

The Main Thing

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Peru was the focus of the time of our covenant children and their friends who joined us on Saturday afternoon. We enjoyed discussing several aspects of the country of Peru, the people of Peru, and the lifestyle of many Peruvians before turning our attention to Peru Mission and the people who serve there as the Missionary Team, including the Ellison family.



We were thrilled to have Paige Pilkinton with us. Since she had visited Peru and spent some time with the Mission Team there a few years ago, Paige had firsthand knowledge and experience of much that was depicted on our PowerPoint presentation, and greatly enriched the conversation amongst our group being able to answer specific questions children had. We outlined the various arms of Peru Mission, and talked about how these are patterned after the ministry of Jesus on earth... We then went on to ask, "What is a Commission?" This followed some discussion about the meaning of a commission, more specifically "The Great Commission," and how that Jesus through the example of His life and ministry gave us a pattern whereby we can demonstrate love and care to others and share the good news of Jesus and His Saving Grace.

Jim Kiel was our guest during Sunday School. At his previous visit with us, Jim's time with us was centered around Rekindle Children's Hope. This time his focus was "What is a disciple/missionary?" In his very engaging teaching style, Jim drew much out of our children with questions based on his texts, beginning with Jesus calling the first disciples, and the concept of multiplication, challenging our children as disciples of Jesus to make disciples.



Happy Hearts

Bess Swedenburg

Happy Hearts met for our Valentine's Day event on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Kitty Brewer had salvaged flowers from a previous party and rearranged them beautifully for our tables. It was more elegant than usual with roses, larkspur, alstroemeria, camellias, snapdragons, and tulips! Nell Fleming helped set tables and it all came together perfectly.

Our program was presented by Pat Wallace with Rhonda White accompanying on the piano. We played a version of "Name That Tune". The first tunes we sang were secular love songs such as "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", "You Are My Sunshine", and "Side by Side". Familiar hymns followed including "Love Lifted Me", "Jesus Loves Me", and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". There were 15 tunes all total and the group had fun naming them. Ann Chilcutt won the competition naming 12 of the 15 songs. We sang several of the hymns afterwards.

Diann Carter discovered a Valentine on the computer and "tweaked" it a bit for Pogie and Frances. Everyone in the group signed it, and I delivered it the following day. Pogie and Frances were pleased to receive it.

Our meal was special and probably one of our best! We had creamy chicken casseroles, baked brown rice, steamed broccoli with mustard sauce, steamed carrots sprinkled with fresh lemon juice, congealed raspberry salads made by Kathy Newton, and buttered rolls. Jean Yelverton made her delicious Strawberry Crunch for our dessert. I'm not sure how she accomplished it with a broken thumb and her right hand in a cast, but she did! Nell, of course, made her famous mint sweet tea and we had coffee as well.

Our amazing clean-up crew got all the dishes washed, dried, and put away! Ben and Ann, Allan and Kitty, and Nancy Franks are such a blessing as they laugh and work together cleaning up every month after Happy Hearts.

Our group will miss our dear friend Pogie Laws every time we meet. Since Happy Hearts began, Pogie and Frances have been loyal supporters, helpers, and faithful attendees. He has offered prayers at so many meetings and always began, "Our most gracious Heavenly Father" - an address I too frequently use as I go to the throne of Grace. Pogie and I, as well as all who knew and loved Dr. Villee, are familiar with those words. Dr. Villee opened many, perhaps most, of his lengthy pastoral prayers with the same phrase. What a perfect way to begin a prayer and what greater blessing do we cherish than to be children of God!

Interestingly enough, and quite providential, Alice Talley sent her Bible verses to me just a moment ago - "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1(NIV) Gracious - His amazing graciousness is extended to us. "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life." Romans 5:8, 10(NIV) "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." John 1:12-13(NIV) How can we convey all these awesome thoughts? "Our most gracious Heavenly Father"! Dr. Villee, and Pogie following his lead, were surely on target as they went to the Lord in prayer. Close to the beginning of his prayers, Pogie would then say, "I thank you for being the omnipotent, omniscient God that you are" - all powerful and all knowing! Pogie worshipped our sovereign God, as he would say "God is in control"—comforting truths for a child of God. There are two other expressions I hear as I think of my friend and recall his nod and quick wink. Pogie always replied to the usual question of "How are you?" with the strong and true words "Better than I deserve."

