

June 2022

# Main Street Presbyterian Church The Main Thing



**Main Street Christian School celebrated the end of the 2021-22 school year with a very successful "Family Day".**

**Parents and Grandparents were invited to join the fun.**





## Ministry to the Military and Internationals

(A Ministry of the Southeast Alabama Presbytery)

-Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)-

May 2022

Friends,

There are several updates I want to share with you and ask for many prayers:

New Pastors for New Life Vicenza and Okinawa Covenant Church were installed at the Southeast Alabama Presbytery on 26 April. Mike Graham is transferring from Nashville Presbytery and will be pastor in Vicenza and Miguel D'Azevedo was ordained and installed for Okinawa Covenant Church. Both of these men are still working on fund-raising, moving, and all the logistical matters needed to get into place. We hope to have both in-place in less than two months.

1. I had the opportunity to share about this ministry and preach at Hope Community Church in Jacksonville, Alabama. What a fantastic church! I'm a firm believer that faithful churches in smaller communities have a vital role in Christ's Kingdom. If any of you have friends/family members who are students at Jacksonville State or who live in the Anniston, Gadsden Alabama area, this is a fine church to check out.
2. Another opportunity I had was visiting the church in San Diego where one of my son's and his wife are members. That Sunday morning, Dan Iverson, who served for 30ish years with MTW in Japan was preaching. Pastor Iverson has been extremely helpful to our ministry in Okinawa and his team has been extremely supportive of our work there. If I recall, he has even spoken at Okinawa Covenant Church's retreat. I had a good conversation with Pastor Iverson and the pastor of North Park PCA. As a bonus, we stayed with a dear family that we met while ministering in Okinawa over seven years ago. Christian hospitality cannot be overstated!
3. We've had medical issues with several of our pastors and family members (over the last few months and even within the last two weeks). Some of these are serious and long-term.
4. I am often asked how the conflict in Ukraine is affecting our churches. There have been some individuals who have forward deployed to Eastern Europe. It goes without saying that family members who are left-behind are in need of much prayer, as well as (of course) the service members who are deployed.

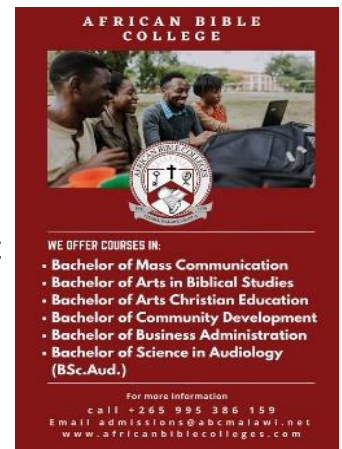
Finally, I again solicit your financial and prayer support for us. Our new pastors for Okinawa and Vicenza are in the throes of fund-raising. Our ministries in Stuttgart, Landstuhl, Wiesbaden are usually in need of support to ensure current ministries can continue. I am aware that our Germany churches have given much to support refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine this last year. Our church in Norway has financial needs as Stavanger is one of the most expensive cities in the world. Our church in Guam is our smallest and as Guam is looking to increase its military population in the upcoming years Trinity Church will have increased strategic importance. Here is our giving page link: [Giving \(ministrytothemilitaryinternational.com\)](http://giving(ministrytothemilitaryinternational.com))

Blessings,

*Chester Replogle, Director*

Hi Everybody,

My time here in the States is drawing to a close – another Home Mission Assignment (furlough) is ending. It has been very gratifying meeting with old friends and long-time supporters. I have enjoyed telling the story of African Bible College and visiting supporting churches and praying with partners, many of whom I have known for years. I am flying back to Malawi on June 22. I will be leaving my son, Carey, here so he can go to university. He has just completed his freshman year at John Brown University in Siloam springs, Arkansas. It will tear my heart out to depart without him.



Speaking of Carey, he injured himself while running back in April and suffered a ruptured Achilles tendon. He had an operation on April 26. The operation went well, but he now faces months of physical therapy. He needed a place to spend the summer since he can't stay in a dorm until the beginning of the fall semester, someone in W. Monroe, Louisiana offered his place, and as things stand now that is where he will be for the next three months. Pray that he gets the post-operation care and therapy that needs while there.

I have been enjoying hearing from my students back at African Bible College in Malawi. We can now connect through such media as WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger. Wow, this is so different from when I first arrived back in 1993! Back then we had telephones and land lines that worked sporadically and snail mail. Then we got dial-up internet and email that also worked sporadically. Now at ABC there is high-speed broadband internet. Students have been sending me pictures of the recent Junior-Senior Banquet, an annual event at ABC. I am also receiving a lot of friend request from them on Facebook. I find that I have to discipline myself and not spend too much time on FB. My late wife Janet, who died in 2005, would have loved these latest means of communication.

