

The Main Thing

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Community Groups have been an important part of the fellowship and ministry of Main Street this year. The groups met in homes, at the church, and at various restaurants or businesses in Columbus. The pictures below are from the Gray Flora Community Group March Meeting that was held at the church. The theme was "Bible Baseball" and the referee was Sandra Pilkinton.



The Danny Williams/Roger Day Community Group hosted a hamburger cookout and had a baby shower for Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center on May 3, 2017. Jeanna Frye, Director of Life Choices, gave a presentation on the vision and mission of the organization.





HAPPY HEARTS

On May 10th, Happy Hearts met in the fellowship hall for one of our favorite activities! An ole fashioned hymn sing! Rhonda White played the piano, Pat Wallace led the singing, and everyone selected their favorite hymns to sing. Then we sang to our hearts content! We don't get to sing these songs often in our worship services, so it was a special treat for our senior citizens. As our minister said recently in a sermon, we must all learn to be more tolerant of each other's preference when it comes to the songs we sing during our worship services. But at Happy Hearts, we were all of one accord because we all grew up singing these hymns. Some of the familiar hymns selected to sing included *I Love to Tell the Story*, *What a Friend We have in Jesus*, *Blessed Assurance*, *Like a River Glorious*, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, *Take My Life and Let It Be*, *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, *Amazing Grace*, *Onward Christian Soldiers* (a song four of us recall singing as we marched behind the Christian flag into our sanctuary on every fifth Sunday throughout our childhood), *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*, *Showers of Blessings*, *Now I Belong to Jesus*, *My Tribute*, *How Sweet and Awesome is this Place*, *Be Thou My Vision*, *Leaning on The Everlasting Arms*, and *Jesus Loves Me* to name a few.

All hymns are based on a verse of scripture, for instance *I Love To Tell The Story* is based on Psalm 66:16 "I will declare what he has done for my soul". Interestingly enough, Todd spoke to this subject last Sunday morning! *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* is based on Galatians 2:20 and the chorus is "Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!" Hopefully this is our

heartfelt sentiment. *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* is composed from Deuteronomy 33:27, a verse I happened to notice recently in church as we read verses teaching the Law. The third verse, "What have I to dread, what have I to fear.....I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms." The "Trinity Hymnal" doesn't even list the title of the hymn, it lists only the appropriate Bible verse from which the hymn was written. It categorizes hymns by topic. For instance, "Jesus Loves Me" is listed under Children's Hymns. There are four verses to this song and unfortunately most of us only know one. The second verse is "Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let this little child come in." The third verse "Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill; from his shining throne on high comes to watch me where I lie." And finally, the fourth verse, "Jesus loves me, he will stay, close beside me all the way: if I love him, when I die he will take me home on high." It really isn't the melody, the beat, or even the instruments that define the song or determine its worth. Our wise and compassionate minister stated, it is the words that count most! I like that hymn books state the appropriate verse with each hymn.

I have attended this church for almost 70 years and we have been through several different hymn books in our sanctuary. The ones I recall are "The Presbyterian Hymnal", "Trinity Hymnal", "The Psalter", and the red hymnal we presently use, which is a revised edition of the "Trinity Hymnal". Poogie has been here ten years longer and probably can remember others. All this said to indicate that what we sing in church does change. Some of the songs we sang from our red hymnal were not included in the "Trinity Hymnal". It is interesting, isn't it? At any rate, we had a great time singing the songs we love! Thanks so much to Rhonda and Pat who were willing at the last minute to provide a wonderful program! Our

previously planned program didn't materialize, but it couldn't have been any better than this one.

Our meal was somewhat of a surprise - I had never eaten this casserole, but it had been recommended by Julie and our grandson, Whit. I knew they both knew a good meal when they ate it, so I ventured into serving a new recipe. It was a Tamale Casserole. Nell Fleming brought a delicious tossed salad, Anne Barkley and Frances Laws brought lemon desserts. Both were awesome! When all was said and done, I laughed thinking who did the cleaning up - mostly our Baptist friends - Pat Wallace and Anne Barkley! We are really missing our lead dishwasher, Ben Chilcutt, and are looking forward to his returning soon! Johnice was busy too, but she just isn't as effective without Ben! None of us are. Nell helped set and decorate tables, I can't remember what we did, there have been too many table settings since! I truly appreciate everyone's help and know that it takes the whole group to make it happen. Our numbers have been down lately, but we were pleased that Clara Peterson brought Anne Christopher with her. I want to encourage you to bring someone with you. I am so thankful for those who have been faithful to participate for all these years. We have a very special fellowship! Please join us! At the time of this writing I'm not sure about June, but I will let you know when and if we are meeting! I pray for each of you, especially those who are no longer able to attend.