How true and how few of us so readily admit our sinful condition and God's amazing goodness to us. Another of his frequently shared remarks was "It doesn't get any better than that!" What a positive way of thinking - to be happy, satisfied, and contented with his life and the daily events he experienced. Again like Dr. Villem, Pogie loved to fish and was the most devout fisherman I ever knew. In his latter years he enjoyed giving fishhook lapel pins to every man he met. It became a ministry to him and provided him an opportunity to witness. Pogie was truly one of the most unique and consistent people I have known. He was quick witted, generous, frugal with our church's money, loyal, true to his genetic background, somewhat of a hoarder, kind, caring, yet a sinner, always striving to honor our Lord, and forever a friend. Pogie was a faithful servant of the Lord and he enjoyed Happy Hearts as much as anyone could. We will all miss him, but we rejoice in his being present with the Lord.





*Women
in the
Church*

The month of February started off with a bang for the Women of Main Street. On February 1st a group of nine ladies attended a Nancy Guthrie conference at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Nancy Guthrie is a gifted author and speaker, and we enjoyed gleaning from her deep knowledge of the Bible while learning to dive the depths ourselves. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and learning for us, and we will be looking for similar events in the future.

There are two women's Bible studies available for women at Main Street, and they are still meeting regularly this time of year. WIC in the morning meets on the first Tuesday of the month on the third floor of the church from 10 am – 12pm. WIC at night meets every Wednesday night during church, from 6pm – 7pm. Childcare is available for both studies.

Thank you to all of the ladies that gave of their time and their gifts to help with the bereavement meal for the Laws' family.



The meal was delicious and beautifully done. All that partook really appreciated it.

The Main Street Ladies Dinner for March will be on the 17th. As always, it will be at 7pm at the Grill. This meal is always a great time of fellowship but if you can't make it out in March, you can mark your calendar for April 21st for next month (it is always the 3rd Tuesday of the month).

The Main Street Ladies Lunch has moved to a permanent time on the 4th Tuesday of the month. That means we will meet on March 24th at 11:30 am at Updown Eatery. For the first time, we will have childcare available for this event. Childcare will be at the Main Street Nursery from 11:15 until 1pm. If you plan on utilizing childcare, please let Tracy know by the Sunday before (the 22nd) so we can best plan for how many workers are needed.

Coming up next month we look forward to hosting the WIC ladies for a British Tea on April 18th. Look for more details coming soon!

Tracy





What a wonderful blessing MSCS is to so many! Though this is my first year in the classroom, our family is no stranger to this precious program. Our third (and last!) daughter will finish strong with Ms. Gaines in the 4s class in May. There are truly no words to adequately express how much MSCS has meant to my family.

Though we are grateful for each day the Lord blesses us with at MSCS, we are hopeful March brings a little less rain and a lot more sunshine because our little friends have LOTS of energy! So much to learn this month as we cover units in Spring, opposites & pairs, and more letter learning. We also are looking forward to celebrating Dr Seuss' birthday, cowboy week, and Spring Break. The year is flying by!

Having the never-ending support and prayers of the MSPC congregation has ensured that MSCS continues its legacy of helping to shape the little hearts and minds of our community. We feel your prayers every day and are forever grateful.

In His love,
Amy Sumrall



Missions

Congregational Luncheon

The Missions luncheon was a great success. We had the largest number gathered for a fabulous meal. There were 140 enjoying pulled pork with lots of sides to go along. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated thanks to Debbie Jenkins, Kitty Brewer, and Nell Fleming. Grover Allgood and Lauren Glenn gave us extra hands with preparing the meal. All of this couldn't happen without Pookie Laws contacting John Gore months ago to ask for his cooking talents. Lastly but not least, I wish to thank YOU for coming and participating in all the events of this most important weekend.

With the luncheon falling on March 1st this year, we will NOT have another meal THIS MONTH. Our next meal will in April. **The date is April 5th which is Palm Sunday. This will be our last meal for 2019-2020.** It will be fried chicken and the congregation will provide the sides. I will give more information later.

