

March 2025

Main Street Presbyterian Church

The Main Thing

Train Up a child

One of the great joys of my ministry career has been the just over 12 years that I have worked in and with youth ministry. This has taken many forms over those years as I have taught Jr. High and Sr. High youth group, led conferences, gone on mission trips, organized and participated in Summer Camp, and taught Bible at a private Christian School. I messaged one of my former students just this week on social media after I saw a picture of a Quokka, an animal that he and his classmates were convinced I resemble, and we had a laugh and updated each other on where our lives have taken us.

As a session, we have been prayerfully considering the next steps for our church. We are looking not just at the current year but 5 years and 10 years down the road. As we do this, one thing is clear: we are blessed at Main Street with an abundance of children. We love this, and I hope you as a church do as well. Jeph Guinan, a PCA pastor and the head of the church planting committee in Evangel Presbytery who is helping with the church plant, told me that the marks of a growing church are: 1. Conversions taking place, 2. Families joining the church, and 3. People are convicted and willing to financially support the ministry. We are not a church plant, but as a church, we are seeing an increase in each of these areas each year. Because of this, and with the effort of looking ahead, we have decided to establish a youth committee to prayerfully consider hiring an Assistant Pastor to develop and grow a youth program here at Main Street.

We have a real opportunity to develop a ministry that will prayerfully fill the gap between our children's ministry here at the church and our adult ministries. I truly do believe that there is a space for doctrinal, relational ministry at the youth level, which will benefit our students as they grow into godly young men and godly young women.

Part of why I am writing this letter is to let you know we hear you. I have had many people tell me they would love to see us bring on a youth pastor to care for our youth. The other reason I am writing this is to get your help. First and foremost, we want you to join us in prayer. Please pray for your committee and pray that the Lord will bring us the right candidate at the right time. We are looking for someone who will be ordainable or already ordained in our denomination, so that limits who we can select, but it also gives us opportunities in other areas. But we also know that you may have someone, a family member, a friend, a neighbor, who the Lord might be preparing for such a ministry as this. If that is the case, we would love for you to reach out to me and let me know. I'd be happy to talk with them and bring their information to the committee.

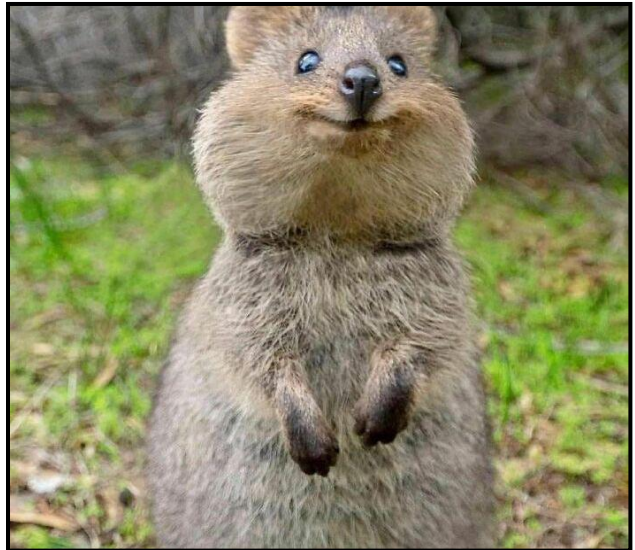
There are a lot of wonderful things going on at Main Street. It has been an absolute blessing over the last two years to be with you all. I cannot wait to see what the Lord is planning on doing through this church body. I am grateful to be able to serve you and your families. And I pray that as we continue to grow, we tirelessly look for ways in which we can glorify God and grow as a Christian family to a better degree. Don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. I am more than happy to talk youth ministry with any of you.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. -

Proverbs 22:6

In Christ,

Pastor Aaron Suber



13 Feb 2025



And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desire.--Galatians 5:24

I am part of a men's group that is reading John Owen's *The Mortification of Sin*. This outstanding work written in the 1650s points to our continuing struggle with the sins that come from our sinful hearts. The only true answer for our sinfulness is Jesus Christ. The fight that is occurring in our lives and the lives of our friends can only be quenched by Christ's blood.

MMi exists to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to locations around the world near US military bases. I have recently had multiple conversations with people who have never been to an MMI church, but they either know people who have attended, or are familiar with MMI because someone recommended they consider getting a job assignment near one of our churches. Over the years, there have been many families who have taken multiple overseas assignments to be part of one of our churches! Some have returned to the church where they were before, others have been assigned to another location and are involved in their 2nd MMI church. They do this because God's Word is proclaimed and the sweet body-life is refreshing for their families.

--Our newest church near Camp Humphreys and Osan AB, South Korea is just getting established.



- Our churches have mid-week Bible Studies.
- Our churches have activities such as Fellowship meals.
- Our churches have special events such as picnics, cook-outs, etc.



- Several of our churches have men's, women's, and family retreats.
- All our churches center their activities around worshipping God on the Lord's Day.
- Some former MMI members have gone into full-time Christian ministry.

Thank you for praying for us and giving to support this ministry. In the last couple of weeks, I have spoken to a couple of our pastors who stated they have recently had some of the largest attendance in the last year! Visitors and new attendees continue to come.

Chester Replogle, Director
MMiChurches.com



That Others May Know Him

January-February, 2025

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

An unusual event happened with my prison Bible class this December. For a variety of reasons, I do not meet with my class from the first week in December until the first week in January. I do send the men a Christmas card. But a card I sent to one of the men named James came back with "DEATH" written on it. I learned that James had been diagnosed with cancer the first week in December, so I thought he had died. But when I come back in January, I learned that he did not die but was out and living with his brother in Birmingham. He had a cell phone so I called him and we ate lunch together the next day.

He got out due to the work of a law firm, Alabama Appleseed. They are targeting men who were given a sentence of life without parole under the three strikes and you are out law passed in 1980. Most of these men have never done anything violent, but have three felonies. Of the 26,000 incarcerated in Alabama 20% are under this law. They should have gone to prison, but not given life without. The law firm is helping James get the benefits he needs to live in the "free world."

I have known James for over 30 years and he was the first man I trained in evangelism when I started ministering at the prison. When we had lunch, he told me he is 77 years old and was in prison for 43 years. Also, he told me he is trying to witness to a friend who is a Muslim but only wants to argue. So, when he got out the first thing he did is try to witness to his friends! We agreed to stay in touch by phone each week and have lunch once a month when we can. He has almost nothing and I took him some of my clothes as we are about the same size. It will be interesting to see how the Lord provides for him now. Included is a biographical sketch from the Appleseed website.

Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful financial support.

Yours in Christ,

Bob McPherson
cccbhm@windstream.net

Bob



See the following page for the biographical sketch for James

Biographical sketch mentioned on previous page

JAMES OLIVER JONES | AGE 73

**HAS SERVED 38 YEARS WITH TWO
DISCIPLINARY INFRACTIONS, INCLUDING ONE
FOR HAVING AN UNAUTHORIZED COOKIE.**

Mr. Jones persevered seven years in order to earn an associates degree while incarcerated, then went on to tutor others in Adult Basic Education classes. The ADOC no longer permits people serving life imprisonment without parole to enroll in college classes. Mr. Jones has tried to continue his education with religious classes taught by volunteers.

"I have scores of certificates from Bible courses, dating back 20 years. Yes, I am one of the oldest members of the faith-based honor dorm. I've been in the [honor dorm] approximately 20 years."

My most recent experiences here in prison are quite different from when I first came to prison. The respect factor is now nearly non-existent. Maybe we have too many young guys here now. The cell-phones and dope have changed prison forever. And to be honest, the current administration just don't know how to deal with this obvious problem."

"To give a person life
without when he took
no life is draconian. ...
We have just too many
bodies in prison."



2025 FAITH PROMISE Fund Drive is Underway

**2025
Pledges
Received to
Date:**

**11 Pledge
Cards
Totaling
\$23,590**

If you have not pledged, please prayerfully consider what God would have you give to support missions at Main Street.

The fund drive continues through March.

Study booklets are available in the chapel. Pledge cards and envelopes are in the pew pockets and on a table in the chapel.



Hello MSPC Family! I am Justina Johnson. This is my second year working at Main Street Christian School and my first year being lead teacher for one the 3's classes here. I am blown away by how much my students have grown! Seeing shy first time school goers make friends makes me just as proud as seeing my students learn how to spell their names.

It's hard to believe that we only have one more full month before the school year ends.
As the saying goes, time flies when you're having fun!

Unlike the weather lately, there have been no lows at Main Street. We are coming into March riding the highs of what February brought us. We started February with a visit from Mother Goose. A week later, all of our classes enjoyed Valentine's parties. The 4's classes, led by "Ms" Beth and "Ms" Gaines, celebrated with their annual tea party. February ended with a school wide unit on Dental Health capped off by a visit from Dr. Patrick Shipp.

The first week of March is a fun one at Main Street Christian School because we celebrate beloved children's author Dr Seuss' birthday. Each day is has a different theme based on Dr. Seuss' classic books. We end the week with a school wide party, which is organized by some of our wonderful parents here at Main Street. This is the perfect start to our Spring Break, which is from March 7th -March 14th this year. Please continue to pray for our students, teachers, and their families during this time off and the rest of the school year.



Mrs. Justina Johnson(3's)





MONTHLY CHURCH LUNCHEON

What a wonderful Missions Conference weekend we enjoyed with several missionaries visiting us. Listening to them share their work abroad as well as in the United States was both encouraging and inspirational. It supports MSPC in its commitment to help our sisters and brothers in the missionary field through our gifts and more importantly Faith Promise.

The refreshments and meals were tops!!! The Deacons once again cooked and served us a wonderful Catfish Dinner that filled us up. Be sure to thank those men who volunteered not only to prepare the Men's Breakfast, but the Catfish Dinner as well.

Our luncheon of John Gore's pulled pork Bar-B-Que made the Mission weekend finish with warm conversations with not only our missionaries, but friends and visitors as well. The side dishes were delicious, the decorations beautiful, and the volunteers were especially helpful. I can't imagine another place I would rather have been for the weekend.

Now, it's time to think about MARCH. With Spring Break ahead, we will **NOT** have a luncheon but will look forward to one in April.

The date is April 13th, and I will send more info later.

Enjoy your March Spring Break as I'm sure some of you will travel or have family visiting. Whatever it is, stay safe, rest, and enjoy our 4F's...Fellowship, Family, Fun...with a little Fuss!

Lynda



*A sweet friendship
refreshes the soul*

PROVERBS 27:9



**You will be assigned a
partner for the 6 week
period.**

**Each week you and your
partner will have 3
opportunities to connect.**

**We will send you the
prompt. You can connect
in person or via phone.**

**God is on the move in our
friendships !**

We are starting a new challenge for our Women in the Church at Main Street this spring. The goal of this connect challenge is to build relationships and get to know each other better as sisters in Christ. It's simple, not time consuming, and done mostly virtual unless you decide to meet in person! We will start **March 17** and continue for 6 weeks. You will know who your spring partner is by the first week of March. Each week you will receive 2-3 prompts via our WhatsApp group and then use that week to connect with your partner. At the end of the 6 weeks we will have a celebration and gathering with all who participate. **You need to have joined the WhatsApp group by March 10 to participate.** Click the link to download WhatsApp and join the group! I hope you will participate, I think this is going to be so much fun learning about each other and growing in Christ! Let me know if you have any questions or need help!

Ann Marie Chilcutt Miller 662-312-5459

Laurie Chilcutt 662-251-8254

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March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Robin Weaver
2 Communion	3 <i>Robby & Frances Glenn</i>	4 WIC 10:20	5 Jay Nail Pot Providence	6	7 MSCS CLOSED	8 
9 Joshua Fearing Spring ahead!	10	11 Hannah Nail	12 Katie Herb NO ACTIVITIES	13 Ladies Night Out 6:00 The Grill	14	15
MAIN STREET CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SPRING BREAK!						
16	17 John Zarandona	18	19 BBQ	20	21 Elizabeth Crandall	22 Bethany Baxter Rylee Senn John Rogowski
23	24	25	26 Meatball Subs	27 Becca Allgood Jesse Duncan	28 Ron Simpson Aaron & Lisa Suber	29
30 Debbie Jenkins	31					

**March
Counters**
Deacon's will
Rotate

Budget Report
(all tithing including
online)
January 2025
\$72,847.00

*Please be
Praying for...*

- ❖ MSPC Elders, Deacons, and Pastors
- ❖ Louise Armstrong, Karen Livingston, John Mark Russell, Nicki Leggett, Faith Whitlock, Oop Swoope, Dudley Swoope, Bill Laws family, Ronnie Richardson family, and Christ Presbyterian Church Plant
- ❖ Washington Officials, President Donald Trump
- ❖ State, City, and County Officials
- ❖ Governor Tate Reeves, Mayor Keith Gaskin, Police Chief Joseph Daughtry, Sheriff Eddie Hawkins
- ❖ Helping Hands, Life Choices Pregnancy Center, Palmer Home, all Columbus Churches, and Pastors

Nursery Volunteers



March	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Coordinator	Hannah Nail	Pat Russell	Janie Williams	Ann Marie Miller	Lisa Suber
Nursery Volunteer	Ashlyn Marble	Bethany Baxter	Robin or Katie Tait	Leslee White	Emilee Senn
Nursery Volunteer	Li Ping Miller	Savannah Baxter Camille Pittman	Sara Bean	Jennifer White Frances Glenn	Audrey Wright
Nursery Worker	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	OFF	OFF
Nursery Worker	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer
Toddler Sunday School	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley
Sunday School Monitor	Jay Nail	Dan Williams	Brinton Fisackerly	Jay Nail	Dan Williams

USHER LINE UP FOR MARCH:

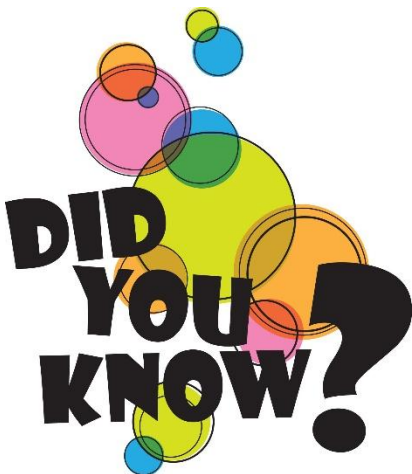
March 2: Brinton Fisackerly, Richard Crandall, Jon Zarandona, Mike Meharg, Phillip Goodwin

March 9: Bryant Bean, Trip Hairston, Russ Russell, Joseph Baxter, Jack Chilcutt

March 16: Bryant Bean, Jesse Duncan, Carson Miller, Bertram Jenkins, John Bean

March 23: Henry Pilkinton, Chris Howard, JB Dyer, Marcus Stone, Matt Miller

March 30: Jay Nail, Key Pittman, Johnny Sherrill, Jacob Wright, Josh Wodrich



Did you Know??

Did you know that this newsletter is available for viewing through our church's website (mainstreetpres.org) and that we also email out a digital copy to those who request it?

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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
5:00 p.m. Evening Study

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 p.m. Supper
6:00 p.m. Children and Youth Activities
6:00 p.m. Adult Devotional and Prayer Time

