training in 2002.

What is your occupation?

Stephen is an instructor pilot, and Susanna is a homeschooling mom.

What is your church background?

We both have protestant backgrounds and fell in love with the Presbyterian Church in Enid, Oklahoma, in 2006. MSPC is our third PCA church home.

How did you hear about MSPC?

Having come to appreciate the way the PCA adheres to biblical principles and preaches truth in love, we seek PCA churches whenever we can. Additionally, one of our pastor-friends with Mississippi roots recommended MSPC.

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

Stephen—Revelation; isn't it great to know your team wins in the end?

Susanna—I love reading the familiar stories of the Old Testament and seeing how God was at work thousands of years ago to lay the groundwork for Jesus's coming. The OT stories each provide such incredible illustrations of God's character and such valuable lessons for His people—then and now—but to also see how they foreshadow the coming of Christ is truly amazing.

What is your favorite Christian hymn/song?

Stephen—the Doxology; I can "sing" most of the notes.

Susanna—Be Thou My Vision; Great is Thy Faithfulness; To God Be the Glory; How Great Thou Art; 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord); It's Your Life and Strangely Dim (among others by Francesca Battistelli)

Do you have any hobbies?

Stephen—tinkering, BBQing, gardening

Susanna—cooking/baking, playing the piano, writing

Abigail & Caroline—reading, art, horseback riding

James—getting into absolutely everything, being chased by the rest of us, generating smiles everywhere he goes



Kyle and Katie Singletary Nathanael

Where are you from?

Kyle is from Eustis, FL and Katie is from Brunswick, GA. We met in Valdosta, GA.

What brought you to Columbus?

The Air Force brought us here.

What is your occupation?

Kyle is an instructor pilot at CAFB and Katie is a stay at home mom.

What is your church background?

Neither of us grew up in church, however we both attended a Southern Baptist Church in Valdosta, GA and claim a reformed baptist background!

How did you hear about MSPC?

9Marks Website

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

Kyle's favorite book of the Bible is Ecclesiastes and Katie's favorite is Ephesians.

What is your favorite Christian hymn/song?

Kyle's favorite hymn is "How Firm a Foundation" and Katie's is "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow".

Do you have any hobbies?

We both enjoying reading and being outdoors in our spare time!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Happy Hearts

Bess Swedenburg

Things do not always, or should I say usually, work out as we plan!! We were looking forward to hearing about and seeing pictures of the Holy Land on September 17 and getting to know Rev Curtis Bray. That was our plan! God's plan was different! Rev Bray needed to be with one of his church members who was having a heart procedure in Tupelo. Eleanor let me know as soon as she knew which was Saturday morning before Happy Hearts on Tuesday. God is so good, and He provides what we need when we need it. In the scope of all things, a program for Happy Hearts is somewhat insignificant but for me it is very important. For quite some time I had wanted to invite the Elgersma family to come and share their story with us. So, this was my first thought, "call Tracy." I did and she was more than willing to help me and to come and share their story even if Darin could not work it into his schedule. Eleanor and I sighed a sigh of huge relief, recognizing Tracy's immediate willingness to do our program.

Darin was able to fit time into his busy schedule and attend Happy Hearts. When he arrived, he greeted his precious wife with a sweet and reassuring little kiss. Most people were unaware of that kiss, but it touched my heart and spoke volumes of their love for each other. Upon first meeting Darin and Tracy with their adorable children at Ivy and Justin Harris' house last summer, I quickly realized that Darin is an exceptional man, gentle, kind, patient, compassionate, and very tender, yet he remains totally masculine. Their family is influenced by his character traits and they each exhibit these same good traits. These are the reasons I wanted to hear their story and invite them to Happy Hearts. God provided the right time for that to happen.

Darin began by telling us that Tracy does not like to speak before crowds, I was so shocked! She always seems so relaxed and ready to share so I had no idea

