

THE MAIN THING

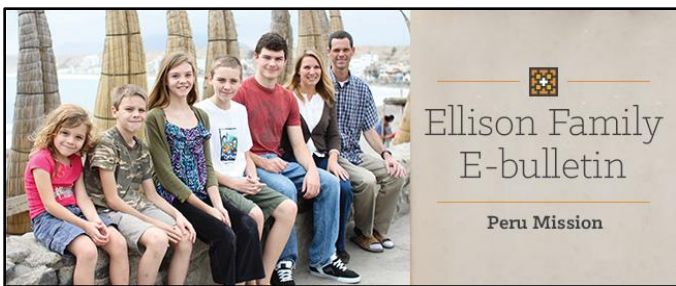
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Susan and I have been seeing lots of posts on Facebook lately about the graduations of our friends' children. It is an important time, and we have one, who will also graduate from her school here in Peru, but in December! Lauren is in her final year, and we also like many of you marvel at how fast time moves when these events occur.

I think of Ecclesiastes chapter 4: *a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance* and trust it is the laughing and dancing part that seems most appropriate. Empty nesters are one way to describe our next "time of life," and honestly it doesn't seem so bad.



After 15 years as missionaries in Peru we also think about the life of the churches here, and how they have matured. We have struggled, grown, shrunken, rejoiced, and wept. But today we are glad to be growing at all three churches. Cristo Rey just received 8 new members, Cristo Restaurador is soon to be adding new deacons, and Cristo Redentor will soon be back to normal after the construction finishes at the end of May, giving them new bathrooms, an office and reception area. Verse 3 states *a time to break down, and a time to build up;* which was literally the case as we had to demolish the old entrance to enlarge the building. All this in preparation of expanding our Christ Kids program, the child sponsorship which provides meals, healthcare, and the gospel to needy families. All this as Peru Mission celebrated 23 years of service last

month. Also Susan and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary!

Bible Study Fellowship follows the USA schedule here in Peru, and thus they are wrapping up their Matthew study and will be off till August. Susan, Maresa, Rose and Rebekah will each continue to meet with their groups but will take a break and study some other material for the summer months. They traveled to Lima last Friday to meet with the leaders there for some training and planning for the fall semester. BSF has been a great encouragement to so many ladies and helped in the spiritual growth and maturity of our churches.



Rose, Rebekah, Susan and Maresa, the leaders of the four bible studies in Trujillo.

Both Geneva School and Bethesda Clinic are busy each day, teaching children of the neighborhood, and ministering to their physical needs. Covid is largely over here, for now, and almost 80% of the country is vaccinated. Bethesda is now partnering with the ministry of health to be a vaccine site! The state provides the free vaccines, and we dedicated a couple of rooms in the clinic to store and administer the vaccines to children and adults.

Our son Jacob's wife, Sandi, is expecting! They will have a baby due in December. We appreciate prayers for this new and growing family. Rebekah plans to continue her studies at Belhaven this fall, as we take advantage of their generous offer of scholarship for children of missionaries. Zachary and Rebekah plan to work at Twin Lakes camp this summer as counselors.

Thank you for praying for us. Pray for our mission to continue helping the needs of the community and preaching the good news and making disciples.

Dale and Susan

Larry's Lilongwe Letter

July 2022

It is with great sadness I have to report the death of the president of African Bible College, Dr. Paul Chinchen. Apparently, he had a stroke or heart attack while sitting at home in Madison, Mississippi on Wednesday July 6. He was 58. Growing up in Africa, Paul was a second-generation missionary, the son of the founders of ABC, Jack and Nell Chinchen. He had vastly expanded the work and number of ministries carried out by ABC. The number of students expanded dramatically. He was a Christian leader with vision. And he was a friend of mine. We at ABC are in shock, and the future for us is uncertain. Please pray for the future of African Bible College following the sudden, catastrophic loss of our president.



I ended my home missionary assignment in the USA and returned to Malawi on June 24. I was blessed by the love I received from friends, relatives, and supporters. I am looking forward to resuming my work here. I am enjoying reconnecting with friends, co-workers and students. My son Carey is still enrolled at John Brown University in Arkansas. He wanted to spend a month this summer back in Malawi and see the friends he grew up with. I booked him a flight, but it turned into an unexpected nightmare, as United Airlines had problems and all his flights with them ran late, causing him to miss connecting flights.

Carey finally made it to Lilongwe Malawi Friday morning, July 8. His was an amazing odyssey. He was supposed to leave Memphis bound for Malawi on Tuesday July 5 at 2:13 PM via United Airlines. He was routed to go to Memphis - Newark, Newark-Frankfort, Germany, Frankfort - Addis Ababa, Addis - Lilongwe.

