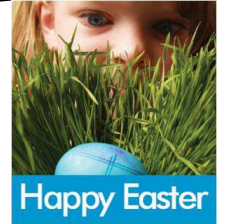


MAIN STREET NEWS!



Happy Easter



I sat down yesterday to write on my little piece of paper the thing that I am going to put in the garbage can on Good Friday. I am struggling with a few things to put on it ... I may have to get a bigger piece of paper.

The last five weeks we have been doing a series called SpringCleaning, We have been asking God to search us and show us if there is anything in our lives that He wants to deal with (catch up by listening to the sermons online).
 Maybe a sin we have been trying to keep under wraps
 Maybe a broken relationship we have been avoiding
 Maybe spiritual complacency
 Maybe a hurt we have been carrying around too long
 Many of you have taken time to do this exercise and I think Easter is going to be more meaningful because you have.

For me it has been a hard exercise. Not because there is nothing for God to show me but its not exactly fun to have God show you parts of your life that he is not pleased with, or sin that we have passed off as "no big deal." But, here is what has kept me going – the possibility of freedom!

On Good Friday we are going to have everyone write down on a piece of paper whatever it is that God has shown them, and when we come down for communion we are going to throw it in the garbage. It's going to feel great!!

But that is not the end. With our hands now empty, we are going to be able to pick up the bread and the cup. Symbols of freedom! Symbols of God's power to transform us.

Easter.

If you are a follower of Jesus, the promise for you is that the same power that was at work raising Jesus back to life can be at work in us. Think about that for a second. The same power God exerted into Jesus' physical body to make his heart start beating again, to make the blood start flowing, to repair the damages done by the crucifixion, to overflow him with life – is available to you and I.

This is good news for a church in the middle of a major transition. It is good news to a church that will be overflowing into Millidgeville to invite the entire community to join us Easter Sunday. It is good news for people who feel as though God has likely given up on them. It's good news for you if God has revealed something to you that he wants to deal with and you have been wondering if he is powerful enough.

Join us Good Friday & Easter Sunday!
 Pastor Rob Nylén

Greater THINGS UPDATE:

1. We now have over \$250 000 in an investment which means we will receive a higher interest rate, 4%. Thanks for honouring your pledges.
 2. It looks like we are going to settle at a total pledge amount of \$1.5 million. The leadership feel that the maximum mortgage we can handle is \$1 million. This means we feel confident at moving forward with a new project amount of \$2.5 million.
 3. The Design & Construction team are now using this \$2.5 million as their price point for Phase 1 of Forbes Drive. They are working with Bird Construction to come up with a few options at this price. Once this redesign work is complete they will be able to bring it to the congregation for input.
 4. We have decided we will not begin construction of the Forbes Drive facility until we have 75% of pledged funds in hand (\$1,125,00). This will act as a tipping point and something for us to work towards as a congregation. Note: we are already 1/5th of the way there.
 5. The 211 Team has started an envisioning process to determine the future ministry of our Community Outreach Ministries. This phase of the envisioning process is largely defined by consultations with other agencies working here in the Old North End.
 6. Senior's Housing: Things seem to be moving in the right direction and we hope to have something concrete to announce in the next 60 days.
- Thank you again for your encouragement and support. Please pray for those giving leadership to these areas that God would grant them wisdom.

Learn To Run Program

We've designed a 12-week program based on a walk / run format, with the goal to progress to the point where you can comfortably exercise for 30 minutes or more! There is a great deal of flexibility in the program, where everyone can find a level that they feel comfortable with. We have a walking group, a beginners group and an intermediate group.

The walking program will start slowly and gradually build in both time and intensity. For the runners you'll notice a gradual progression in which the walking time decreases as the running time slowly increases.



Winter Youth Retreat '10

by Dave Gero

Relationship building, campfire songs, tubing, night games, great food, learning more about God's love for us, staying up late, getting up very early, skating, hockey, worshipping with a wonderful band from Bethany Bible College, hiking to an ice cave, small groups, board games, and being real. From a youth leader's perspective, the Winter Youth Retreat was all this and more. It's no wonder the youth of MSBC look forward to this weekend every year!

From a spiritual point of view, our youth pastor, Renee, did a great job at explaining God's love for the world. Our youth learned, through many worship-filled sessions, that Christ has paid the price for our sins and it is simply our choice to come to Him. "Will you come to Him?" The band that led us in worship connected with the youth; they helped us find moments where we were able to forget ourselves, focus on, and feel the love of God. Those are the kinds of moments in our busy lives that tend to be few and far between. What a blessing for the children of our church to be able to take part!

On a relational level, I was impressed with the way the senior and middle school youth put aside age and background differences and became a real example of a church family. I don't think I've ever seen a group of kids with such differences in age get along so well and work together to create such fun experiences. The retreat became a way to build relationships among young believers - from encouraging each other during a long hike; to cheering on the pile of kids on the next tube; to having intimate sharing moments in small group. Not to mention, the incredible impact that kind of friendship can have on any kids who haven't yet trusted Christ as Saviour.

To all those in the church who supported the youth - whether as parents or caregivers or to those who gave anonymously of their time and money - please know that it was all worth it. Going into the weekend I didn't know what to expect - a winter weekend with teenagers? Having come through it, I realize that the Winter Retreat is so important to our church's young people. Please keep the tradition going and we'll see you all next winter!



I've been coming to Main Street since I was a baby. I have so much fun at Main Street with all the Sunday School Teachers and all the Son City teachers and they have all taught me so much about Jesus.



