



MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

THE MAIN ARTERY

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Main Street Baptist Church

Sunday School- 10AM

Church Service- 11AM

Evening Service- 6PM

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

September Events

August	
5	Stephanie Howard
12	Priscilla Pease
15	Pastor Luke Beattie
20	Tabatha Reed
26	Janet Blakeney

September	
1	Anna Kalivoda
9	Doug Johnson
16	Jessica Carl
23	Ed Pease



August Anniversaries

August 17th – Pastor Timothy & Peggy Bennett, 50th anniversary

August 26th - Rick and Amy Allen, 29th anniversary

August 26th - Janet & Gordon Blakeney, 35th anniversary



Congratulations to all the couples!



Announcing the arrival of Eleanor Margaret Mae Ciacelli born to Adam and Olivia Ciacelli on July 3rd, 2024. Congratulations to mom, dad, big sister Audrey, and grandparents Daniel and Margaret Fassett!



Announcing the arrival of Aurora Heaven Merwin born to Heather Merwin on September 11th , 2024. Congratulations to mom, big siblings Cora, Alex, Derek, Caitlin, and Lilly, and grandma Virginia Dewer!

September 8, Rally Day- We are kicking off our Sunday School for the start of the new school year!



September 17th, Pastor's Book Club – Everything Sad Is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri. Read through page 114

September 21st, Good News Club Training – Grace Point Church 9am-2pm



September 22nd, First Day of Fall



September 29th, Hymn Sing at 6PM.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Main Street Church Family,

Thank you all very much for the meals, gifts, cards, and most of all prayers for Eleanor and I! Your support helped my family and I a great deal while I was healing from having Ellie and taking care of our sweet new baby. We were greatly blessed by each of you! We love you all!

Love,

Olivia, Adam, Audrey, and Eleanor

Prayer Request

Moses asks for prayer for the people of South Sudan which has natural disasters and also man- made disasters with which to contend. The Dinka people are marauding and killing in the area, taking people prisoner and causing much fear among the residents. Farmers are no longer planting, people are having to leave their homes and flee to a refugee camp, just general

mayhem has ensued.. To complicate things, heavy flooding has caused failure of crops, contamination of water supplies, and loss of life.

REPORT FROM RANDY FORTRAN ON PROJECT ZAWADI

On August 18th 2024, Randy Fortran met with the Mission Committee to report on the progress of Project Zawadi in Tanzania. It all started in 2014 when his sister, Rhonda traveled through the area and found a group of about 30 kids sitting on the ground under a tree, and being taught. In speaking to the teacher, she found that there wasn't a school building and some of the children had walked for 2 hours to get there. Most of the kids live with a grandmother as mothers had to leave the area to get work. Fathers are largely absent.

Being inspired to help, Rhonda worked to raise money to build a school there and in 2018, one was built by the locals. In the intervening years, 1 building grew into 7 classrooms. The family went in May to see the progress. 300 people met them, much to their surprise. The government has gotten involved and it oversees and has been a model for other school systems around the country. Now, there are 700 children in attendance, most underwritten by the Project with people sponsoring one or more children. A well has been dug and solar panels installed to run the well pump. Clean water has helped to limit the diseases from water pollution. There is now 20 acres of irrigated land that serves the entire village. The kids are fed. 6 apartments have been built to house teachers, some from the U.S. There are mentoring programs teaching welding, sewing, and electrical work. English is taught. Teachers are being trained and there are books and other teaching guides available. They do not have a religious component to their teaching, but there is a very active Catholic Church in the region, so many families have a chance to find out about God's provision in Jesus for their salvation.

The Fortran family continues to raise money in unique ways. Rhonda gathers cans and bottles and gets money from recycling programs. Some recyclers add another 1 cent per can to help the cause. A homeless shelter gives her all they collect. Randy used to help people relocate, trucking families across the country. He found that many couldn't take everything and asked him to take what they couldn't load, which he did. He is establishing a second hand store to sell all these used items of furniture to help support Project Zawadi. The family has raised \$70,000.



“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” 2 Corinthians 9:10 (ESV)