I had asked her to step outside of her box. BUT she was more than willing and never hesitated to say she would come. I was providing her an opportunity to share her faith and how it had gotten her family through to this point and she wanted to do it, even if it meant she was not completely comfortable. Thank you, Tracy, for that sweet spirit of sharing and serving others. As we listened to Darin in his soft-spoken voice tell of his growing up on a dairy farm in Michigan, we wondered how these two met each other. Tracy graduated from Miami University (Ohio) with degrees in psychology and zoology. She then decided to move to Colorado in order to gain state residency so that she could go to grad



school there. Darin was at the Air Force Academy at the same time she was working in Colorado. The two of them told their story together, it is very personal and precious. They met through a Colorado family they were each very closely involved with as friends. I am not the person to tell their story, but I want to tell you what impressed me most as they told their story. Darin decided in sixth grade that he wanted to be a pilot. Not many of us know what we really want to do at that early age, especially since he was not following in the footsteps of his father. He had done the usual and flipped from occupation to occupation with each new experience. When he saw a fire truck, he wanted to be a fire fighter and so on. But once he heard a pilot speak at his school, he knew he really wanted to fly....and who doesn't. In 7th grade he wrote his first letter to the Academy elaborating on his desire to attend and to serve his country in the USAF. He was given that privilege and graduated, Tracy pinned 2nd Lieutenant rank on his lapel 14 years ago. Shortly thereafter they were married. Darin seems to be a focused and serious person. It became apparent to him that he needed to reveal who he really was to the outside world. His peers needed to know if he were interested in this or in that, his activities would either be worldly or show forth his love for Christ. He wanted to be different, different enough that others would know he was committed to Christ. If you know him, you

know he is an awesome reflection of the love of Christ. His desire to live as a Christian at the Academy and in the Air Force was a bit challenging. Time continued to pass as he struggled with what we all struggle with, our image, our witness or lack of it. After tours in Florida and Texas, they were sent to Japan. An airman in Okinawa told him about Friday night Bible studies as opposed to other more ordinary Friday night activities. That young man was none other than Frank Arnold whom we also know and love. So, Robyn and Frank Arnold and Tracy and Darin Elgersma became good friends and remain so today. They also have been blessed to know Claudia and Bill Denham, another wonderful Air Force couple. It is obvious that our friends make a big difference in our lives. People of like mindedness seem to find each other and relate well to each other. The six people I have named are all very serious Christians who definitely share the love of Christ with others.

This is a story of two, Tracy is just as impressive as Darin. The two of them are codependent, equally concerned about making a difference in the lives of others and sharing the gospel as they live their lives. The Air Force has provided them many opportunities and lots of travel. Texas, Florida, Okinawa, back to Texas, as a beginning.

While in Florida Becca was born, then in Okinawa Lydia arrived and they were a happy family of four. But God laid it on Darin's heart to adopt a child. When he mentioned this to Tracy, she replied as most of us would, "Don't mention this to me again for six months". Darin respected her wishes and after much prayer and a shorter time lapse, she approached him and agreed it was the right thing for them to do. Living in Texas, they flew to China to meet little Micah, a very long flight even for a pilot! Again, I am inadequate to share this story, it is very touching, very emotional as you would expect. Micah did not respond in any way to their showering of love upon him but they knew within 24 hours that he was their son. So, he came home, not yet realizing that God had blessed him beyond measure to be an Elgersma! Tragically, Micah was very closed off when he arrived home. They had his hearing tested, tubes put in, and praise the Lord, he became a new person. He wanted to communicate with them. Having a cleft palate, Micah could not speak well. He

underwent nine surgeries in one year and has had several more in hopes of his being able to speak more clearly. Tracy said that they found a video that taught Micah how to sign and that he was so excited about it he actually learned signing faster than the rest of his family. He still has struggles in front of him with his language, but little Micah doesn't have to struggle for acceptance or for love, he has an abundance. His parents, sisters, extended family and a host of friends are devoted to him. Our church family finds him quite adorable and we all want to talk to him. Today he clearly said to me, "in my pocket" in response to my offering candy mints for him and his sisters. He is making amazing progress and is attending school along with Becca and Lydia. Occasionally we can hear him singing at church and what a special blessing it is!

This was one of our very best programs ever. There is so much more I could share, I think I could fill the entire newsletter! Main Street Pres is blessed, like Micah was, beyond measure to have the Elgersma family worshipping with us. We can thank the Denhams and God's providence for sending them our way. Tracy is very involved in WIC both in the morning and at night, Darin teaches Sunday School and the two of them are inviting more young men and women at the base who want to worship in a reformed church and grow as they interact with other Christians. It's a mission and they are missionaries. Do we realize that is what we are all called to do?

