

MAIN STREET TALK



ADVENT SERIES

A Good & Perfect Gift: Wisdom

What's on your Christmas list this year? What gifts will you give your children? As we hit the malls in search of treasures this Christmas, let's ponder the gift our Heavenly Father most enjoys giving his children!

God once offered King Solomon any divine gift he desired, and he put *wisdom* at the top of his wishlist – over power, success, and other worldly things.

In the New Testament, James (the brother of Jesus) declares that "every good and perfect gift comes from God" (Jas. 1:17) and "if anyone lacks wisdom they should ask God who gives generously" (Jas. 1:5).

We are living in an information-rich, wisdom-starved age. Join us this Advent season as we "unwrap" all the treasures of the "wisdom from above" (James 3:17) that God longs to give all his children!

Series: Dec. 4, 11, 18 & 24



The Future is Now!

While MainStreet may not be growing *large* right now, we are certainly growing *young*! We average about 60 in worship but have 25 regular kids (ages 0-12) who are growing bigger each day! Three "belly babies" are also on the way!

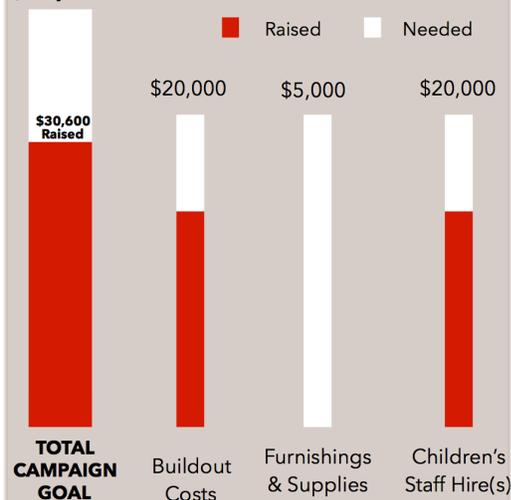
Sadly, a recent conversation went like this: "We're new to the area and looking for a church home. We've heard good things about MainStreet, but looking at your kids' space I can see you don't have room for our family with 5 kids." It's hard to grow a church when you can't accommodate new families' children!

Thankfully, the space next door recently became available. We just signed a lease to begin building out new classrooms off our existing kids' hallway.

We are inviting MainStreeters and our mission partners to help us raise funds for this project. God has already overwhelmed us with financial gifts enabling us to add a future children's ministry staff hire to the budget as well. See other side for ways you can participate.

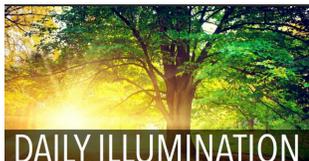
The Future is Now. Kid's Ministry Funding Campaign

\$45,000



NEW YEAR'S | 10AM Coffee with Jesus

Join us for worship **January 1** and eavesdrop on Pastor Jeremy's annual "heart to heart" conversation with Jesus.



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Adopt-A-Family

MainStreet is partnering with WeCAN to adopt two families in need this season. Pick up details at MainStreet with a wishlist for each child & family. Drop off unwrapped gifts at St. John's Monday, Dec. 12 (9-1) or Tuesday, Dec. 13 (2-6:30).

Talk to Melissa Jones to participate.

Congregational Meeting



JANUARY 29 | 11:30AM

Winter LifeCourse: January 12-March 2

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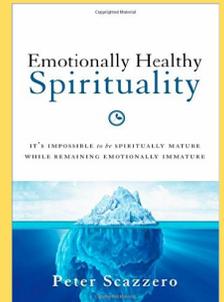
HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY

CHURCH-WIDE INITIATIVE

This January we'll embark on a church-wide initiative asking all to participate in a special LifeCourse meeting at MainStreet for 8 consecutive Thursday nights. Each session will provide dinner, childcare, teaching and table discussions. (*Huddles* will be part of each gathering, too).

The Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course (EHS) addresses the reality that emotional maturity and spiritual maturity are inseparable. "Its impossible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature." The EHS Course moves us through 8 powerful sessions:

- The Problem of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality
- Know Yourself That You May Know God
- Going Back in Order to Go Forward
- Journey Through the Wall
- Enlarge Your Soul Through Grief and Loss
- Discover the Rhythms of the Daily Office and Sabbath
- Grow Into an Emotionally Healthy Adult
- Go the Next Step to Develop a "Rule of Life"



Get the book today and get a jump start on our journey!

We believe this course will lay a foundation that we'll be building upon for years to come. We urge all MainStreeters to attend. Course will run on Thursdays (January 12 - March 2) from 6:30-8:30pm. Dinner and childcare provided.

How can I contribute? *Consider 4 ways:*

#1 Campaign Pledge:

Increase your regular monthly giving in 2017 to include 'above & beyond' pledge toward this campaign. *E.g., extra \$50/mo x 12 = \$600 annual pledge.*

#2 Sacrificial Gift:

Don't have any extra? Barely breaking even each month? Consider sacrificing a regular expense to give to this ministry instead. (e.g., cable TV, Caribou, etc.)

#3 Wish List Gift:

Can you save up to help us purchase items off the furnishings wish list below? You give a check toward a particular item and we'll purchase it with your funds.

#4 Kids' Savings Challenge: Use this opportunity to teach your children about tithing & biblical stewardship by collecting coins, foregoing 'Happy Meals' to give to project, etc. Be creative & give your kids ownership of this exciting project!

Furnishings Wish List: Can you help purchase any of these items?



Classroom table/chairs
\$300 each - **4 needed**



96"x40" Whiteboard
\$103 each - **2 needed**



Flat screen TV
\$400 ea. - **2 needed**



Workroom Supply Pack
\$100 each - **10 needed**



Classroom Storage -
\$250 ea. - **4 needed**