God Bless,
Bess



Women in the Church



May has been a very busy month for WIC. Our new handbooks have been distributed and hopefully you are reading them. There is lots of information and some of it isn't so interesting until you need to know! Then we find ourselves asking questions. Libby Springer told me years ago that people will not read the information you place in their hands. She was correct, but let's prove her wrong this time. Please take time to read your handbook so you will be in the know! I want to thank the ladies who were willing to accept responsibilities as officers, committee chairs, and Bible leaders... And to the many ladies who have assisted with our WIC functions this month! What would we do without you? Please be sure to read the page concerning our budget and consider making a donation.

Our two groups met this month, but will not meet during the summer months. WIC at Night met for dinner and enjoyed a fun time of Christian fellowship, the WIC at Noon group met on the third floor because our scheduled time conflicted with the Farewell to Fours. We expressed our appreciation to our capable teacher, Alice Talley, as well as to our hostesses, Jane Rogowski and Bess Swedenburg. It was an inspirational study and a beautiful luncheon, a blessing for all who attended.

On May 16, we had a really fun meeting at Vitality Spa, 5:30 until 7:30. It was planned to provide a special opportunity for the two groups to meet together and bring friends. It was generous of Dr. Bethany Hairston to share her spa with our group and we appreciate her kindness. Hannah Nail chaired the event and had a great committee consisting of Beth Ensley, Margo Allgood, Meryl Fisackerly, Kimber-Leigh Drown, and Nell Fleming. We enjoyed fresh fruit, assorted cheese and crackers, delicious toasted pecans, mint sweet tea, strawberry and cucumber infused water, and wine. The food table was covered in pinks, purples, and blues with Meryl's flowers the focus. Dr. Anna Woodson talked to us about skin care and possible procedures to consider. Four ladies had their names drawn from a sack for makeovers - Meryl, Margo, Kathyryn, and Hannah. There was not a single

challenge for the cosmetologists, they were all beautiful when they arrived. But they truly were glamorous when they left! Crystal Coleman was the winner of a free massage, something we all envied her of! We are planning other such activities, but this one will be hard to top! If you didn't attend, I hope you will come for our next special activity.

WIC also hosted a Senior Breakfast honoring our high school seniors, Douglas Glenn, Jon Kilpatrick, Olivia Laws, and Reed Hairston and their families on Sunday morning, May 21, in the fellowship hall. Laurie Flora suggested and chaired this special occasion. Her committee consisted of Kimber-Leigh Drown, Anna Woodson, Sandra Pilkinton, Janie Williams, Pat Russell, Shirley Swoope, Clara Peterson, Jean Yelverton, and Nell Fleming. They served a wonderful brunch of breakfast casseroles, grits, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, biscuits, preserves, and jellies. The tables were covered with our white tablecloths and black toppers, an arrangement of oak leaf hydrangea, gardenias, and Queen Anne's lace. Pictures of each of the seniors were also on display. The decorations were very graduation appropriate, as were the personally designed invitations. This too was a fun activity and a special time for everyone involved. And again, it takes lots of people to make these things happen! Thank you to everyone who helped in whatever capacity!

Have a good summer and watch for WIC news, we hope to have a summer activity possibly in July. Remember to meditate or memorize your M&M verses. They are not on summer break! June's verse is Psalm 71:19, "Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God, you have done great things. Who, O God, is like you?"

Bess





NEW NEEDS:

Colleen Meek’s mother
Clara Peterson
Alice Talley’s great nephew, Braxton
VBS Participants

CONTINUING NEEDS:

Our Shut-Ins:

Louise Armstrong
Sadie Brewer
George & Martha Clegg
Verda Laws
Fran Perkins
Dot Pilcher
Jamie Mills
Emily Shull

Jennifer Garner
Phillip Goodwin
Sue Lovegren
Bubbe Yelverton
Edna Mae McCoy
John Mark Russell
Faith Whitlock

President Donald Trump
Officials in Washington
Governor Phil Bryant
Mayor Robert Smith
Police Chief Tony Carleton
Sheriff Mike Aldredge
State and City and County Officials

Helping Hands
Life Choices Pregnancy Center
Palmer Home
All churches and pastors in Columbus

May Volunteers

Nursery

June 4 Meryl Fisackerly
Janie Williams
June 11 Ann Marie Chilcutt
Laurie Flora
June 18 Lauren Zarandona
Kitty Brewer, Olivia Laws
June 25 Marianne Field
Patrick & Morgan Shipp

