



The Main Thing

September 2026

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A Place for the Generations

Throughout the Scriptures, God has always cared about the gathering of His people. In the wilderness, He instructed Israel to build the tabernacle—a place set apart where He would dwell among His covenant people and where they would gather for worship. Later, the temple in Jerusalem became a visible reminder that the Lord had chosen to dwell in the midst of His people. Great care was given to these places because of the great realities they represented.

The coming of Christ changed this in a wonderful and profound way. God no longer dwells in a temple made with hands. Christ Himself is the true temple, and through union with Him, the church is described as the dwelling place of God by the Spirit. The church, ultimately, is not a building. It is the people whom Christ has redeemed and gathered to Himself.

And yet, the people of God still need places to gather.

We need places where the Word can be preached, where children can be taught, where Christians can pray together, where families can fellowship, where the grieving can be comforted, where marriages can begin, where saints can be remembered, and where strangers can be welcomed in the name of Christ. A church building is not sacred because of bricks, wood, carpet, or stained glass. Its significance comes from what happens within its walls.

Many of us can probably remember particular rooms and buildings that became important parts of our Christian lives. Perhaps it was the sanctuary where you first understood the gospel, a Sunday school classroom where a faithful teacher opened the Bible each week, a fellowship hall where friendships were formed, or a pew where you sat beside someone you loved. The building itself did not produce those blessings. God did. But He often gave those blessings through the ordinary ministry that took place there.

That is one reason stewardship of our church property matters. We are caring not merely for a facility, but for a tool that serves the worship and ministry of the church. We want our building to be safe, functional, welcoming, and capable of serving the ministry God has given us today.

We also want to think beyond ourselves. Lord willing, children who are now running through our hallways will one day bring children of their own through those same doors.

In the coming weeks, you will receive more information concerning a proposed plan for the revitalization of our church facilities. My hope is that as you read it, you will consider more than projects, costs, and repairs. Consider what God has entrusted to us, how these spaces serve His people, and how they might continue to serve generations we may never personally know.

Please pray for wisdom for our congregation. Pray that we would be generous without being careless, ambitious without being extravagant, and faithful stewards of everything the Lord has placed into our hands. Above all, pray that whatever we do with our buildings would serve the greater purpose for which they exist: that Christ would be worshiped, His Word proclaimed, His people strengthened, and our neighbors welcomed to hear the good news of the gospel.

In Christ,
Pastor Aaron



Austin McCann Visiting September 20

Austin currently serves as the Campus Minister at RUF, Mississippi State. He will be sharing an update about his ministry during our Sunday School time and preaching for us during the worship service.

Austin was born and raised in Memphis, TN. He began attending RUF as a freshman at Mississippi State University. Through the ministry of God's Word and meaningful friendships, the Lord used RUF to show Austin his deep need for grace in the Gospel and an ever-growing love for Christ and His Church. He also met his wonderful wife, Alex, through RUF. After graduating from MSU (2012-2016), Austin worked for two years as an RUF intern at Auburn University. In 2018, the McCanns moved to Charlotte, NC where Austin attended Reformed Theological Seminary. In 2022, the McCanns moved to Aggieland where Austin served as the RUF Campus Minister at Texas A&M University (2022-2024). It is now an absolute joy to be serving at his alma mater! Hailstate! They have three kids, Henry (4), Betsy (2) and Everett (6 months old). Austin enjoys all things outdoors, talking MSU sports, reading a good book, and hole in the wall restaurants.



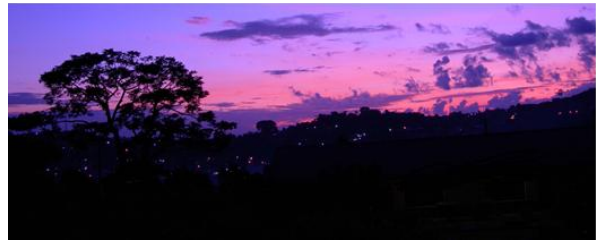
RUF reaches college students at universities in the US with the hope of Christ and equips them for a lifetime of flourishing and service in the church, their community, and the wider world. Almost 20 million students live, learn, and lean into their adult endeavors on college campuses each year.

RUF sends ordained, seminary-trained pastors to build healthy student communities that grow up into and live out of the transforming grace of God in Christ. Campus Staff and Interns play an integral part in building relationships and developing vibrant student-led ministry on campus. RUF partners with local churches and individuals to share the vision and task of the vital ministry of loving the college campus next door and seeks to connect and commend students to a life lived out in community with the church.

"The college years are when many are asking big questions, facing hardships, seeing sin, and also experiencing great joys all while having enough free time to let a pastor walk with them. So you get the opportunity to be with, pray for, and point students to Jesus. Then it's a joy to watch the Holy Spirit change them over their college years and then leave loving Jesus and the church."