The Memphis – Newark flight was late, causing him to miss his Newark - Frankfort flight. United put him on a flight to London, that flight to London was late coming in, so he missed the next connecting flight. He was stranded at London Heathrow, didn't know where to go or what to do. I received an anguished call from him. But I couldn't help, being in Malawi. He says that Ethiopian Airways which was supposed to take him to Addis Ababa then Lilongwe wouldn't help him. Somehow, he got on a flight to Frankfort. It arrived very late at night. I got another distress call from him. It seems Frankfort International Airport closes at 11:00 PM. So, there he was with everything closed. There were other stranded passengers. Carey says the police came and drove people out, saying go find a hotel. Carey had no money for a hotel, so he dodged the police. He tells me he spent the night in an alley which he shared with some homeless people. The next day he went back into the airport and found that I had transferred money into his account. He used that money and contacted an online travel agency and got tickets for a flight to Paris on Air France, then via Kenya Airways to Nairobi then Lilongwe. He says Paris was bad because nobody spoke English, but found time to take a taxi and get a mini tour of Paris. So, then he was able to arrive Friday morning in Lilongwe. He and I both had 72 hours of anxiety attack. I have never been so relieved in my life as when I saw him walk out of the Kamuzu International Airport Friday morning!

In the photos you see a photo of the late Dr. Paul Chinchen, and Carey and I after I brought him home Friday.

Thank you for your encouragement, support, and prayers!



August Realm Tip

by Ron Simpson

The Problem-Too Many Emails

How many emails do you receive a day? Regardless of how many you receive, the answer is probably, “Too many!” Don’t worry, you are not alone. I get so many, “Special Offers”, “News Updates”, and “Alerts” that I find myself not checking my email, just so I don’t have to see it all. I have missed important emails I should have responded to immediately because I did not notice it stuck between restaurant electronic receipts and “Limited Supplies Available”. We all would like to eliminate the clutter yet stay in the loop.

One of the strengths and irritating weaknesses of Realm is the amount of email it can generate in your personal email account. The reason so much is generated is because so many options are available to you for how you may want to receive your notifications. This month’s Realm tip is on adjusting your notification and email settings in Realm. Let’s get started!

Great, More Technobabble!

First let’s define the 3 different ways in which you receive information from Realm. Realm can notify you through *email, phone text, or Realm notification*.


1. Email, of course is received through your email account whether it is Gmail, yourprivatewebsite.com, Yahoo, or Hotmail (Yes, they are still out there.).
2. A phone text, obviously, is a text message sent to your phone number through your phone’s texting software. (I am saying this because I have had to explain it many times.) Email is not phone text, and phone text is not email. They are 2 different animals. You may be able to get email and text on your phone, but they are 2 different forms of electronic communication though it is easy to cross-over from one to another, depending on your phone type and your service carrier.
3. The third way Realm communicates with you is directly through Realm, called a Realm notification.

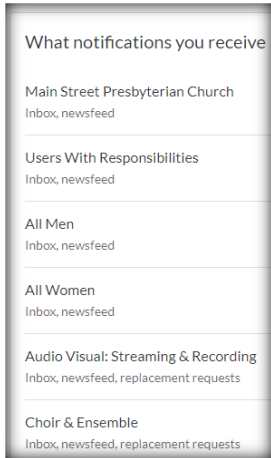
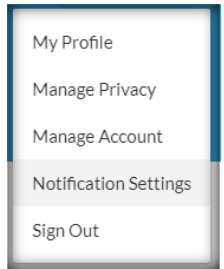
Now, here is where, admittedly, it gets confusing. You can only access a Realm notification by using the Realm App or by logging into Realm on your computer. If you have the Realm app on your phone, then you can set notifications for your phone to let you know when a message hits your Realm app.

That’s a Few Minutes of My Life I Wish I Had Back.