I am looking forward to returning to the place that has been my home since 1993 and seeing the old familiar places. I am also looking forward to resuming teaching at the college. I love my work there. I so greatly admire the students of African Bible College. Everything we do is in English, so the students are attending college in what is to them a second or third language. How many of their American counterparts do that? I teach world history to the freshmen, church history to the sophomores, systematic theology to the juniors, and Daniel/Revelation to the seniors. When I began teaching, we might have forty-five students in the classroom. The decision was made to increase the student intake and so today we have classes with a hundred or more students! Covid hit and we had to learn how to use an online teaching program called Google Classroom. Then we were permitted to return to in-class instruction, albeit with face masks. Hopefully, we will be done with the mask requirement; the number of Covid cases and Covid deaths have been relatively light in Malawi. Out of a population of about twenty million, as of this writing Malawi has had less than 86,000 cases and just over 2,600 deaths.

**Prayer requests:**

Pray for Carey as he spends the summer healing. Pray that my flight back to Malawi will be uneventful. Finally, there's this: the other day I noticed a spot on my right forearm that looked like it could be skin cancer. I have an appointment at a local dermatologist clinic for May 25. Pray that this is easily and quickly taken care of and will not affect my return to Malawi. As always, I thank you for your years of support and encouragement.

In His Grip,  
*Larry Brown, African*

Dear Main Street Presbyterian Church,

I am headed to lead a Christian summer camp in Slovakia July 12-26, and I covet your prayers. The theme for this summer is "All Good" and we will be exploring how even though everything does not seem to be all good in the world, Christ has come to redeem the world.

Please pray for the following items:

- Safe travels for all team members heading to lead camps across eastern Europe
- That God will have more students come to camp
- Patience and energy for the Slovak and American camp leaders
- That the Lord will open the students' hearts to hear His good news
- For the leaders to share the Gospel with clarity and boldness
- That God will be at the heart of all of our thoughts, words, and actions

I know God will use this time at camp to further His Kingdom. Thank you for helping me be a part of that.

A Servant of Christ,  
*Paige Pilkinton*





## Happy Hearts

More than twenty gathered at Mi Hacienda to enjoy fellowship and celebrate Jim Shull's birthday on May 5<sup>th</sup> - Cinco de Mayo. Special guests that day were Samara Talley, granddaughter of Alice Talley, and Allen Yeager, grandson of Robin and Tom Tait. It is always a great day when one is able to spend some time with a grandchild!

Many delicious Mexican entrees were enjoyed, and dessert was tiny chili pepper shaped butter cookies.



## From the Session

The Session is so thankful that in God's providence Dr. Jim Shull and his wife, Beth, have come back to Columbus after his retirement from full time ministry for the past 45 years.

We asked Jim to help us here at Main Street as a Pastoral Assistant, and he has been serving us well for the past year in a part time capacity. He not only helps with pastoral concerns within God's body here at Main Street, but he has been blessing us in preaching God's word from the pulpit several times a month during this period we are without a full-time pastor. Please take the time to thank Jim when you get an opportunity for his willingness to continue to serve God here with us and let him know of any pastoral concerns you may have or know of within our church family.

We are sure he would also ask that you keep him in your prayers!




# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lucas White	2 Beth Shull	3 <i>Vee &amp; Beth Ferguson</i>	4 Parker Weber
5 Communion Family Picnic Lake Norris Johnny Sherrill	6	7	8	9	10	11 Kelly Weber
12	13 Rachel Sherrill	14 Rhonda White Ed & Rhonda White	15	16 Ron & Linda Simpson	17 Kitty Brewer	18 Men's Breakfast
19 Father's Day Jonathan Crandall Richard & Nell Fleming	20 Allan Brewer Nicholas Hairston	21 Caiden Krohn	22 Paige Senn Goodloe & Kailee Chilcutt	23	24 Phillip Goodwin	25 Jim & Beth Shull
26	27	28	29 Trip & Bethany Hairston	30		

**JUNE COUNTER**  
**BRINTON FISACKERLY**

**Budget Report**  
**May**  
(one week remaining)  
**\$ 24,070**



**Nursery Volunteers**

June 5 Janie Williams, Rachel Sherrill, Katie Tait, Sandra Pilkinton  
 June 12 Sarah Bean, Ashlyn Marble  
 June 19 Meryl Fisackerly, Karmel Crandall, Katie Singletary  
 June 26 Frances Glenn, Callie Baldrige, Camille Pittman

