

MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School- 10AM

Church Service- 11AM

Evening Service- 6PM

*"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and
beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:28-30 (ESV)*

April Church News

On April 13th was Palm Sunday.

On April 17th we had our Maundy Thursday service,

On April 18th we had our Good Friday service in which we remember the crucifixion of our Savior Jesus Christ.

On April 19th we had our first Holy Saturday service in which we read parts of the Bible, read responsive readings, and got to slow down and remember all Jesus did for us.

On April 20th, we had our Easter service, and it was a wonderful time of rejoicing and praising Jesus for raising from the dead.

On April 29th, Pastors Book Club met and discussed Mere Christianity Books 1 and 2.

May Events



May	
11	Amy Allen
12	Reg Dunneman
13	Chris Luckert
15	Bob James
18	Rick Allen
27	Joe Kotylo

May Anniversaries:

May 30th, Tammy & Mike Giovinazzo, 44 Years!

May 31st, Cindy & John Petito, 28 Years!



May 11th, Mother's Day.

After worship on Sunday, May 18, we invite you to stay for a soup and sandwich luncheon and hear an inspiring update from our supported missionaries, Thomas and Erin Rodrigues. They'll be sharing how God is moving on college campuses through their ministry with Cru in Queens, NYC.

Sign up after the service today so we have a loose headcount.



May 24th, Talent Show, 5PM, Sponsored by the Deaconesses. Please start thinking about what talents you could show off. Please let us know by May 4th what talent you'd like to present. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Acts are limited to 5 minutes. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids. Hope to see everyone there!



May 26th, Memorial Day.

May 27th, Pastor's Book Club, 10AM, They are reading Mere Christianity Book 3 and will be discussing it during the meeting.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please be in prayer for our own Diane Runion. She had a stroke on April 19th. She is recovering but as we know these things take time. Please pray for her healing, strength to return, and for her to feel the love we all have for her. Also remember her children Amanda, Andrew, and Eric as they support her recovery.

Good News Club

Good News Club is where Gail, Jeanette, Tabitha, Tammy, Pastor Luke, and I (Nate) teach children from Horace Mann Elementary about the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The club is from 2:45-3:45 on Tuesdays. In that time we start off with prayer and snack. Then we watch a video about a story from the Gospel, like Jesus feeding the 5,000 or Jesus being arrested. After the video we let the kids ask any question they might have about the video. Next we move into the activities that are connected to the video. The kids each go to two activities. The activity could be a game, a bible lesson, memorizing a verse, or a coloring sheet with puzzles. We have 21 children in grades from TK to fifth.

Now I would like to tell you about a few of the children. There is Zion, who has had major improvement in behavior and has memorized a verse. Zion's favorite verse that he has memorized is John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Then there is Kurt who is in TK and was able to tell us about the crucifixion. And recently we have had the children participate in the opening prayer. We've had Zion, Bella, and Jaleel participate in opening prayer.

There have been ups and downs with the group but I feel that there has been meaningful progress with the group and that we have had a positive impact on these children's lives. And all praise and glory to God for any success we have had and/or with teaching these children the Good News. And if any of you would like to join us to help in the future a school year, even for just one week, we'd be glad to have you.

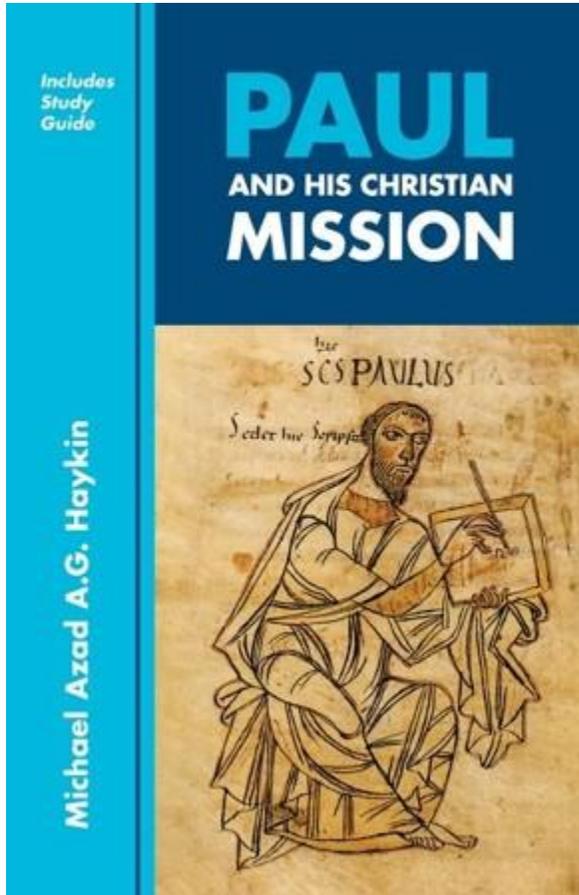
Submitted Nathaniel Allen

Charles Spurgeon on the Month of May

"His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers." Song of Solomon 5:13

Lo, the flowery month is come! March winds and April showers have done their work, and the earth is all bedecked with beauty. Come my soul, put on thine holiday attire and go forth to gather garlands of heavenly thoughts. Thou knowest whither to betake thyself, for to thee "the beds of spices" are well known, and thou hast so often smelt the perfume of "the sweet flowers," that thou wilt go at once to thy well-beloved and find all loveliness, all joy in him. That cheek once so rudely smitten with a rod, oft bedewed with tears of sympathy and then defiled with spittle-- that cheek as it smiles with mercy is as fragrant aromatic to my heart. Thou didst not hide thy face from shame and spitting, O Lord Jesus, and therefore I will find my dearest delight in praising thee. Those cheeks were furrowed by the plough of grief, and crimsoned with red lines of blood from thy thorn-crowned temples; such marks of love unbounded cannot but charm my soul far more than "pillars of perfume." If I may not see the whole of his face I would behold his cheeks, for the least glimpse of him is exceedingly refreshing to my spiritual sense and yields a variety of delights. In Jesus I find not only fragrance, but a bed of spices; not one flower, but all manner of sweet flowers. He is to me my rose and my lily, my heartsease and my cluster of camphire. When he is with me it is May all the year round, and my soul goes forth to wash her happy face in the morning-dew of his grace, and to solace herself with the singing of the birds of his promises. Precious Lord Jesus, let me in very deed know the blessedness which dwells in abiding, unbroken fellowship with thee. I am a poor worthless one, whose cheek thou hast deigned to kiss! O let me kiss thee in return with the kisses of my lips.

From the May 1st morning entry of C. H. Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening*



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evening session. Pick one session to attend. Dates still to be determined. Please let Pastor Luke know if you are interested.

Come join us this Summer for a six-week Bible study discussing *Paul and His Christian Mission*.

Over the six weeks we will read the portions of Acts covering the life of Paul as well as his thirteen letters in the New Testament.

We will discuss together six major aspects of Paul's mission: Conversion, Love, Evangelistic Zeal, Prayer, Co-workers, and the Holy Spirit. Then we will think together how these same traits might aid us as we seek to live on mission for Christ today.

The study will be taught by Pastor Luke Beattie and will utilize the book *Paul and His Christian Mission* by Michael Azad A.G. Haykin, church history professor at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY and also at Heritage College and Seminary in Cambridge, ON, Canada.

Depending on interest, the study will be offered two times a week, a morning session and an