We were pleased Tracy could stay for lunch, but Darin had to return to the base. We enjoyed fried chicken, along with pineapple sandwiches and pimento and cheese sandwiches. As Southerners we think these sandwiches are comfort food and on everyone's list of favorites, but Tracy had actually never eaten either until she came to MSPC. We also enjoyed a pretty congealed salad which Jean Yelverton made, chips, and Turtle pie. Nell brought her delicious tea. We were pleased with the crowd of 22. Thanks to Ann and Ben Chilcutt, Jean Yelverton, Nell Fleming, and Ann Barkley for cleaning up! Nell and I had fun setting tables and placing assorted vases of alstroemeria on each table.





We welcomed 115 family members and friends to our Kick-off luncheon!!! I would say that this was a great start to our year of gatherings. Once again we thank Poogie Laws for arranging the Bar-B-Que chicken for the occasion. Clarke Norton and his family were very appreciative of all that MSPC did to make them feel welcomed.

Now it's time to turn our attention to our next luncheon. It will be **Sunday, October 6th following the morning worship service.** This will be the traditional "potluck" meal we all think about from our past. The congregation is divided as follows...

If your last name begins with:

- A-D** Dessert
- E-L** Meat or Chicken
- M-S** Hot Vegetable
- T-Z** Cold Salad, Vegetable, Fruit, Fruit Salad

As they say, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating". And we ATE IT ALL!!! Nothing makes the cooks happier than to go home with empty dishes. Let's do it again. See you **Sunday, October 6th** with our 4 F's... Fellowship, Family, Fun...without the Fuss!

Lynda

CHURCH FALL OUTING

Wednesday October 23

5 – 8

lake Norris fishing Club

**Chicken & Drinks
provided**

Games



**PLEASE SEE SIGN UP SHEETS
FOR SIDES AND DESSERTS.**

**PICNIC WILL BE HELD UNDER
COVERED PAVILION.**





It is so good to be back in the swing of things at preschool. We have already bonded with our new friends and they are making quick connections with one another. So much energy! This week we have been learning about Noah's Ark in the 2-year-old class. We are learning about the animals that Noah took care of on the very large boat and we are singing songs about Noah. Noah loved God and God took care of Noah and He will take care of us too. We can trust Him. I pray that each of our precious students will grow to trust God and know Him at an early age.

I am so very grateful, blessed, and happy to have Amy Sumrall and Judy Woolbright with me in the 2's class. They are wonderful and the children love them.

We are looking forward to the fire truck coming in October. The Firemen do such a good job teaching our children about fire safety and not to fear a fireman dressed up in his gear. Of course, they love the big truck also. Our children get to see the fire trucks come and go from our playground very often and they get so excited.

We had our first chapel with Pastor Todd on Wednesday. Even though I found his talk riveting, and the children love him, I do hope that their attention span lengthens, and we can get more wiggles out, so they can sit still. 😊

The staff at Main Street Christian Preschool were so blessed to be introduced to our congregation here at MSPC. Thank you for your prayers and interest in this sweet preschool.

Much love and appreciation,

Miss Cathy





Women In the Church

Bess Swedenburg

The Women In our Church are really busy and participating in the planned activities and Bible studies. This is such a blessing for all of us. We get to know and love each other more as we work, play, and study together. Let's take it in that order.

Work! We had a workday on September 24 beginning at 9:30 at the church. I was so pleased that 12 people responded to our call for help. We even had two husbands who were great help! Ben and Ann Chilcutt, Allan and Kitty Brewer, Shirley Swoope, Pat Russell, Nancy Franks, Alice Talley, Jean Yelverton and her sister Betty Sanchez, Nell Fleming, and I worked most of the day and accomplished quite a bit.

Hopefully, you noticed when you came to the wedding or to church this past Sunday. The Chilcutts and Nancy cleaned the kitchen from top to bottom! They scrubbed everything that didn't move, which means everything except themselves! The rest of the group concentrated on the sanctuary, the vestibules, the upstairs room by Todd's office, and the fellowship hall. This group dusted pews and turned the cushions, vacuumed between the pews, scrubbed the tile floors of the vestibules, and Kitty was the painter who touched up lots of places but especially the rims of the steps in front of the sanctuary. Josh Smith repainted the area under our balcony that was water damaged and did an excellent job! Shirley and I returned on Thursday to finish up.

Craig Roseburg washed windows in the fellowship hall and cleaned the third floor of the Villee Building.

A few of our WIC ladies helped Clara Peterson pack and prepare for her move to live with her children. She appreciated your help and we, along with lots of her other friends, got the job done. Clara has the same cell phone so you can text or call her. Clara's new address is 862 Ave. Louis Quatroze, Covington, LA 70433.

