

# Main Street Church of Christ

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RE: William Ralston, future Minister of the Main Street Congregation needs \$225 more a week for a reasonable living

Dearest Brethren:

October 4, 2017

We thank you dear brethren for your love, support, and prayers for Main Street, the feeding of the poor and homeless, plus our real mission, the Preaching of the Gospel by short-wave radio and Internet to all the earth 5 to 7 times weekly. Pray for me personally as I have suffered many "slings and arrows" of the devil. cf: Psalm 41 1ff. I am also giving you a report on my work as an evangelist here for the past 24 years and sharing with you our planning for the future of Main Street Church of Christ, this property and our Congregational Church Government which is as close to the scriptural model as we can possibly devise until fully qualified elders can be ordained.

My only concern has been: what would happen to Main Street when I'm gone ... The preacher before me borrowed \$40,000 from the widow of one of our dead elders and 2 thieves in the eldership stole hundreds of thousands of dollars from Main Street. They were also about to sell this place to DART for \$250,000 cut the money and run. Until our past Godly elder brother Adair Chapman exposed them. One of the thieves got us sued for \$120,000 and wound up in prison. Proof of these things are available Sundays after worship or Monday through Friday 9 am till noon ... just pop in and see proof for yourself ... proof not only of the thieves but of all our World Wide responses on every report ever given you ... it is all available on line. Other congregations beginning with Brown Trail 23 years ago and White Rock 19 years ago offered to take the oversight of Main Street, sell our property and use the money supporting their programs. We can sell the property and do good Christian deeds and works with the money ourselves, we don't need anyone else to do that ... we want to preserve "the old waste places."

Even though an evangelist is somewhat in charge until he can "set in order the things that are wanting and ordain elders" Titus 1:5ff . I DO NOT believe in the Baptist system of a "pastor ruler" but on the other hand: No elders are better than bad or unqualified elders and we do not have any brethren qualified. Still it would NOT be pleasing to God for me to be the "Pope" of the Main Street Church of Christ ... everyone needs supervision and accountability. Therefore, I asked the entire Church membership to adopt a representative form of Church Government with all the longtime members, deacons and preachers as Trustees to whom I would subject myself. We added Adair Chapman our previous elder who was a lifelong preacher who had served as an elder here before resigning to expose the thief. Also, Clayton Tuggle, a 25 year elder of Walnut Hill was appointed a Trustee. After his death we added David Campbell an elder at Saturn Road who is younger representing a new younger generation. He is also now a Trustee. These trustees can replace or fire me "anytime". The Trustees have adopted Bylaws which have been approved by 3 different Lawyers. The Bylaws give me the authority for the day to day management of the Church

with the authority to authorize the secretaries to make out a check for up to \$1,000 over \$500, I must report to another trustee immediately. Over \$1,000 in checks or contracts requires the approval of 3 or more Trustees and the notification of all the Trustees. I am wide open for suggestions, advice and criticism ...

In order to avoid the appearance of evil, because of my past love of money, I do not handle the money or sign on any Bank account this being the responsibility of Deacons and secretaries. I am an evangelist and missionary and over the past 23 years, I have never taken one cent in pay and I never will. But a livable wage must be secured for the man who takes my place ... he does not have a duplex which frees me from need.

A couple of years ago, a realtor offered us a million dollars for this property. We refused and after another offer, the Trustees decided to list the property for top dollar according to commercial real estate comps in our area ... three million dollars. Periodically as the offers have crept up we have raised the sale price to five and a half million dollars with our last listing. Our Realtor alerted us to a \$4,000,000 offer from Walgreens and we called a Trustee meeting with members of the Walnut Hill Missions Committee visiting as observers and advisors.

Now, I want to introduce you to William Ralston, who graduated from Harding University as a Bible Major 2 years ago. Both his parents and grandparents are lifelong members of the Church. He was raised in the Highland Street Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. Brother Chris Altrock is the minister or you may contact any of the Elders they all know him and his family well. William's grand dad had been an elder there over 30 years. He spent the summer upon graduation from Harding working as an intern at Main Street with me and I put him through my own "graduate school" ... and he is sharp as a tack. He committed himself to "being all in with Main Street" and appealed to the Trustees to: "Trust God and don't sell this property, the only conservative Church of Christ left in Downtown Dallas, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States." All the Trustees voted to adopt William's proposal. We have notified the Realtor "pick up your sign" "the property is no longer for sale." So we are still broke with very little funds, with a four to five million dollar building and a 53,969 sq. ft. parking lot, plus God. We are developing a plan for the future in which William will begin preaching in a couple of years trying to build a congregation targeting the younger people who live and work Downtown Dallas. We learned DART is selling 16 acres across street for Retail Ground floor, underground parking and 6-12 floors of apartments above. The plan is called "Old Main Street" and we will have thousands of people on foot right here in our neighborhood. We are only paying William \$225 a week, which is not reasonable and he needs an apartment or place to live. We dropped Abilene and Oklahoma City radio broadcasts which had been paid by Clayton Tuggle in order to pay William \$225.00 a week. The remaining broadcasts are under contract and are self-supporting so I just can't drop another radio broadcast and pay William more.

Last month September 2017 we had 243,549 hits on our web site from a record 112 countries worldwide. We know we have 10,888 internet house Churches which have come weekly for a year or more ... plus an additional 12,588 repeat visitors who have come before but have not come weekly for a year. What did all those people do when they came? They downloaded 198,865 written lessons and listened to 1,258,628 audio files which are sermons & songs.

We are now feeding around 2,000 meals a week to the poor and homeless. The City of Dallas closed "tent city" and we are left with the violent "hard core homeless" but the area is changing and we have changed our procedures by feeding any and all Monday through Friday out the kitchen window and having any who will "peaceably" come into William's daily Bible class from 10 am till about noon. Thank the Lord we are teaching 10 to 25 a day which is much better feeding them the real "spiritual food" the word of God. At our Sunday worship we don't have these problems as we have a Dallas Police Officer etc.

We pray you will continue to help and support us as you can so we can continue feeding the poor, homeless and down trodden, reaching out to all the World many times Sundays with the Gospel by short waive and helping us get William another \$225 a week giving him a total of \$450 a week ... hardly the salary of a "hireling" and it is half of what he could receive anywhere else with his education and experience. He is God sent and perfect for Main Street. Because He First Loved me, I remain Sincerely Yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
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