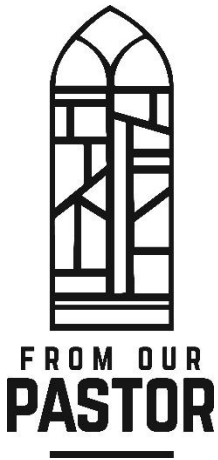


The Main Thing

October 2024

MSPC



FALL IS FOR FELLOWSHIP

While the weather may not be cooling down much outside, we here at Main Street are in the full swing of fall activities at the church. If you are new here or haven't yet explored our church events beyond Sunday worship, I would like to tell you about some of the activities we have going on. Fellowship is vitally important for the Christian, so much so that Jesus describes the church in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 as one body with many members. It is only when we are together playing our part to the glory of God that the body is most effective at doing what it is called to do.

Sunday Evening Worship

On Sunday evenings, at 5:00 P.M., we gather together for a time of singing, praying, and then studying the word of God together. This service is less formal than morning worship in that we encourage questions to be asked and discussion to be had. We just started our study of the book of Esther, a book which details God's rescue of His people through the lives of Esther and Mordecai. We have a nursery available on Sunday evenings and would love to have you join us.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Our Wednesday night fellowship is one of the best ways to get to know different families within our church body. We come together at 5:30 and share a meal together. The church provides a main dish, and we ask families to provide a side and or dessert. After our time of fellowship over the meal, we have various activities provided for the children and adults. There is a nursery on these nights, a class for the 3-5 year-olds, teaching or singing for the 6-year-olds through 5th graders, and a Bible study on the book of Judges for the adults. On our first Wednesday night, we had right at 70 people with us.

Men's Fellowship Meetings

Starting in October, we will begin quarterly men's discipleship and fellowship meetings at a time and place to be determined. I (Pastor Aaron) am working on the final details and will get the announcement out soon about when and where we will meet. I have heard from several men that having the opportunity to gather together would be beneficial for their own spiritual lives as well as give them the opportunity to connect with fellow men in the church.

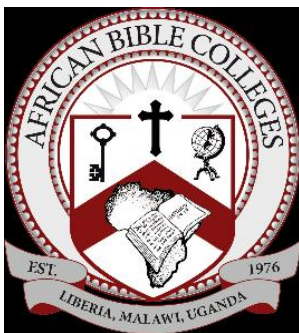
Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Nights

All throughout the year, the women of the church are invited to attend women's Bible Study and fellowship nights, which both occur monthly. Info goes out in the bulletin on when that takes

place and is a great chance for the ladies to get together and study the word or enjoy a meal.

This list wouldn't be complete without mentioning our monthly Sunday luncheons, which are one of my favorite times of fellowship, as well as our Happy Hearts gatherings, which are a great time for the older members (or really anyone who asks Ms. Bess) to get together and enjoy time together. I would highly encourage you to seek out one or more of these outlets to get to know your church family better. And if you see something you would like to add to the list or get started, let me know. I'm always looking for more fellowship opportunities amongst our members.

In Christ,
Pastor Aaron



**Greetings from
African Bible College,
Malawi**

Hello everyone,

A new school year has begun at African Bible College! The students have returned, and the campus, until recently almost dead, has returned to life. This makes me very happy; the students are what this place is all about.

I am also happy because after several years of someone else teaching it, I am now back teaching Systematic Theology. This to me is a fun course. I use the textbook by Wayne Grudem, widely used by Evangelicals. Just today, we discussed the inerrancy of Scripture, something we firmly believe in here. The students asked a number of questions in class. Solid theology is not always understood in churches here. Come to think of it, the same is true in America.

I teach World History to the freshmen. For this I use a secular textbook that has lots of full-page color pictures, which I think is useful in a country where English is a second or third language, and all our classes and textbooks are in English. At various points I have to explain to the students where I disagree with the secular textbook. For example it assumes evolution is true, and it identifies Jesus as a "Religious Figurehead." I have found errors; it says something about British Prime Minister Winston Churchill doing something in 1947, and that year Clement Attlee was the British Prime Minister. But hey, the full-page color pictures are great.