Ushers

June 4 Gray Flora, Bill Laws,
Stephen Matocha,
Matt White, Ben Woodson
June 11 Grover Allgood, Ray Kilpatrick,
Mike Meharg, Jay Nail,
Patrick Shipp
June 18 Gee Allgood, Roger Day,
Brent Drown, Trip Hairston,
Henry Pilkinton
June 25 Allan Brewer, Phillip Goodwin,
Richard Laws, Russ Russell,
Brad Talley

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COUNTER**

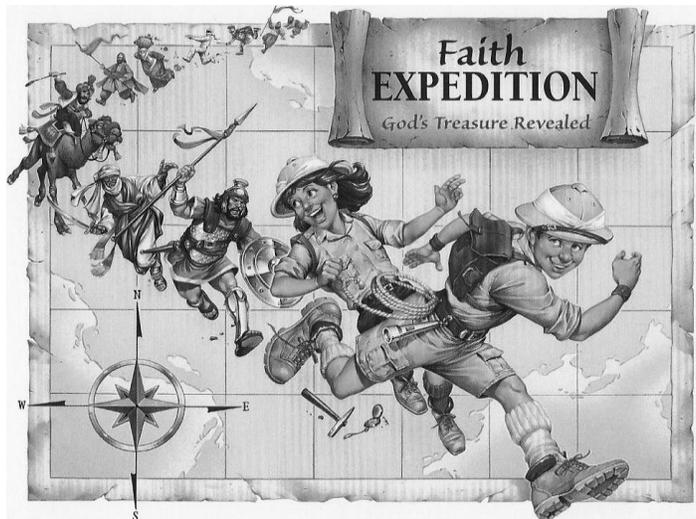
Frank Arnold

Budget Report
May
Offerings this Month
\$20,454.86



Jackson Danner, son of Jim and Susan Danner, has been accepted into the U.S. Military Academy West Point. Jackson was a newborn baby when Jim and Susan accepted the call to be our minister. We watched him grow up, a beautiful little full faced boy with a very kind disposition, curls on top, bare knees in his seer sucker suit. He learned the Catechism and most everything else. Both Jackson and his sister, Jillian, were exceptionally gifted intellectually. Their mother homeschooled them and must have done an amazing job! I'm told it is very rare for a child who has been homeschooled from kindergarten through 12th grade to be accepted into our military academies. Jackson's SAT scores were extremely high, which made a huge difference. He had some difficulty meeting the sports team requirement, since school teams had not been available to him in Valdosta, GA. As his mother wrote, "Ultimately though, it was God's plan for him and we are very excited." There is a newspaper article and picture of Jackson on our bulletin board. Also, you will find a "Peek from the Past" picture that includes Jackson and several of our young people who are still attending Main Street Presbyterian Church.

Join us for VBS at Main Street



Faith Expedition ~ God's Treasure Revealed

Location: Main Street Presbyterian Church

Date: June 26-30 Time: 9:00 – 12:00

Ages: Children having completed K4 – 5th Grade

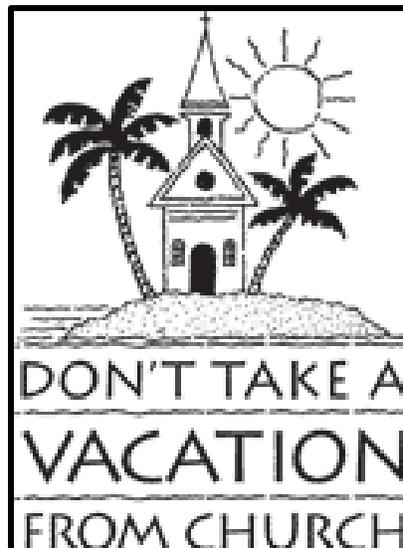
Pre-register at www.mainstreetpres.org or

Complete a registration form at the church office

For more information call 662-328-2523

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Verda Laws Lucas White	2 Asher Bragan Robin & Betty Weaver	3 Meghan Matocha Vee & Beth Ferguson
4 Dr. Ben Gladd (Visiting Minister) John & Beth Ensley	5	6 Roger & Joy Day	7	8	9	10
11 Communion PM Please return your Faith Promise Pledge cards today.	12	13	14	15	16	17
	General Assembly					
		Frank & Robyn Arnold	Lydia Duncan Rhonda White Ed & Rhonda White		Robert Glenn Ron & Linda Simpson	Kitty Brewer Gray Flora
18 Rev. Bill Heard (Visiting Minister) Father's Day Brad Talley	19 Missions Committee Meeting 6 PM Jonathan Crandall Richard & Nell Fleming	20 Allan Brewer Nicholas Hairston	21	22	23	24 Phillip Goodwin
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Vacation Bible School - "Faith Expedition" - (9 - 12 daily)					
				Trip & Bethany Hairston		



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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Church Officer Prayer Time

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Thursday Schedule

Weekly Prayer Meeting at Noon