— Brian Sorgenfrei, Former Campus Minister

Kurt and Marlene Schimke Celebrate 20 Years at African Bible University



This August makes **20 years of service at African Bible University** in Uganda for the Schimke Family! We praise God for His faithfulness, not only to growing us spiritually and in multi-faceted other ways, but in using a weak and sinful group of people, knit together by love for each other and for our Savior, to spread the love of Christ to a foreign land. Thus far the Lord has brought us! All glory and honor be to His name. There have been many changes to the campus since our first arrival in 2006...

We want to praise His name for bringing ABU a very **large number of first year students** to join our campus programs this semester! The number of new students is 70!!! (This might shift a bit as we finalize all that are coming in the next few weeks, but WOW! Some of these are here to complete an HEC (Higher Education Certificate). This course qualifies a student to attend university if he or she didn't have the prerequisites already completed. These students in the future can qualify to attend ABU, so it may be a very good source of new students for the campus in the future. Dr. Jeremiah Pitts and graduate Geoffrey Kamuntu have been moving all over Uganda promoting the school in the past months and years...looks like their many hours of labor are paying off!

Soli Deo Gloria!

~Kurt, Marlene & Family

Prayer & Praise from Kurt and Marlene:

- Praise God for 20 years of ministry in Uganda, and for using you, through us, to impact the next generation of believers in Africa for Christ
- Praise for safe travels back to Uganda and a good start to the new semester
- Praise for all the new entering students at ABU! We ask the Lord to provide for teaching staff and campus needs as we continue to grow and expand.
- Pray for the countries still dealing with the Ebola outbreak (Congo, South Sudan).
- Praise for time with Marlene's mom and dad! We are grateful to be able to help out despite being far away many months of the year.
- Pray for Natasha Kinsella's follow up treatments for cancer in the UK and for the Kinsellas as they witness to unbelieving family members about Christ
- Pray for Nick as he continues his university education at Liberty in person this school year. Pray for continued strength, health, and spiritual growth beyond what we could even ask or imagine. God is good to have brought him this far.

African Bible Colleges' website link for the Schimkes:

<https://www.africanbiblecolleges.org/missionary/marlene-and-dr-kurt-schimke/>

This is our own personalized page; it tells more about us, includes prayer requests, and has instructions for financial giving options.



17 August 2026



Friends,

Recently my wife and I were traveling in the Western part of the US. The scenery was spectacular in so many places. It was a great reminder that God formed the rocks, the trees, the deserts, and the mountains. His creation speaks of His wonderful love for us.

More importantly, God loves us so much that He changes hearts.

"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." --Rom 10:17.

I often take the opportunity to listen to sermons by some of our MMI pastors. I want to ensure everyone that the Word of God is faithfully preached in all our churches.

Young people are joining the church after going through communicant classes, newborns are being baptized, couples are growing to be godly parents, and officers are being trained. This happens when God's Word is proclaimed.

We continue to ask for your prayers to fill the pulpits of some of our churches:

-Covenant Presbyterian of Okinawa has about 50 people who are part of the church body. Okinawa is the home to many thousand service members and their families. The USMC has a heavy presence in Okinawa. Kadena Air Base has a major USAF mission. The Army and the Navy are also well-represented on this island on the south part of Japan. We've been successful in having some interim pastors fill-in. Currently Pastor Daniel Jarstfer is on his second "hitch" in Okinawa and will be there until mid-October.

-Trinity Presbyterian of Guam will have a vacancy in less than a month. Pastor Tim Beauchamp and his wife will be moving to Naples Italy this Fall and we are hoping to get a work up and running there. Pray that God will fill the pulpit in Guam. Our church there has around 40 people involved.

-New Life of Vicenza Italy has potential candidates. We are thankful for the local leadership and friendly chaplains who have helped to fill the pulpit there.

-Covenant Fellowship Church of Stuttgart has just said "good-bye" to Pastor Dylan Halter. We wish him well at his new call in Michigan. We believe we have settled on a new pastor for this work. We hope to finalize this call in the upcoming days.

Finally, I want to once again thank everyone who prays for and supports MMI. We are still ministering to 600+ people each week. This world which God has created and formed is a fallen world and needs to hear the Gospel of Christ.

Chester Replogle



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A Summer Under the Big Top! 🎪

What an unforgettable summer we had at Main Street Christian School's Circus-Themed Summer Camp! Our campers enjoyed a week filled with laughter, learning, friendship, and plenty of circus fun. Each day brought new adventures as the kids played outside, enjoyed themed snacks, played exciting games, created fun crafts, and learned Bible stories that reminded us of God's love and faithfulness.



Of course, no summer camp would be complete without a few sweet treats! Our campers enjoyed fun circus-themed snacks and refreshing watermelon while making memories with their friends.

From creative crafts to outdoor games, every activity gave our campers a chance to laugh, explore, and enjoy being together. Most importantly, we loved seeing them grow in their faith as they learned Bible stories and discovered ways to live out God's Word.