For Church History I use Church History in Plain Language by the late Bruce Shelley. Again, it's written in a style that is readily understood by non-native English speakers. Shelley presents Christian history as a compelling story rather than as a dry rendition of facts. Shelley has a way of making it come alive in the absence of pictures – it's all text.

I teach a course on the books of Daniel and Revelation to the seniors. I use a book by Iain Duguid for Daniel, and it's more like a devotional than a dry, academic commentary. He does a splendid job of making it applicable to believers

today. For Revelation I use Four Views of Revelation. There are four major schools of interpretation for Revelation discussed in this book: Preterism, Classic Dispensationalism, Progressive Dispensationalism, and Idealism.

Last semester they gave me the title of Acting Head of the Biblical Studies Department. This came as a surprise; I certainly didn't seek it. I love teaching but administration just isn't for me. I find it hard to sit through long committee meetings. We are short-handed, with just one other faculty member in this department besides me. I hope that in the future more Americans can be recruited to come out here and teach.

One tradition I enjoy is having seniors over for pizza on Thursdays. This is a chance to just relax and get to know students, and for them to get to know me better. This is one of the benefits of living on campus. They all know where to find me.

All the other ministries besides the college remain fully operational: the radio station, the academy, the community clinic, the hearing clinic, and the eye clinic. I invite you to visit the African Bible College Web page: <https://www.africanbiblecolleges.com>. You will see some great pictures of students engaging in various activities.

Thank you for your continued interest, encouragement, and support of this ministry that has been my life for going on 32 years. I enjoy hearing from the folks back home so, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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The Missions Committee
will meet
at 6 pm on Tuesday,
October 22.
A budget update and 2025
conference planning are
on the agenda.



Peru Mission

There was never any thing by the wit of man so well devised, or so sure established, which in continuance of time hath not been corrupted."

The Book of Common Prayer

When Thomas Cranmer wrote these words he was reforming the church, and in this particular section of his masterwork, setting the standard for the readings in public worship for the church service. He complained that either some scriptures were read repeatedly too often, or other writings were used that were not scripture. He desired that the whole of the bible be read in the service throughout the year, thereby assuring that the congregation would hear all of God's word.

It does seem that all things become corrupted in the course of time; some may be thinking this fall's election will be the test of that. I am mainly concerned with our ministries in Peru and making sure we continue in the ways of the Lord. As Hebrews 13 says, *"Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace.* Its always a temptation to measure success by worldly standards and neglect the clear commands of scripture. But we am happy to report that things in Peru are going great! Our churches are growing, the school if full of students, and our medical

ministry continues to help many each week. Children are cared for and taught the scriptures, and sound theology is taught to many in the city of Trujillo. May God bless his church all over the world, to stay true to his holy word. For we know that there is only one thing incorruptible, as Ephesians 6 says, *Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.*



June and July were very busy months for the work in Peru. We hosted 8 teams in all, 5 in Trujillo and 3 in Cajamarca. We were helping dig, pour concrete, heal the sick, dispense medicines, clean and restore teeth, evangelize children and adults alike, and teach classes on theology, marriage, and other topics to many in Peru. The 8 groups were from Florida, Mississippi, Texas, and South Carolina, made up of over 100 people.

In Trujillo the construction occurred at Geneva School, with another classroom and more patio space paved or poured. Our high

school is coming along nicely. The weather has been ideal for working outdoors with mostly cloudy days and average high temps of 70.

In Cajamarca the main event was the medical/dental campaign from First Presbyterian, Jackson, MS with 40 people coming to work. They saw hundreds of patients during the week, and also taught bible classes in the local schools and shared the gospel with hundreds of children. Other groups also taught and helped with sidewalks in the San Jose church.



In the pictures you can see Dale with a visiting group in one of the homes of our Christ's Kids families. Dale is next to Noe, our program director. We like to take groups to visit some of the families and ask about their lives and pray with them. The next photo is Dale with Dr. Sam Suttle from Louisville, MS. Chimbote for a week to visit the poor communities and promote our new church plant there.