One day over the Christmas holidays I was lying in my bed thinking about all the people that had been baptized so, I thought that I could too. I know its important because I want to show that I am a follower of Jesus and that the Holy Spirit is in my heart. I am so thankful that Jesus gave his life to wash away my sins and I promise that I am going to follow him all my days.

I have a favorite Bible verse that I learned in Sunday School with Fred and Micah it is, 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you."
- Elijah Bambury

I've been going to church ever since I was a baby. One of my earliest memories is actually going to Sunday School with one of my best friends. When I was about seven years old I even started taking a baptism class with some of the older kids at my church, but before I could finish the course and get baptized, my family moved from Summerside to Saint John.



When I was nine or ten I realized that I had yet to ask Jesus into my heart. I prayed and accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour. It's taken us a while to find a church that is a good fit for the whole family. Thoughts of baptism were therefore removed from my mind. I still continued to go to Sunday School though. I had also been going to a Christian Camp for a few years and that's where things changed.

Last summer, when I went to camp, we had various devotions and lessons, probably five or six times a day. I found that helped me focus better on the lessons and get more out of them. Then something big happened.

On day, during cabin devotion, which was just before rest time, my cabin got into a discussion. We talked about many things, most of us forgetting about rest time. As we sat on the cabin floor, we

talked about random stuff and past experiences, but we also talked about the Trinity, baptism and other Biblical stuff. Little did I know that that discussion would play a big part in my future.

The week before I went to camp, my family started looking for a new church and stumbled across Main Street Baptist. My whole family seemed to like it. Two weeks later when I was back from camp, we went again. After that my parents decided to stay at Main Street.

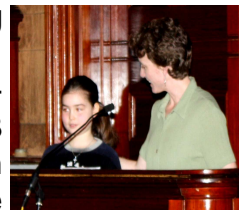
Now my whole family is getting involved with Main Street. We all go to Sunday School, I go to youth group and I'm on the drama team. One night at youth group we learned about prayer. During our small groups we practiced our own prayers. In my prayer, I prayer for God to give me the courage and the opportunity to talk to Renée about getting baptized. My prayer was answered in about ten or twenty minutes.

A couple of weeks later I met with Renée during Sunday School. We talked about baptism and how when we accept Jesus into our lives He cleans us inside and out. Not long after that I told my best friends about my baptism and they were pretty happy. Amanda even agreed to read my testimony for me.

Now I am about to get baptized and all I can think about is how amazing the Lord is.

- Hannah Ingalls

I'm 8 years old. I have been going to church ever since I was a baby. Sometimes I have a hard time believing God is there. When I was 3 I asked Jesus into my heart. When I was 5 I didn't think God heard me so I did it again. My mom was always talking about when she was baptized, so I wanted to be baptized. When Ben was baptized, I wanted to be even more. Then my friends got baptized and I talked to my mom about it. I talked to Renée. Then I asked Melissa when I could start baptism classes. My favourite Bible verse is Jesus' first miracle. Now that I am a Christian I will try to follow God forever. I want to be baptized because I asked Jesus into my heart, I love God and I think everyone should follow Him. He has helped me in so many ways, like when I had a flat tire and when I'm at school doing a test.



- Grace Comeau

SPRING, 2010 SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT ELECTIVES

March 28 to June 20, 2010

“Building Up New Believers”

Facilitators: George & Lydia Tong

This Sunday School class taught in Mandarin will introduce a series of biblical messages for building up new believers.



“Crazy Love”

Facilitators : Pastor Rob Nylan and Rob Hetherington



Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts — it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone it changes everything.



“Life Healing Choices” Women's Class

Facilitator: Amy Hatt



Join Rick Warren in Life's Healing Choices DVD curriculum - a personal growth campaign based on The Beatitudes. This class will help people find freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits.

“1 Thessalonians: A Spiritual Road Map in a Mixed Up World”

Facilitator: Angela Marr

A Spiritual Road Map in a Mixed Up World, a DVD study of 1 Thessalonians,. Participants will work through thought provoking questions and discussion prompting them to unpack the spiritual road map prepared for the Thessalonians and to engage in deeper study, application and prayer.



“I Promise” (1st Half of Term)

Facilitators: Jim & Marj Shaw



The DVD sessions by Drs. Gary and Greg Smalley, will help you to develop a marriage where you both have the freedom to be open & secure without fear of being criticized, blamed or judged by each other. Learn how to make your marriage a safe place where your relationship grows deeper naturally.

“Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference” (2nd Half of Term)

Facilitator: Dawn Dyer

The DVD based class where author Philip Yancey probes the very heartbeat of the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing and deeply rewarding aspect of our relationship with God: prayer. What is prayer? How does it work? And more importantly, does it work? Explore the mysterious intersection where God and humans meet and relate.





Schedule

Good Friday, April 2nd

6:30 p.m.

Children's Good Friday Service

Good Friday Communion Service

Easter Sunday, April 4th

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Worship Services

Special children's program provided during the services by the
SonCity and Sunday School teams.

Easter Offering - Every Sunday there are people who visit our church for the very first time! Main Street has a vision of being a welcoming church to those who visit us for the first time so they can hear the good news of God's redemptive love! Therefore this year we are going to designate our Easter offering towards ministries that allow us to both reach out and also welcome our guests. This will be an opportunity for us to go the second mile. This year's Easter offering will go to: upgrading our welcome centre, print materials, a new church bulletin, video screens to help direct our first time guests, and the creation of a parking ministry. We are excited to see this important aspect of our outreach grow and are grateful for your ongoing support.

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