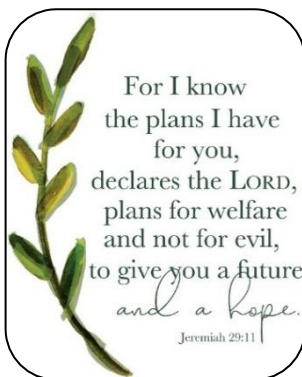
We are so thankful for all the wonderful campers, families, teachers, and helpers who made this summer so special. Our Circus-Themed Summer Camp was truly a week to remember!

Until next summer—keep
shining bright! 🎪🍉✝️



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 WIC Bible Study	2	3	4 Justin & Ivy Harris	5 Olivia Grace Kilpatrick
6 COMMUNION No Children's Sunday school	7	8	9	10 Ladies Night Out CJ's Pizza 6:00	11	12
13 Congregational Luncheon Zachary Senn	14 Alice Talley	15 Elliot & James Denny	16 Caroline Suber Wed Nights resume Chick fil A	17	18	19 Callie Baldrige
20 Hope Kilpatrick Tinsley Miller Jami Laws	21	22	23 Salad for Supper Bring favorite salad or dessert	24 Tom Tait David & Marianne Field	25 Church Office Closed	26
27	28 Robby Glenn Ray Kilpatrick Church Office Closed	29 Richard Crandall Church Office Closed	30 Church Office Closed Pizza	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	



Usher Schedule for September 2026

September 6: **Trip Hairston**, Doug Bateman, Carson Miller, Bertram Jenkins, John Bean

September 13: **Henry Pilkinton**, JB Dyer, Marcus Stone, Tyler Cofield, Larry Burleson

September 20: **Jay Nail**, Key Pittman, Jesse Duncan, Jacob Wright, Josh Wodrich

September 27: **Jack Chilcutt**, Sammy Clemons, Danny Williams, Tom Tait, Luke King

Nursery Volunteers



	9/6/2026	9/13/2026	9/20/2026	9/27/2026
September	Communion- Team 4	Team 5	Team 1	Team 2
Coordinator	Hannah Nail	Brittany Cofield	Janie Williams	Frances Glenn
Nursery Volunteer	Camille Pittman	Meryl Fisackerly	Robin/Katie Tait	Sarah Bean
Nursery Worker	Destiny Spraggins	Destiny Spraggins	OFF	Destiny Spraggins
Nursery Worker	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	Tara Kelly	Tara White
Toddler Sunday School	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley	Alice Talley
Sunday School Monitor	Dan Williams	Jay Nail	Brinton Fisackerly	Dan Williams

September Counter



Jay Nail

Budget Report

July 2026

\$47,202

(All tithing including online)

*Please be
Praying for...*

- ❖ MSPC Elders, Deacons, and Pastors
- ❖ Karen Livingston, Nicki Leggett, Oop Swoope, Jane Berry, Abigail Beard, Rachel Lucas, Debbie Jenkins, John Rogowski, Kathy Forester, Diane Stone, Martha Turner, Rebecca Mancill Buswell, Wendy Herron, Family of John Mark Russell, and Christ Presbyterian Church Misson
- ❖ Expectant Moms: Riley Sullivan & Sierra Kilpatrick
- ❖ Washington Officials, President Donald Trump
- ❖ State, City, and County Officials
- ❖ Governor Tate Reeves, Mayor Stephen Jones, Police Chief Garland Ward, Sheriff Eddie Hawkins
- ❖ Helping Hands, Life Choices Pregnancy Center, Palmer Home, all Columbus Churches and Pastors



CONGREGATIONAL "KICK-OFF" LUNCHEON SEPT. 13

The summer has finally passed and we're all looking forward to cooler weather, football games, and our wonderful luncheons. It's always a good time to catch up on the "news and events" with our families and friends. Since our last luncheon in April, we've said "goodbye" to some and "hello and welcome" to others.

So, let's get started! Our first luncheon will be **Sunday, September 13th following the worship service.** The main entrée will be **fried chicken**, and the congregation will provide the sides for our meal.

If your last name begins with:

A-C Fruit or Fruit Salad

D-L Cold Vegetable Dish or Salad

M-S Hot Vegetable

T-Z Dessert

These meals are so special in our church life, and I hope you will be a part of it. Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, September 13th**. It's then that we will share our 4 F's...Fellowship, Family, Fun...without the Fuss! Lynda



Our Wednesday Night activities resume from the summer break beginning September 16th. We begin at 5:30 with supper. Meals will be announced the previous Sundays, followed by children's singing and, on alternate nights, Bible lessons. Adults will join together for a Bible study on topics to be announced. Activities will end for both groups at 7:00.

Please note: *There will be a nursery provided.*

ALL adults are welcome to join us!

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(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: Psalms

Wednesday

5:30 Supper (begins Sept 16)

6:00 p.m. Children Activities and Adult Bible Study (begins Sept 16)