Finally, shown is a team working to make a patio area for our school, a place for the students to eat and take a break.

As far as the Ellison family goes, here are some updates. Dale had surgery in late May for a detached retina, which slowed him down some but praise the Lord all is well. His eye is healing nicely. Jacob and his wife Sandi welcomed their second child to the world in early August, Evangeline Ellison. So now Dale and Susan have 4





grandchildren. Rebekah graduated from Belhaven in late April and is now job hunting. Zachary is working, and Lauren is back at Belhaven for her sophomore year. Susan continues to care for her mother. *[Susan's mother went to be with the Lord in mid-September.]*

Above are me and Susan with Evangeline at her baptism.

We ask you to pray for God's faithful provision for all of our needs. We are again so thankful for our friends who help us do this ministry with Peru Mission.

Dale Ellison

If you would like to make a donation to our support, please click the link below:

[Support the Ellisons](#)



We've had a great start to our school year!

It's always good to see so many of our returning families and meet new families that are now a part of our preschool! This year, we have a large group of 14 four year olds taught by Gaines Gaskin and myself. We ended our first week of school with a Teddy Bear Picnic and Teddy Bear Awards in the Fellowship Hall. Our units this month will include Shapes and Colors, Nursery Rhymes, Johnny Appleseed, and Fall. We will also start learning each letter of the alphabet, along with our ABC Bible verses. Along with our units and letters, we are also learning how to share, take turns and be a good friend to our Classmates.

It's going to be a GREAT year!

In His Service, Beth Easterling





2024 3rd Quarter Update

CMMA Family,

We thank you for your prayers and material support of CMMA. As you can see, we are off to another great year with the students at all six Health Professions Schools at UAB. There is a palpable enthusiasm felt as we meet and minister to the students and see how God is moving on campus. We were invited to partner with the Fellowship of Christian Optometrist student chapter at UAB this past week for a luncheon and humbled by the number of 1st year Optometry students seeking Christian community and ministry involvement. Our small group Bible study groups are growing as we respond to the student's requests. I am reminded of the passage in John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" There is most definitely a "light" present in the hearts and minds of the students who have come to UAB this year.

2024 Christian Medical and Dental Association National Convention

This past May, CMMA was well represented at the CMDA National Convention with many speakers addressing the current ethical and sociopolitical issues that are at work attempting to shape the practice of medicine and dentistry in the United States. As Health Care Professionals, as well as patients, be encouraged that there are many people meeting these challenges to Christian Health Care Providers head-on as the progressive social agenda seeks to re-interpret the Hippocratic Oath and the imperative to "Do No Harm".

2024 Student Welcome Dinners

PT/OT/PA

The 2024-2025 Academic Season was kicked-off with the 2024 UAB PT/OT Welcome Dinner. Their academic year is underway with many of these students already engaged in small group Bible study and discipleship



Dental

The 2024 UAB Dental Welcome Dinner proved to be a success once again this year with over 20 students signed up for small group Bible study!



Upcoming Ministry Activities for the 4th Quarter

Fall Mission Institute: October 12-19, 2024

Foundry - Dental Extraction Outreach November 23, 2024

As always, continue to pray for the ministry of CMMA. Specifically, that we continue to commit to being present and responsive to the spiritual need of the students both on campus and in the community.

P&P

We kicked off our Fall P&P in Volker Hall with Dr. Doug Moore speaking on “Moments in Destiny”



Medical

The 2024 Medical Welcome Dinner once again gave CMMA the opportunity to meet and greet the members of the 1st-year UAB medical class to the CMMA community at the Preserve in Hoover, AL. Over 30 students requested to be a part of Small Group Bible study.



CMMA On Mission

This past June, students from Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine and Univ. South Alabama Medical School joined our UAB Medical students in the Dominican Republic for the CMMA Summer Mission Institute. A total of 53 medical students, Providers, and staff participated ministering in four villages providing medical care to local men, women, and children and sharing the Gospel.



Fall Semester Ministry Activities Underway!

