

Just Christians Missions

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in the States and Cuba



During these difficult times, be reminded that the Lord is always with you.

"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known Him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (1 John 2:12-14).

John writes to these people calling them his children because it is part of his work to be an encourager in the Lord. He writes to them to remind them of the blessings that they have in Christ and for them not to forget that they have overcome the evil one (Satan). He tells the older men that they have known Him from the beginning, most likely many of them witnessed Christ here on earth. John tells the stronger young men to listen to the witness accounts of the Christ and don't let the problems of the day drag them down because they have already overcome Satan. Don't let him drag you back into hopelessness.

As missionaries sometimes we tend to get caught up in the numbers. How many baptisms, people attending preacher schools, people helped, how much given, where the money goes.

This is necessary in our work, even Paul gave an account. It seems that in this time of the COVID-19 virus, it has become much like John's time, a period of encouragement even though it has to be done at a distance: six feet, over the phone, or computer, even the written word. But it has become more prevalent, not only for those in our various works but also between those engaging in the works. This world needs encouragers. The church needs encouragers. We all need encouragement. Remember to encourage someone today, tomorrow, and on.

Allow us to introduce you to some of our family in Christ at North Main Street in the following pages.

Brother Edwin Boger was a great encourager of the church and to me. He passed this month and he will not soon be forgotten. He was a champion of Carolina Bible Camp and loved children. He sent notes of encouragement to our college students, visited the shut-ins and gave many a bag of cantaloupe, tomatoes and corn away. He had the heart of a giver. A true soldier of the cross.



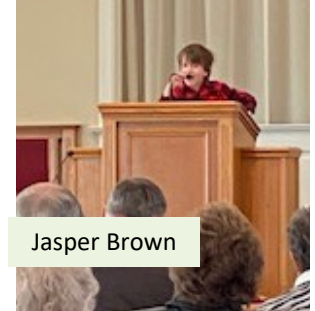
Our little guys have been learning to lead songs and say prayers with help from Matt Langfield our preacher at North Main Street.



Dakota McDowell



Cash Maurer



Jasper Brown

Below are just a few of our church cuties that we are missing these days. We thought we would share.



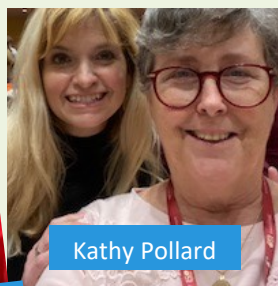
Freed-Hardeman Lectures...a great place to see friends.



High school friend
Jill Sharpe Wilson



Jack & Lindsey Lipsey



Kathy Pollard



Al & Ann Simmons



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shelton
Robert is who we travel to Cuba with. He has been going for over 30 years.

By the time August rolls around we will all be desperate for great fellowship so think about joining us at PTP this year. Hope to see you there.

Contributions/Distribution for 4 months

Abilene	400
Hinton	400
Lexington	600
N. Main	1000
Highland Acers	800

Anonymous	400
Dulls support	2200
Sent to Cuba	1200



Thanks to our elders and to everyone that helps with this work. We love you guys! Gary & Deborah

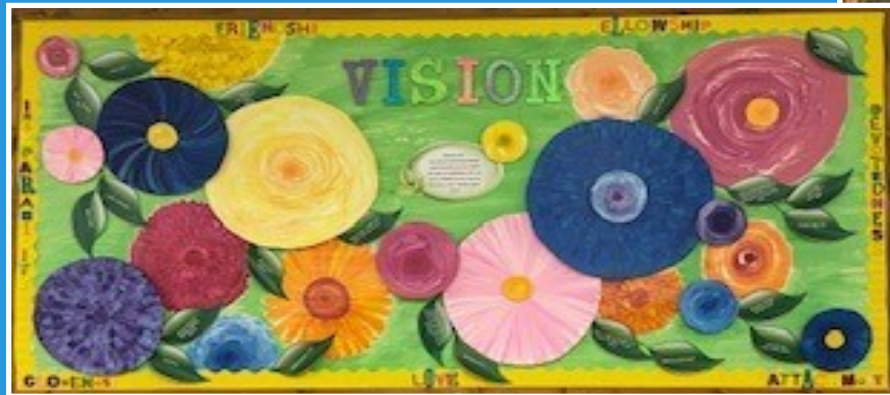
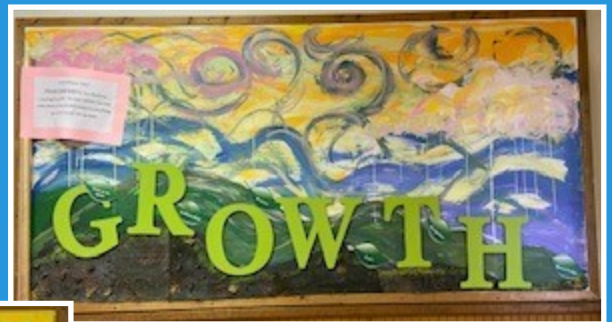
Our world ... which, as you know, goes from Hinton, West Virginia to South Carolina and includes Cuba ... went no where except by phone.

So what is happening? The church in Colon, Cuba is not meeting. As of this morning we have heard there are 50 new cases of COVID-19 each day in Cuba. We have been able to send funds to the church in Colon to help feed families there. We heard from the Tazwell church of Christ this morning also. Since there are only ten members, they are continuing to meet. Facebook Live is what the church at North Main is using for online worship. We have one of our sisters come worship with us in our home. We are like everyone else and have found plenty to do. It's just not a lot of up close church work.

Bulletin Boards at North Main Street. We hope they inspire you.

All the leaves have our ideas that we want to do this year.

- A visitation program
- Adopt a family to help
- Craft night
- Weekly card ministry
- Postcards for visitors and those who miss services
- Service project for our community, like free water bottles (in our front yard) during parades with our name on them.
- Marriage retreat



- Visitor bags
- Back to school kickoff
- Visitation day at the nursing home
- Bowling with the church family
- Parents night out
- Little kids game & movie night
- Meals for shut-ins
- Adopt a bulletin board in a classroom
- Family camping trip



Cherishing the small stuff!



Seeing Julie Langfield the (preacher's wife) at Walmart. It was so hard not to HUG.

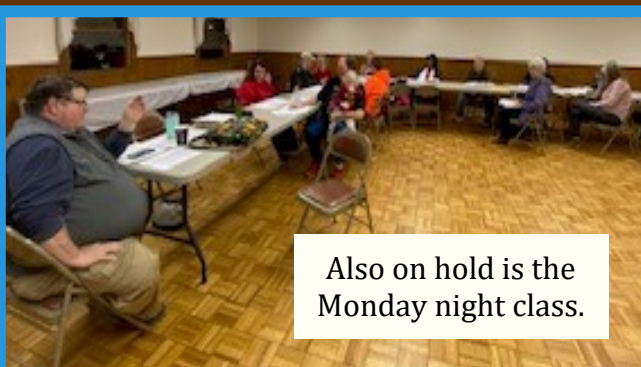
PARENTS NIGHT OUT

One of our programs at North Main Street was to give our parents a night out (date night) so from 3-7pm, the kids ate spaghetti dinner, played lots of games, and planted jelly beans. The following morning the jelly beans sprouted lollipops. You need a super hero for an event like this and Jimmy Snow was ours. He knows all the cool kid games.



COVID-19 has put many things on hold.

North Main Street Ladies class for the Digging Deep study before COVID-19.



Also on hold is the Monday night class.