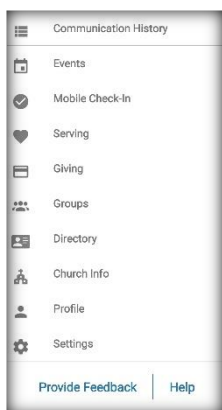
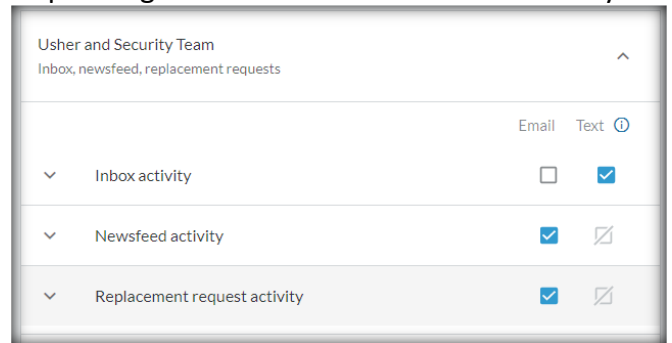
Sorry, all that information above was to get you to here. Many of the default settings in Realm are designed to be purposefully redundant. In other words, the default setting is this - you receive a text, Realm drops you an email to alert you of the text. If you receive a notification, then Realm also sends an email telling you a notification has been received. **This redundancy is in place so that as you transition into using Realm you won’t miss an announcement you might be counting on.** Over time however, that repeated redundancy happening over and over again may become a nuisance - just like this sentence.

Finally! Some Useful Information!

 Here is what you can do about this. On your computer*, log in to your Realm account. In the top right portion of your screen there should be a “head and shoulders” icon next to your name. Click on this icon. When you do, a drop-down menu will appear. One of the options on that drop-down menu will be “Notification Settings”. Click on that option. The next screen that opens up will have a box containing your email address and mobile phone number. Under that is an on/off switch for “Daily Digest Email”. That is an email you may be receiving every day or so that gives you a summary of all your Realm communications in one email. More about that in a minute. Under that switch will be a list of the different church groups in which you are registered in Realm. Most of you will be in at least 2 groups. Everyone should be in “Main Street Presbyterian Church” by default. You should also be in either the “All Men” or “All Women” group. You may be in a few groups, you may be in many, depending upon the groups you are active with at the church.



To the right of each group is a downward pointing arrow that looks like a “V”. When you click on a group’s downward pointing arrow that group opens up to show you how you are currently receiving messages from that group. You can customize communication from each group. You may want some information in text form, you may want some in email, you may want to rely on logging into Realm on your own to get information. All that is up to you and you can set it all right here.



Now, back to Daily Digest Email. You might want to continue to receive the Daily Digest email, and turn off the email notification option in all your other groups. That would cut down on your emails tremendously, and you should have what you need to see in the Daily Digest. You may want to select certain groups to receive email from, and turn off the Daily Digest and avoid that redundancy. It is totally up to you how you set this. If you turn off too many of the emails and start missing out on announcements, then you can come back to these settings and change them again. Keep playing with these settings and eventually you will find the right balance that works for you.

*Everything described above can also be accomplished with the Realm App on your phone. Go to the main menu and scroll to the bottom of the menu. Select “Settings” and make the changes you want.

Ministry to the Military and Internationals

(A Ministry of the Southeast Alabama Presbytery)
-Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)-



23 July 2022

Friends,

God's mercies are new every morning and He loves his people! This has been a challenging week or so for the MMI family. I solicit your prayers for the following matters:

-Caleb Hawley, a young man in his 20s who was married for just 2 months was killed in a car accident last week in Missouri. We knew Caleb when he was about 4 years old at TRC Landstuhl. We pray for his widow, Erin, and for Caleb's family whom so many others love dearly.

-Dawn Khosrovani a former member of TRC Landstuhl died this week after a lengthy bout with cancer. She leaves behind an active-duty husband and 11 children.

-A family at Christ Church of Wiesbaden has newborn twins, Samantha and Cora, who are having heart and breathing problems.

-Another young man, whom we knew at TRC Landstuhl as an infant, Luke, was in a serious car wreck this week. He will be fine after recovering from bruises.

Yet this is a week of praise to God—

- For the testimony of Caleb's family (even through great grief) points to a holy God who loves His people. People are praying for the Khosrovani family. People are reaching out to Samantha and Cora's family. I was in a Bible Study this morning where we prayed for Luke. In the midst of grieving, God is faithful, and His people are reaching out with tremendous compassion and grace.

-For our new Pastor for Okinawa Covenant Church, Miguel (Hannah) D'Azevedo has found a home for rent. It is a large home and will accommodate many for fellowship. Also, the church is trying to finalize a contract to rent a building just outside of Kadena Air Base for a new church home.

-Pray for former OCC Pastor Mark Moore, as he returns Stateside after a dozen plus years in Okinawa.

-Pray for our new Pastor for New Life Vicenza, Mike (Vicki) Graham. He is working visa issues. Italy is not an easy country to get into long term, unless you meet certain criteria. Vicki is in the US dealing with some family matters and has been down with COVID.