TNT

D1 Student Panel Discussion with D2, D3, and D4 students



Tuesday Night Fellowship

August 27, CMMA held our first TNF for the Fall Semester. The students got to participate in a time of worship and a word from Dr. Bob Marks on the “Crucible of Illness”. Students from all of the Health Professions schools at UAB participated as CMMA begins its Fall 2024 ministry activities in earnest and great expectations of what God will do in the lives of his children.





MONTHLY CHURCH LUNCHEON

What an incredible turnout we had for our first luncheon!

Nearly 130 family members, friends, and visitors welcomed our 4 new church members to our table for a delicious meal.

There were so many “mouthwatering” dishes to sample and enjoy with fried chicken. Thank you to all who made it such a warm and inviting experience.

October is now here and we’re ready for cooler weather to usher in all those great fall activities. Leading the pack is our next luncheon. Mark your calendar for

Sunday, October 27th following the worship service. John Gore will be providing his wonderful Bar-B-Que Chicken and the congregation will provide the side dishes.

If your last name begins with:

A-H Hot Vegetable

I-O Fruit or Fruit Salad

P-S Dessert

T-Z Cold Vegetable or Salad

We look forward to seeing you again knowing how special this time is for us and, most importantly, for those who may be attending for the first time. Let’s welcome them **Sunday, October 27th** with our 4 F’s...Fellowship, Family, Fun...without the Fuss!

Lynda



October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 WIC 10:30	2 Joseph Crandall Hamburgers/ Hot Dogs	3 Lauren Zarandona	4	5
6 Communion	7	8	9 Marcus & Diane Stone Pizza	10 Ladies Night Out 6:00	11	12
13 Ethan Senn	14	15 Charles Russell Berry	16 Spaghetti	17 Ian & Ashlyn Marble	18 Aaron Suber	19
20 Kelly & Katie Weber	21 Melissa Duncan	22 Missions Committee Meeting 6:00	23 Korean Beef w/Rice	24 Millie Marble	25 Janie Williams	26 Emiline Allgood Whitt Harris
27 Congregational Luncheon	28	29	30 Ben Chilcutt Chili	31		



October 2 Hamburgers/Hotdogs
 October 9 Pizza
 October 16 Spaghetti
 October 23 Korean Beef w/Rice
 October 30 Chili

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

Usher Schedule for October

Oct 6: Brinton Fisackerly, Joseph Crandall, Jon Zarandona, Mike Meharg, Phillip Goodwin
 Oct 13: Trip Hairston, Bryant Bean, Russ Russell, Joseph Baxter, Jack Chilcutt, JB Dyer
 Oct 20: Bill Laws, Jesse Duncan, Carson Miller, Bertram Jenkins, Peter Fearing, Marcus Stone
 Oct 27: Grover Allgood, Jay Nail, Key Pittman, Johnny Sherrill, Jacob Wright, Chris Howard

Nursery Volunteers



October	10/6/2024 Communion Team 1	10/13/2024 Team 2	10/20/2024 Team 3	10/27/2024 Team 4
Coordinator	Janie Williams	Meryl Fisackerly	Lisa Suber	Hannah Nail
Nursery Volunteers	Robin or Katie Tait Sarah Bean	Karmel Crandall Ivy Harris	Emilee Senn Audrey Wright	Ashlyn Marble Li Ping Miller
Nursery worker	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	OFF
Nursery Worker	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer	Lillie Grayer
Toddler Sunday School	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley
Sunday School Monitor	Jay Nail	Dan Williams	Brinton Fisackerly	Jay Nail

October Counter
Henry Pilkinton

Budget Report
September 2024
\$18,169

(Tithes only. Does not include
Sept 29th or online offerings)

- Rev. Aaron Suber and Family
- MSPC Elders and Deacons
- Expectant Moms: Meryl Fisackerly and Sierra Kilpatrick
- Louise Armstrong, John Mark Russell, Karen Livingston, Stanley Rogowski, Nicki Leggett, and Diane Stone
- Washington Officials, President Joe Biden
- 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

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

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Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. Evening Study: Book of Esther

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 p.m. Supper

6:00 p.m. Children Activities and Adult Bible Study; Book of Judges