I'm looking forward to next month when we can share once again our 4 F's...Fellowship, Family, Fun...without the Fuss!

Lynda



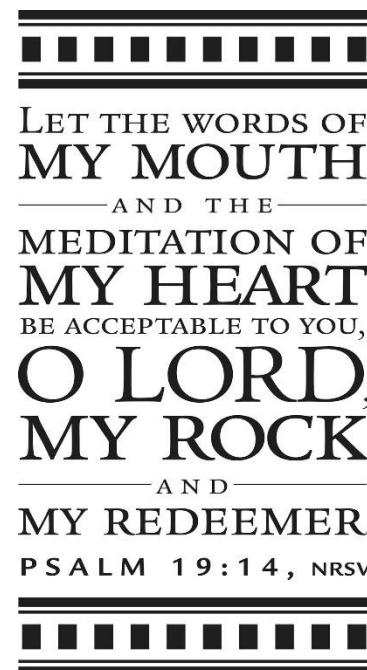
The **Men's Prayer Breakfast** met Saturday, February 29, to coincide with the other events of Mission Conference. We had a good turnout of men and boys. It was great to see some guys who normally can't make the weekday meetings. Patrick and Bill fixed a great breakfast.

Ed Norton, the conference keynote speaker, spoke to the group. What was planned as a 15-minute thumbnail of information about Third Millennium Ministries morphed into a 45-minute Q & A. Ed is an engaging speaker and as a board member of Third Millennium he has insightful knowledge of the operations. The men really enjoyed his presentation.

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be in April. The date will be determined. More information will be forthcoming.

Thanks,

Mike



MARCH VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY

- March 1 Shirley Swoope
Robin Tait, Katie Tait
- March 8 Jennifer White, Margo Allgood
Karmel Crandall
- March 15 Darin & Tracy Elgersma
Amber Henson, Laurie Flora
- March 22 Ann Marie Miller, Joy Day
Janie Williams
- March 29 Hannah Nail
Gee & Becca Allgood

SECURITY/USHER TEAM

- March 1 Ray Kilpatrick, Carson Miller,
Grover Allgood, Bill Laws,
Ben Woodson, Stephen Matocha
- March 8 Justin Harris, Henry Pilkinton,
Gray Flora, Phillip Goodwin,
Jay Nail, Russ Russell
- March 15 Matt White, Thomas Glenn,
Allan Brewer, Dan Williams,
Trip Hairston
- March 22 Roger Day, Gee Allgood,
Mike Meharg, Ed White,
Patrick Shipp, Jon Watson
- March 29 Thomas Glenn, Roger Day,
Grover Allgood, Bill Laws,
Ben Woodson, Stephen Matocha

Money Counter

March

Gee Allgood



Praise:

Missions Conference

Our Shut-Ins:

Louise Armstrong
Betty Weaver

Keith Cole

Phillip Goodwin

Debbie Jenkins

John Mark Russell

Brad Talley

Faith Whitlock

Moms to be:

Katie Singletary

President Donald Trump

Officials in Washington

Governor Tate Reeves

Mayor Robert Smith

Police Chief Fred Shelton

Sheriff Eddie Hawkins

State, City, and County Officials

Helping Hands

Life Choices Pregnancy Center

Palmer Home

All Churches and Pastors in Columbus

Budget Report

February

Offerings this Month

\$ 44,284

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Missions Conference Morning & Evening Congregational Luncheon Robin Weaver	2	3 Robby & Frances Glenn	4	5 Jay Nail	6	7 Darin Elgersma
8 Communion Daylight-Saving Time begins	9 Patrick & Morgan Shipp	10	11 No Activities	12 Hannah Nail	13	14
<i>SPRING BREAK</i>						
15	16 Happy Hearts' Field Trip - MSU Lunch in Starkville Diaconate Meeting	17 Jon Zarandona	18	19 Spring Begins	20	21 Elizabeth Crandall
22 Bethany Baxter John Rogowski	23	24 Vee Ferguson	25 David Elkin Guest Speaker	26	27 Becca Allgood Jesse Duncan	28 Pilgrimage Tour of Historic Churches 10-12 Ron Simpson
29	30 Debbie Jenkins	31				



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Main Street Presbyterian Church

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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