

July 2020

Main Street Presbyterian Church

The Main Thing

A Life Lesson from Job

Pastor Matocha

Job experienced severe trials in his life. Trials that, for most of us, are unimaginable. He went from riches to rags. From a life of privilege and blessing, to a life stripped of all creaturely comforts. He lost his children, his possessions, his health, and his friends. Had God abandoned him? Why did God allow such terrible things to happen to him? Did he do something to deserve such treatment? As we read the story of Job, we are led to ask why?

We are facing difficult times. A virus is spreading throughout the world. Racial tensions are at a high. Many in our congregation are facing personal difficulties of various kinds. What is going on? God, where are you? God, why are you allowing these things to happen? God, when will it end? Are we going to see another spike in virus cases leading to another shutdown? Will changes in society reduce racism, or only stir up more hatred? We, like Job, want answers.

Job asks God for answers. He learns an important lesson near the end of the book. Beginning in chapter 38, God begins to question Job. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding." (Job 38:4) "Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right? Have you an arm like God and can you thunder with a voice like his?" (Job 40:7-9) God does not give Job an answer. God refuses to explain Himself, and His providential dealings with His creatures.

Job learns that his calling is to trust and obey God. It is not his business to understand why God does what God does. He must trust that God is good and does good in His creation. In the final chapter of the book Job says, "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted...I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42:2, 5-6) We don't have the answers to why things are as they are. We don't know why God is doing what He is doing. What we need to do is trust the Lord with all our heart and know that He is good. The lesson Job is teaching us can be summed up in the words of the 17th century hymn-

What e'er my God ordains is right:

His holy will abideth;

I will be still what e'er he doth,

And follow where he guideth.

He is my God; though dark my road,

He holds me that I shall not fall:

Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

(Samuel Rodigast, 1675)

TIME FOR SOME ART

We Have Missed YOU!

Get your creative juices flowing and put the artist in you to task!!
Come join your friends at Main Street and have fun with "Miss" Shirley
creating your very own masterpiece!

Dates & Times: July 14 - 16; 9:00-11:30

Age Groups: *Having completed

Tuesday, July 14: *K4 - 1st Grade

Wednesday, July 15: *2nd - 4th Grade

Thursday, July 16: *5th & 6th Grade

Maximum number of children per age group is 10.

Let us know if you can attend and we will sign you up!

mspcedu@gmail.com 662-574-5303 - Colleen



LET'S PUT ON A SHOW!

PUPPETS WITH "MISS" IVY!!

When: Wednesday, July 29 - Friday, July 31

Time: 9:00 - 11:30

Age Groups: Having completed K4 - 2nd Grade, Grades 3 - 5

Using songs from Seeds Family Worship, children will learn choreography that reinforces basic puppetry skills while memorizing the Scripture song! The groups will rotate between puppetry and music.

Maximum number of children per age group is eight,
so, reserve your spot soon! Call/Text Colleen at
662-574-5303 or email at mspcedu@gmail.com

On Friday, July 31, at 11:30, parents are invited to watch what their puppeteers have learned!



July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4  INDEPENDENCE <i>Day</i>
5 <i>Jay & Hannah Nail</i>	6	7	8	9 Robin Tait	10 Joshua Crandall	11 <i>Armand & Jelaine Fondren</i>
12 Communion	13 Jon Thomas Kilpatrick	14 <i>Ben & Ann Chilcutt</i>	15 <i>Charles & Shirley Swoope</i>	16	17	18 Roger Day Fran Laws
19	20 <i>Doug & Jean Yelverton</i>	21 Jacob Matocha	22	23 Nathan Kilpatrick	24 Jan Swoope Jon & Lauren Zarandona	25
26 Frances Glenn Dean Harris	27 Anthony Lovegren Clara Peterson <i>Ray & Amy Kilpatrick</i>	28 Lilla Allgood	29	30 <i>Matthew & Jennifer White</i>	31	





Women in the Church

Tracy Elgersma

We are so very thankful that church services have started back up for corporate worship. Women's Bible Study has started back up for the summer, and our thankfulness grows. The group is studying "Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You" by John MacArthur. We have been meeting at Bethany Hairston's house, 1804 Pine Knoll Dr, at 7pm on Tuesdays. Due to COVID 19 concerns, the group meets outdoors whenever the weather permits. We would be delighted if you were able to join us.



FAITH PROMISE

2020

\$45,000 Operational Goal

Continues current pledge levels

\$55,000 Praise Goal

Would represent growth

\$65,000 Hallelujah Goal

Would reach historical high

Pledges as of June 30, 2020

\$23,950



Praise:

Nell Fleming (recovering from knee surgery)

Prayer:

MSPC Elders and Deacons

Our Shut-Ins:

Louise Armstrong

Betty Weaver

Phillip Goodwin

Debbie Jenkins

John Mark Russell

Billy Swedenburg

Faith Whitlock

President Donald Trump

Officials in Washington

Governor Tate Reeves

Mayor Robert Smith

Police Chief Fred Shelton

Sheriff Eddie Hawkins

State, City, and County Officials

Helping Hands

Life Choices Pregnancy Center

Palmer Home

All Churches and Pastors in Columbus

Coronavirus

The financial pressures of small
business owners, our congregation,
and local businesses

The financial needs of the Church

Budget Report

June Offerings

\$ 33,838

“For

I KNOW

the plans

I have for you,”

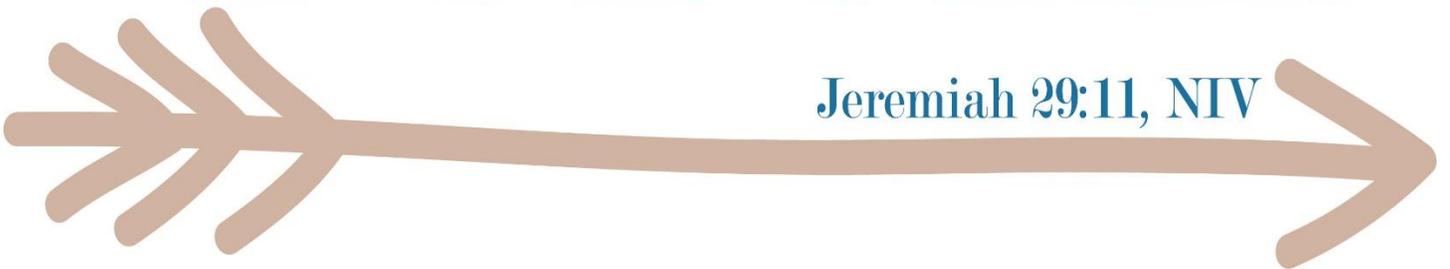
declares the LORD,

“... plans to give you

HOPE and a

FUTURE.”

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV



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Sunday Schedule
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

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