-Pray for new opportunities. We identified a seminarian to be pastor in place in South Korea in the next 2-3 years and we are praying for a core group to develop and to begin raising funds. We need funds to jump start new opportunities. Please continue to give to any of our churches, but you may also give to our General Fund. We are using funds from there to help fund travel for getting the word out to churches and, potentially, new military communities to plant churches.

Chester Replogle, Director

<https://ministrytothemilitaryinternational.com>



After an extra-long summer, MSCS is very excited to start a new school year! The teachers will return August 17th to prepare their classrooms for the children, who will start August 24th! On August 22nd we will have our visit day, where the parents and children will meet the teachers! We have put a plan together to best keep our students and teachers safe while we are still dealing with COVID-19. While things will look different this year, we are still expecting to have another wonderful year at MSCS! We ask that you pray for the health of the children and teachers, learning, spiritual growth, and safety throughout the year! Thank you for your continued support of MSCS!

In His Love,

Anna Gaines Johnson



Back to School!



A cup or a cone?
Sugar or cake?
Vanilla, chocolate, or strawberry -
just what will you make?
A banana split or sundae
with nuts and whipped cream?
The Happy Hearts' Social is real -
It's not just a dream!

August 2, 2022
2 p.m. at Main Street



Ice Cream Social

Happy Hearts is the senior citizen ministry at Main Street Presbyterian Church. While it is primarily an activity for our older members, we encourage anyone of any age to join us. The purpose of Happy Hearts is to encourage, enjoy, and inspire each other as we live our lives to God's glory.

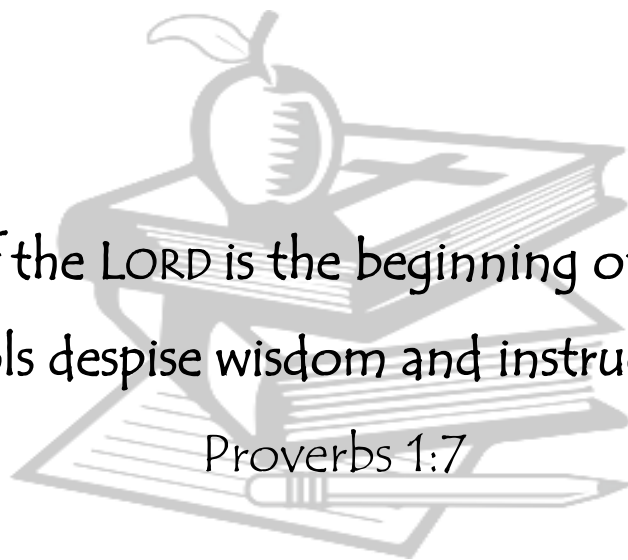
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Happy Hearts' Ice Cream Social 2 p.m.	3	4 Silas Zarandona	5 William Laws	6 CPR Training 8 a.m.
7 Communion <i>Dan & Janie Williams</i>	8	9	10 Pat Russell	11 Karen Livingston	12	13 J. B. Dyer
14 Karmel Crandall	15 Sophie Marble Nelie Senn	16 Caitlyn Lovegren	17 MSCS Teachers Return Nancy Franks	18	19 Linda Simpson	20 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
21	22 MSCS Parents and Children meet the teachers	23 Emily Mancill	24 MSCS students return Ivy Harris Kathy Newton	25	26 Laurie Chilcutt Katie Singletary	27 <i>Henry & Sandra Pilkinton</i>
28	29 Dan Williams	30	31			

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7



Nursery Volunteers



	8/7/2022	8/14/2022	8/21/2022	8/28/2022
AUGUST	Communion 1	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
Coordinator	Janie Williams	Hannah Nail	Carson Miller	Meryl Fisackerly
Nursery Worker	Kitty Brewer	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly
Toddler Nursery During Worship	Katie Tait	Linda Simpson	Ashlyn Marble	Karmel Crandall
Infant Nursery as needed	Rachel Sherrill	Volunteer Needed	Yulia Fearing	Volunteer Needed
Toddler Sunday School	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley
Toddler Sunday School Asst.	Colleen Meek	Cathy Duncan	Kitty Brewer	Colleen Meek

August Counter
Chris Lovegren

Budget Report
July 2022
\$ 20,726

Please be Praying for...

- ❖ MSPC Elders and Deacons and The Pastoral Search Committee
- ❖ Expectant Moms: Ann Marie Miller, Paige Senn, Morgan Shipp, Katie Singletary, and Katie Weber
- ❖ Louise Armstrong, Christa Chapman, Phillip Goodwin, 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, Sheriff Eddie Hawkins
- ❖ Helping Hands, Life Choices Pregnancy Center, Palmer Home, all Columbus Churches, and Pastors

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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