Play! (I'm not happy with the word "play" because this is so much more than just play.) Tracy Elgersma is planning the lunch and dinner activities for WIC. This is the perfect opportunity to bring guests and to get to know new ladies who are visiting our church and/or considering making it their church home. The Dinner at The Grill is on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. So, mark your calendar for October 15! Tracy is also organizing a lunch for those of us who would rather come at that time. Watch in the bulletin for an announcement as to when and where, the time will

probably be 11:30 so we can get ahead of the crowd. Ladies, please participate! This is a fun, relaxing, and special opportunity to know and enjoy the ladies of our church! Bring someone with you! We do need to RSVP to Tracy.

Study! Most important of all the activities is our spiritual growth! WIC in the Morning continues to meet on third floor of the Villee Building on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00. We were blessed to have 19 ladies present in September, our room was full and overflowing, which was wonderful. We asked Amber Henson if she would consider swapping rooms with us because her room was larger. She was more than happy to accommodate us and the swap has occurred! In October we will have, Gwen Troupe, our nursery worker of so many years, keeping a nursery during our WIC meeting from 10:00 until 12:00. Alice Talley, our dedicated and exceptional teacher, will be leading our study, "God's Grace in your Suffering" by David Powlison. The actual lesson begins at 11:00 if you can only spare one hour.

WIC at Night is meeting on Wednesday nights after having supper at the church with their families. They are studying, "God's Mysterious Ways: Embracing God's Providence in Esther" by Jane Roach. Several of our ladies are sharing the responsibility of leading this study. Bethany Hairston, Amy Kilpatrick, and Jamie Laws will be your leaders, all very capable!



The first Men's Prayer Breakfast was held Wednesday, September 11. We had a good turnout of men and boys. Patrick, Bill and Trip fixed a really great meal...no one went hungry! Allan presented a message using Psalms 56 as his text. As we started our prayer time, the men remembered 9/11.

The next Mens Prayer Breakfast will be Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there.

Mike

October Volunteers

Nursery

- Oct. 6 Marianne Field & Amber Henson
Laurie Flora
- Oct. 13 Margo Allgood & Janie Williams
Meryl Fisackerly
- Oct. 20 Jelaine Fondren & Joy Day
Cathy Duncan
- Oct. 27 Morgan Shipp
Robin Tait & Katie Yeager

Security/Usher Team

- Oct. 6 Ray Kilpatrick, Carson Miller,
Grover Allgood, Bill Laws,
Ben Woodson, Stephen Matocha
- Oct. 13 Justin Harris, Henry Pilkinton,
Gray Flora, Phillip Goodwin,
Jay Nail, Russ Russell
- Oct. 20 Matt White, Thomas Glenn,
Allan Brewer, Danny Williams,
Trip Hairston
- Oct. 27 Roger Day, Gee Allgood,
Ed White, Mike Meharg,
Patrick Shipp, Jon Watson



Praise:

Landen Inman
Tinsley Marie Miller

Our Shut-Ins:

Louise Armstrong
George Clegg

Keith Cole
Cathy Duncan
Phillip Goodwin
Debbie Jenkins
Poogie Laws
Dan Matocha
John Mark Russell
Brad Talley
Faith Whitlock

Mom to be:

Jelaine Fondren

OCTOBER
Money Counter
Bill Laws

September
Budget Report
Offerings this Month
\$ 45,201

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

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 WIC in the Morning 10:00 Missions Comm. Meeting 6 p.m.	2 Joseph Crandall	3 Jerry Franks Lauren Zarandona	4 Happy Hearts 10:30 a.m.	5
6 Visiting Minister Rev. Kevin Jones	7	8	9	10 Callum Matocha	11	12
13 Communion Betty Weaver	14	15 Charles Russell Berry	16	17 Todd Matocha	18	19
20 Kelly & Katie Weber	21 Melissa Duncan	22	23 Family Fun at Lake Norris	24	25 Janie Williams	26 Emiline Allgood David Field Whitt Harris
27	28	29	30 Ben Chilcutt	31		

Wednesday Night Menu

October 2 – Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
(Meal is provided. Please make a donation.)

October 9 – Tacos/Taco Salad
(Bring tortillas or chips and a side dish or dessert.)

October 16 – Fried chicken, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert
(Meal is provided. Please make a donation.)

October 23 – Grill Night – Chicken & Bratwurst, Salad, Dessert
(Meal is provided. Please make a donation.)

October 30 – Pizza
Bring a salad, veggies with dip, or dessert.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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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

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