

THE MAIN THING

JULY 2022

MSPC

Check Out Checking-in

by Ron Simpson

I am proud to report that since June 5, 2022, our nursery has been utilizing Realm check-in. You may recall that this check-in procedure was the primary reason we began using Realm. Our nursery committee saw a need to improve our check-in and record-keeping practices, especially in childcare. The committee researched several different software options that were available but kept coming back to Realm. We were already using ACS software for all our church financial records. Realm is a product produced by ACS that encompasses church finances, communication, group management, and internal social networking. We realized we could meet the goals of the nursery committee and combine online church giving, church directory, and church communication into one package.

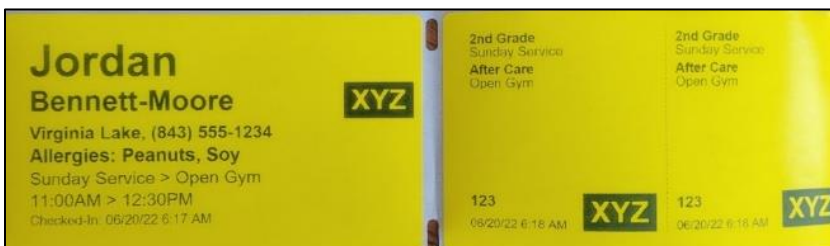


Preschool Teacher, Alice Talley leading her class in story telling

Now, back to the nursery check-in. For months, we have been working on updating individual and family profiles in preparation for using Realm's check-in abilities. Quite frankly, the problem was that we had the software and most of our active profiles updated, but there was no one to work the check-in procedure. Nobody had stepped up to the plate to do this. Then, a family from within our church had the opportunity to take a little trip. While traveling, they attended a church that used Realm check-in in their nursery. Afterward, the mother shared with me that she was surprised just how much better it made her feel, as a visitor, to know her children were in a nursery where each child's name, parent's cell number, and allergy information was on a label on the child's back. The nursery workers, who were strangers to the children, would be calling her children by name, and if there was a problem, the correct contact number to reach the parent was right there on that label. A unique security number on the label matched a label the parent was given so no one else could check her child out of the nursery when the service concluded.

I found it incredibly encouraging to hear this story. That mother came back from this trip ready to see the implementation of the check-in procedure put into place. We appreciate that due to this experience, Ann Marie Miller has become our first volunteer kiosk manager. Thanks, Ann Marie.

If you have never been a nursery volunteer, you may not realize how helpful it is to have the information on these labels readily available. True, most of our children we care for week after week. Over time, the volunteers learn their names and know whose child is whose. But when we have visitors, new members, or new volunteers, it helps to know the right person is here to pick up their child. We don't like to think about such things, but child abduction is real. Pretending it could not possibly happen here is not a preventative step. With the Realm check-in, even a new volunteer can easily match a child and parent's security codes.



In the sample label pictured here, the child's name is easily visible. Contact phone numbers and allergy information are provided in case of an emergency. The parent label on the right has the matching security code (in the black box) for secure child pickup.

As we move forward, we will have the opportunity to use Realm check-in to maintain Sunday School class rolls and attendance for all other age groups. I truly appreciate that Yulia Fearing has volunteered to take point on children's Sunday School check-in. There will be no need for printing of names and handing out of security tabs there, just an ongoing class roll and attendance record. We will need someone to be willing to handle Youth and Adult Sunday school check-in. The great thing about Realm check-in when it comes to youth and adults is the fact that once we have the data in place individuals can check themselves in at the lap-top kiosk(s) we set up. A volunteer may only be needed to add new names and assist guests with those. Groups that meet outside of regular church hours like WIC, Ladies' Lunch, and Men's breakfast can also track participation. Special one-time projects like a conference attendance with or without printed name tags can also be handled by Realm. Just imagine how much help Realm could be for Vacation Bible School attendance and volunteer management.

We are still working out the bugs in the system. We have had computer issues, printer issues, and network problems, as well as struggles with cleaning up the thousand plus names on our roll we can't identify. Getting the groups set up in a logical way that works smoothly, in and of itself, has been challenging. Parents, we appreciate that you do trust us with your little ones and have been patient with us and we ask for your continued patience as we move forward. No, we are not trying to play "Big Church." Realm check-in is in use by hundreds of churches of all sizes all around the country. We are just trying to use the most efficient tools out there to serve the Lord the best we can and keep your little ones as safe as possible.



July Realm Tip

Here is something for you to try on Realm. Log in to Realm on your computer or open your Realm Connect App on your phone. On your computer open the tab on the left labeled "Community". Then open the subheading "Groups". On your phone app click on the three horizontal lines in the top left corner of the app. A menu should open with the heading "Groups" in the list. On either your computer or the app, click on "Groups". A list of groups you are in will appear. The last heading you will see is one called "Find Groups". Click on "Find Groups". Here you will see categories of groups you can search through and be a part of if you choose. For now, click on the heading "Community". You should see a group called "Realm Help Forum". You can select the option to join this group. Then when you have a question about Realm you can post your question here and one of us will try and answer your question. You will also find links to video files showing you how to do different things on Realm. As you add questions, we will make more videos to help you.



**Prayer Requests
for Paige's Missions
Trip to Slovakia
July 12-26**



**Clete Hux
Summer Ministry Update**

With America becoming a multicultural society, it is easy to understand why religious pluralism abounds. A lot of us can remember when Christianity and just a few others were the only ones. That's no longer the case. We live in a day and age of, not one, but many religions.

Given America's multiplicity of religious faiths, it is somewhat natural for people to think that they are all pretty much the same, representing the various ways in which God can be approached salvifically. The mentality is: we're all children of God and no one should say we're not! This same mindset says that there can't be just one way to God and for you to say that Jesus is the only way is so unloving and intolerant. As a matter of fact, it is bigoted and narrow minded. Furthermore, God is not going to send people to hell because they haven't heard that Jesus is the only way! How dare you!