*Please be Praying for...*

MSPC Elders and Deacons and The Pastoral Search Committee  
 Expectant Moms: Sarah Bean, Morgan Shipp, Katie Singletary  
 Louise Armstrong, Phillip Goodwin, Edna Mae McCoy, Mark McCoy, Mary Alice McKelvey, William McKelvey, John Mark Russell, Faith Whitlock,  
 Washington Officials, President Joe Biden  
 State, City, and County Officials  
 Governor Tate Reeves, Mayor Keith Gaskin, Police Chief Fred Shelton, Sheriff Eddie Hawkins  
 Helping Hands, Life Choices Pregnancy Center, Palmer Home, all Columbus Churches, and Pastors  
 Praise: Aubrey Harris was born on May 18.

Church-wide Picnic  
at  
Lake Norris

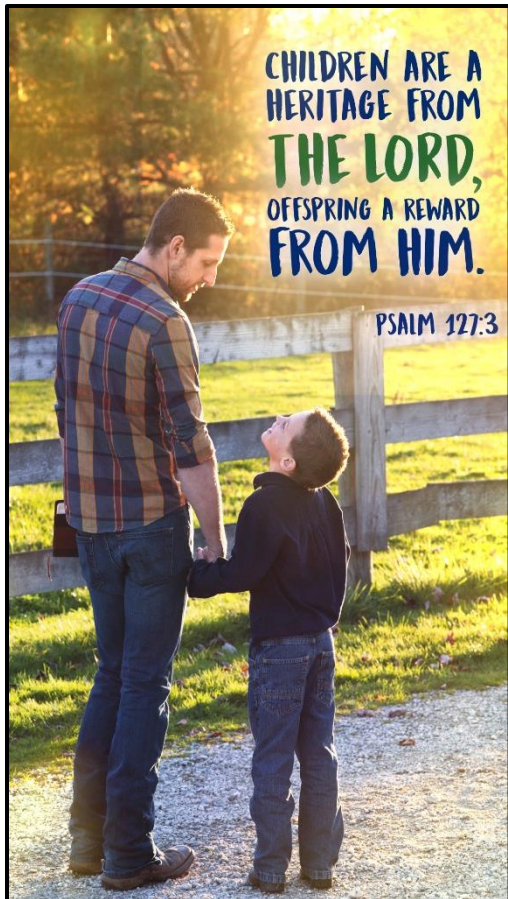
Sunday, June 5, at 5 p.m.

Meat and drinks will be provided.  
Please bring a casserole or  
dessert.

Make your plans now to  
attend.



*Happy Father's Day*  
June 19, 2022



# PUZZLE

## GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

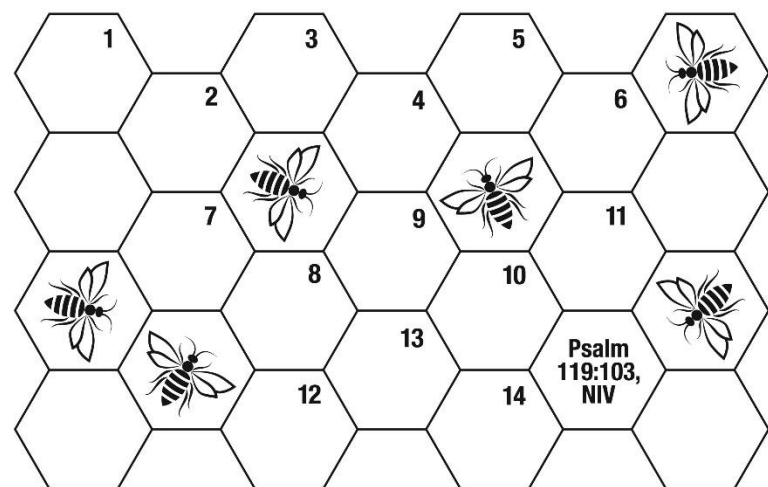
*Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.*

**CLUES**

1. rhymes with cow
2. opposite of sour
3. pronounced "R"
4. rhymes with four
5. Letters create \_\_\_\_.
6. not too or two
7. rhymes with by
8. the tongue's job
9. more sweet
10. rhymes with pan
11. golden liquid
12. Pleased \_\_ meet you.
13. rhymes with fly
14. body part

**WORD BANK**

than your to are  
sweet sweeter How  
my honey mouth  
words to taste, my



VBS at Main Street will be  
July 19-21. Please place  
these dates on your  
calendar now.



## **Main Street Presbyterian Church**

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## **Main Street Presbyterian Church** (A Presbyterian Church in America Congregation)

**Sunday Schedule**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship