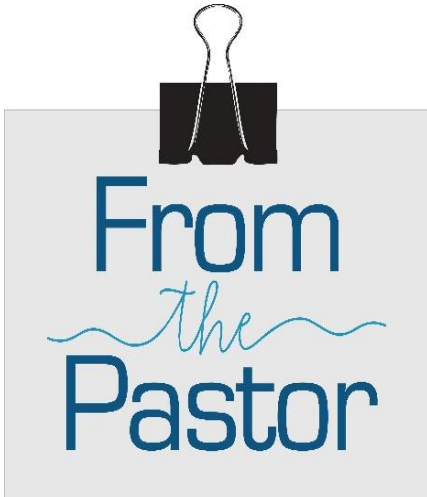


# The Main Thing

November 2024

MSPC



## Love the Little Moments

The story goes that Elvina Hall was contemplating her need for salvation and the price that Jesus paid for it one Sunday while the preacher was going on and on in his corporate prayer.

Pondering these things led her to scribble down the refrain for what would be known as “Jesus Paid It All.” She gave these words to her pastor at the end of the service: “Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.”

These are indeed great words to ponder and beautifully speak of what Christ has accomplished for us on the cross. But what was truly remarkable about that Sunday at the Monument Street Methodist Church of Baltimore is that the organist had also delivered something he had been working on to the pastor. It was a new tune. The pastor taking both gifts recognized that they were meant to go together, and thus, “Jesus Paid It All” was born.

Some coincidence, huh? The longer I walk this earth, the less I find myself believing in coincidences. God knows exactly what he is doing, and while situations may arise that appear random to us, they are not with Him.

How much would your life change if you placed a deeper and greater trust in the providence of God? What if you could get back all of the hours you have spent worrying about different outcomes? For many of us, this would prove to be too great a reward, for we are profound worriers.

I want you to do something for me. Across this next week, really pay attention to the details of your life. Especially take note of the little things that you often overlook. See if you can find one of these coincidental moments. And then, when you do, stop and thank God. God had enough care for you to provide that little moment in your life this week, which, on most occasions, you would have overlooked it.



The more we search for such things in our lives, the more we are prone to finding them. If we would only get in the habit of looking for them and thanking God when they happen, we would radically change two aspects of our lives.

First, we would really stop and see that there are hundreds of little moments daily taking place in our lives that we often don't appreciate. This would hopefully cause us to put our devices away and take joy in the minute details of our world.

The second thing this would do for us is if we then take these moments and thank God for them, we will be constantly in prayer. Paul tells the church in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “**<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**”

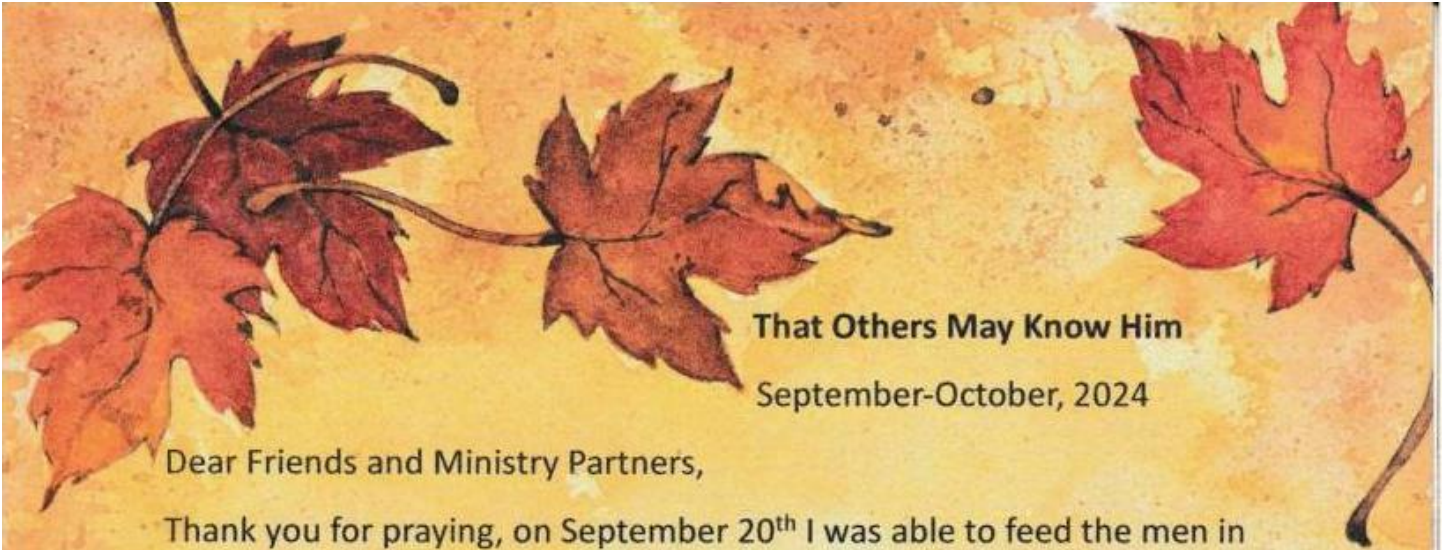
It is God's will in Christ Jesus for you that you rejoice, pray, and give thanks in all circumstances. The big moments, yes, but also the little ones. Our lives are a collection of little moments. And who knows, even if you are pondering the depth of Christ's love instead of listening to the preacher, you might be inspired to write a song that tells of His goodness for generations to come.

In Christ,

Pastor Aaron







## That Others May Know Him

September-October, 2024

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

Thank you for praying, on September 20<sup>th</sup> I was able to feed the men in my prison Bible class what they call a “free world” meal. I feed 23 inmates, an officer, the chaplain, and myself; 2 Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, 2 cookies, 2 bananas, a bag of chips and tea. This is a very nice treat for the men as the food in prison is not all that good.

In my previous letters I have reported the results of the evangelism training at my church. I thought you might be interested in the specific people we share with and their responses so you can be in prayer. The attached pages give all of this information from the first six weeks of our ten week fall semester for my team. We go to, apartments, homes, the UAB campus, and the mall if the weather is bad. As you can see from the sheets, my team was able talk with 13 people; I believe only two were Christians, the others most likely not. Only one is active in a local church. We were able to share the Gospel with all of them except the two Jewish men we talked to on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Only one we shared with was not interested at all and only four declined to accept our Gospel literature; 3 Jewish men and an atheist. To me it seems that many people are open to the Gospel if shared in a respectful and loving way.

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

Yours in Christ,

Bob McPherson

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*Bob*







## A PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

4 October 2024

Friends,

I'm sure nearly everyone reading this has friends or loved-ones directly affected by Hurricane Helene. I'm attaching the link to the PCA MNA Disaster Response Ministry [MNA Disaster Response 2024 Hurricane Helene Relief – Donate via MNA \(pcamna.org\)](https://pcamna.org), in case you want to donate directly to the PCA's work there. Other ministries such as Samaritan's Purse are also providing direct assistance.

Mercy ministries are critical in the body of Christ, and have been a major part of our ministry. If you remember three years ago when there were thousands of Afghan refugees in Germany, Trinity Reformed Church of Landstuhl had church families step up and provide help to alleviate suffering at Ramstein Air Base. Refugees from the Ukraine-Russia war received support from some of our churches working with a Reformed Church in Krakow Poland. Many years ago, TRC Landstuhl provided mercy for victims of a terrorist bombing in Africa. Wounded had been flown by medivac to Ramstein AB and taken to Landstuhl Army Regional Hospital (LRMC). LRMC is still the hub of emergency medical evacuation in Europe. TRC Landstuhl has had many people attend worship while their loved ones are recovering at LRMC. TRC is less than 10 minutes from LRMC.

Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) support has also been a big mercy ministry of our churches. Nearly all our churches have either been directly or indirectly supporting CPC work in their communities. The CPC in the Landstuhl area was started as a result of the labor's of former Pastor Doug and Gertie Hudson and others at TRC some 30 years ago. Over the years, TRC has held numerous leadership positions of that ministry. Recently, that CPC has become "Hope for Life, Kaiserslautern". Pastor Toby DuBose has become the head of the board for that ministry.

Within the churches themselves, I know of countless times when our elders and deacons have provided help to church members, whether it was financial, physical labor, child-care, or other practical needs. This is how the body of Christ is to work.

We want to thank all of you for continuing to pray for and financially support this ministry. We often talk about how God is blessing our churches. But our Lord is using our churches to care for others.



Chester Replogle, Director

[www. MMiChurches.com](http://www.MMiChurches.com)







Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we finished a year-long sermon series through the book of Acts. The final words of this enthralling account of the growth of the early church are both encouraging and challenging:

*He [Paul] lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. Acts 28:30-31*

It is such a privilege to look back over the last 2,000 years of church history and see that these words have not only proved true, but continue to do so. The gospel is advancing, and Jesus Christ is being proclaimed, with all boldness and without hindrance, throughout the world. Jesus has, is, and surely will, build his church.

**For Oxford Pres, the promise of the church being built is currently being experienced quite literally.** As we have been using the North Gate Hall over the summer to worship, fellowship, and hold out the gospel to our world, we have been surrounded by a literal construction site. As the pictures show below, our roof has been replaced, long forgotten windows have been revealed, and scaffolding has encased everything. And all while we have sought to continue to build the church for Christ's glory.



The new roof from the outside is now almost finished.

Long forgotten and covered over windows revealed and restored! This is an important step in taking the North Gate Hall back to the church building it was originally designed to be in the 1870s.

### Church life continues ...

Despite the North Gate Hall being a building site, we have endeavored to continue with church life as much as possible over the summer. Please give thanks to God that ...

- We have continued to meet Sunday mornings and evenings for worship, and midweek meetings for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship.
- We have been blessed by lots of visitors from all over the world over the summer months.
- We put on a two day 'Holiday Bible Club' (for those across the pond think VBS) where we had lots of children gather for Bible teaching, songs, crafts and games.

One of our Elders, Tom Hutchings, spent a few weeks helping a Presbyterian church in Sweden. This church has not had a Minister for some time now, and so it was great that for three weeks in a row Tom was able to preach, teach, and administer the Lord's Supper for them.

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## **The North Gate Hall became a Pirates Paradise for our two-day Holiday Bible Club**

### **Prayer**

Thank you for your support of and prayers for all that is happening at Oxford Pres. We could not have done so much already without God answering your prayers. It has been a special delight to meet up with many of you over the last few months here in Oxford. Your fellowship and encouragements are a vital part of what God is doing here. In addition to the above prayer requests, please also pray for the following:

The new academic year is upon us when lots of new families and students move to Oxford from all of the world. We would love to welcome many of these into the life of Oxford Pres and see our core group grow. We would also love to see more non-Christians hear the gospel and those we are already in contact with profess faith in Christ. Please pray the Lord would add to us, and that our Student ministry would flourish.

Our annual Women's Retreat takes place in less than two weeks' time. Please pray that the women of our church would be blessed as they meet together overnight for Bible study, fellowship and spiritual refreshment.

The possibility of purchasing the North Gate Hall continues to be something we would love to see happen. Lots of different options are in front of us and the Lord is at work in ways we cannot yet fully discern or report. Suffice to say we crave your prayers for wisdom, patience, boldness, and provision.

Whilst we continue to be so encouraged by what God is doing in Oxford, these encouragements often come with discouragements. The devil remains active and gospel Ministry in the UK is hugely challenging. I would value your prayers so that we would navigate these discouragements in a way that trusts in our God's sovereign purposes and seeks to use all things for his glory.

### **A personal note ...**

Over the last few weeks our family has entered a new phase. Our second daughter, Emelia, having been homeschooled all her life, began the final two years of her 'high school years' at 'Sixth Form'. The UK education system requires 16–18-year-olds to study 'A-levels' before they apply to University or enter the workforce. We had always planned for her to follow in the footsteps of her older sister and spend these two years in a public school. It is nonetheless a big step as she makes new friends and has to stand on her own two feet as a Christian. In addition, our eldest daughter, Alicia, began University in the far flung and wind-swept regions of northern England. She will be away from home until Christmas, and we already miss her. It was very hard saying goodbye(!) Davinia and I would value your prayers for Alicia and Emelia, that they would adjust well to the new demands these opportunities make on them, and especially that they will continue to grow in faith, love, and hope in Jesus Christ.

Thank you again for all your love, support and prayers,

Yours in Christ,

*Andy (& Davinia)*







# **MISSIONS PIZZA PARTY AND PRESENTATION FROM ANDY YOUNG SATURDAY, NOV. 16<sup>TH</sup> 5:30P.M.**

Please join us Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for a pizza dinner and a Meet & Greet and Presentation from Missionary Andy Young from Oxford, England.

**\*\*Nursery will be Provided**



We are so excited to have this beautiful weather! We're taking full advantage of playing outside! We always enjoy our special fall snacks!

We love seeing the children dress up and having a parade. This year is flying by! We love talking about Thanksgiving! I try to teach my sweet friends a simple lesson...that "Thanksgiving" means "giving thanks"! We will be talking a lot about being thankful for our families. Our school wide Thanksgiving feast is always a blessing!

We love seeing the projects all the children make. The special snack moms always do an amazing job!

I hope everyone takes time to remember to be thankful for our blessings! Our precious preschool is very thankful for our teachers, our sweet students, our parents and the church always supporting us!

Praying lots of love and blessings over everyone! Thank you from the 2's! Love and prayers...



Ms Judy



The church luncheons have been a great success, and we have enjoyed 2 of them this year.

I hope you have had a chance to attend one or better yet, both of them. It's such a wonderful way to meet friends and welcome visitors and new members.

Of course you can't have a delicious meal without delicious food. Fried Chicken and Bar-B-Qued Chicken are always better when side dishes look, smell, and tickle our taste buds. Last but not least, the desserts "capped off" the meal. This is the true essence of our 4 F's!

It is now November, and we will NOT have a luncheon. Our focus will be on the holidays and Thanksgiving. Many of us will be traveling with some going great distances. There are also households who will welcome friends and families from other places.

There will be our annual **December "Mingle and Jingle". It is December 15th**. For now, put it on your calendar and look for inserts and other information later!

Enjoy your time of Thanksgiving as you gather with friends and loved ones. May we all remember the abundant blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Have fun with YOUR 4 F's...Fellowship, Family, Fun...WITH A LITTLE FUSS!

Lynda



November 6	Pot Providence
November 13	Breakfast for Dinner
November 20	Ham
November 27	No Supper due to Thanksgiving

Join us for good food, fun fellowship, and great biblical teaching on Wednesday Nights!

5:30 - Supper  
6:00 - Children's Choir OR Children's Activities  
Youth Activities  
Adult Bible Study (Book of Judges)  
\*Nursery Provided





Budget Report  
September 2024

**\$ 35,252**

All tithing including  
online

In order to provide a more accurate reflection of actual tithing, the Budget report will now show what giving was in the full month completed before the newsletter is published.

Since newsletter is mailed before the 1<sup>st</sup>, the online tithing numbers previously were not available prior to the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moving forward, newsletter will show the FULL total of tithing that will include all Sundays and also online giving for the month closed out prior to publication of newsletter!

### *Usher Line Up for November:*

Nov 3: Allen Brewer, Sammy Clemons, Danny Williams, Ton Tait, Larry Burleson

Nov 10: Brinton Fisackerly, Joseph Crandall, Jon Zarandona, Mike Meharg, Phillip Goodwin

Nov 17: Trip Hairston, Bryant Bean, Russ Russell, Joseph Baxter, Jack Chilcutt, JB Dyer

Nov 24: Bill Laws, Jesse Duncan, Carson Miller, Bertram Jenkins, Peter Fearing, Marcus Stone







# November



## 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Gee Allgood  Change clocks back 1 Hour!!
3 COMMUNION  Turner Kilpatrick 	4  Bess Swedenburg	5  WIC 10:30	6  Bethany Hairston Russ Russell  Supper-Pot Providence	7  Gray & Tanya Thompson	8	9  Grover Allgood
10	11  Reed Williams	12  Happy Hearts 10:30 *Stuffing Operation Christmas shoeboxes	13  Supper-Breakfast for Dinner	14  Bill Laws Mike Meharg Doug Yelverton  Ladies Night Out 6:00 El Patron	15  Ed White	16  Missions Pizza Party 5:30 Presentation from missionary Andy Young Nursery Provided
17  Louise Armstrong	18	19	20  Supper-Ham	21	22	23
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week						
24	25	26	27  Ann Chilcutt Shirley Swoope  No Supper	28   Church Office Closed	29  Church Office Closed	30  Landon Kilpatrick



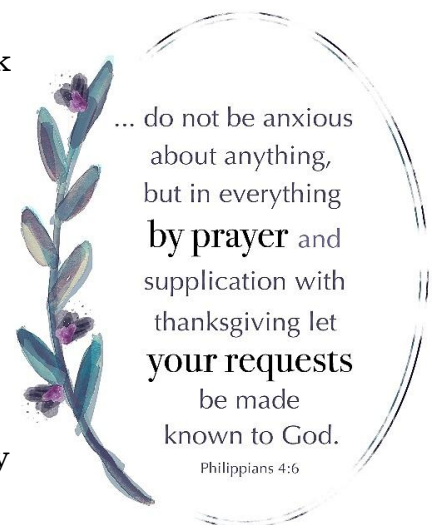
# ~Nursery Volunteers~



<b>November</b>	<b>11/3/2023</b>	<b>11/10/2023</b>	<b>11/17/2023</b>	<b>11/24/2023</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Pat Russell	Ann Marie Miller	Janie Williams	Meryl Fisackerly
<b>Nursery Volunteer</b>	Bethany and Savannah Baxter	Leslee White	Robin or Katie Tait	Karmel Crandall
<b>Nursery Volunteer</b>	Camille Pittman	Jennifer White Frances Glenn	Sarah Bean	Ivy Harris
<b>Nursery Worker</b>	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	OFF
<b>Nursery Worker</b>	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer
<b>Toddler Sunday School</b>	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley
<b>Sunday School Monitor</b>	Dan Williams	Brinton Fisackerly	Jay Nail	Dan Williams

## November Counter Bryant Bean

- ❖ MSPC Elders and Deacons
- ❖ Expectant Moms: Meryl Fisackerly & Sierra Kilpatrick
- ❖ Louise Armstrong, Diane Stone, Karen Livingston, Nicki Leggett, Stanley Rogowski, John Mark Russell, Mark Denison
- ❖ Washington Officials, President Joe Biden
- ❖ State, City, and County Officials
- ❖ Governor Tate Reeves, Mayor Keith Gaskin, Sheriff Eddie Hawkins, Police Chief Joseph Daughtry
- ❖ Helping Hands, Life Choices Pregnancy Center, Palmer Home, all Columbus Churches, and Pastors



... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything **by prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let **your requests** be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6



## 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

5:00 Evening Study: Book of Esther

### **Wednesday Schedule**

5:30 p.m. Supper

6:00 p.m. Children Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study: Book of Judges