*These were some of the issues and objections I covered speaking in a class at Meadowbrook Baptist last week in Gadsden, Al. while discussing the spectrum of **Jesus' Resurrection in a time of Religious Pluralism**. In teaching on this topic, I've always opened with asking the question, "Why are there so many different religions?" The answer is quite simply: Because religions are different! They are different in the answers they give to life's questions of Who am I? How did I get here? Why am I here and when this life is over, then what?*

What separates Christianity from all others is the distinctive truth claims of Jesus Christ evidenced by his bodily resurrection from the dead. No other religion has the God who made us also die for us. The evidence for His resurrection is greater than any event in human history. See here for more on the resurrection and religious pluralism:

[*A Little Knowledge A Dangerous Thing
Resurrection Miracle of Miracles
God bless you for your support of ARC!*](#)

Thank you,
Clete
Clete Hux, Director

Dear Main Street Presbyterian Church,

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*



**MTW Ukraine Team
and Church
Leaders Care for**

the Community in Crisis: June 28 VIDEO LINK

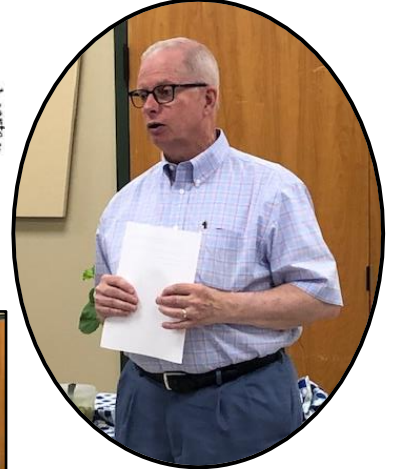
<https://mtw.org/stories/details/0628-mtw-ukraine-team-and-church-leaders-care-for-the-community-in-crisis-video>

When Ukrainian missionary Masha Shepherd woke up on the morning of February 24 to the news that Russia had invaded Ukraine she was in shock. Until the last moment she believed that the Russian tanks had been there as a scare tactic. It quickly became clear to MTW missionaries and church leaders that people were going to head for the western city of Lviv, and that they needed to step into action. Suddenly scores of traumatized men, women, and children from partner churches across the country were sleeping on the floor in missionaries' houses in Lviv and the magnitude of the crisis became overwhelming. But God provided, one step at a time all along the way, and over time a crisis team formed, and plans were put into place to care for many of those overwhelming needs, and to equip others in the process.





Happy Hearts met on June 29 to enjoy a vegetable potluck. It was a buffet to rival any restaurant around! Fresh tomatoes, marinated cucumbers and onions, peas, corn, and green beans started the line-up. The various casseroles of eggplant, squash, green beans, creamed potatoes, corn, and Vidalia onions made choosing difficult. So...we filled our plates with a sampling of each! And of course, we here in the South, know you can't have vegetables without cornbread! Dessert was zucchini bread with a choice of whipped topping or a cream cheese, honey, and pecan spread and peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream. YUM!!! It just doesn't get any better than that! You should have been here!



Jim Shull attended the 49th annual General Assembly of the PCA in Birmingham, AL along with Russ Russell, Justin Harris, Matt White, and the Fearing family. Jim shared the news from the conference with Happy Hearts.



July

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion	4 Independence Day	5 Jay & Hannah Nail	6	7 Ian Marble	8	9 Robin Tait
10 Joshua Crandall	11 Armand & Jelaine Fondren	12	13 Jon Kilpatrick	14 Ben & Ann Chilcutt	15 Charles & Shirley Swoope	16 Men's Bible Study and Breakfast
17	18 Fran Laws	Vacation Bible School 9-12			22	23 Nathan Kilpatrick Zach & Emilee Senn
24 Jon & Lauren Zarandona	25	26 Frances Glenn Dean Harris	27 Anthony Lovegren Ray & Amy Kilpatrick	28 Lilla Allgood	29	30 Matt & Jennifer White
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*"Come, follow me,
and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19*

Vacation Bible School

July 19-21

9 a.m. until 12 noon

Mark your calendars now and plan to participate in the fun at Main Street Presbyterian Church.

- OPEN TO THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMPLETED K4 – COMPLETED 7TH GRADE
- A 2–3-YEAR-OLD CLASS WILL BE OPEN TO CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY
- THERE WILL BE A NURSERY FOR VBS HELPERS' CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 2



Nursery Volunteers

	7/3/2022	7/10/2022	7/17/2022	7/24/2022	7/31/2022
JULY	Communion 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1	Team 2
Coordinator	Pat Russell	Hannah Nail	Yulia Fearing	Meryl Fisackerly	Frances Glenn
Nursery Worker		Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly
Toddler Nursery During Worship	Bethany Baxter & Savannah Baxter	Linda Simpson	Ashlyn Marble	Karmel Crandall	Callie Baldrige
Infant Nursery as needed	Janie Williams	Volunteer Needed	Carson Miller	Volunteer Needed	Camille Pittman
Toddler Sunday School	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley
Toddler Sunday School Asst.	Cathy Duncan	Kitty Brewer	Colleen Meek	Cathy Duncan	Kitty Brewer

July Counter
Bill Laws

Budget Report
June 2022
\$73,994

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Please be Praying for...

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- ❖ MSPC Elders and Deacons and The Pastoral Search Committee
- ❖ Expectant Moms: Sarah Bean, Paige Senn, Morgan Shipp, Katie Singletary
- ❖ Louise Armstrong, Christa Chapman, 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

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Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. Morning Worship