

“Just A Few Suggestion”

As 2016 gets closer and closer, I have been thinking about goals I want to set for the New Year. Of course there were some that are personal, but I was also reminded of several helpful suggestions for each of us. Take a look at the commitments listed below that you can make this upcoming year. Maybe you will choose one or all seven. I just ask that we be intentional about serving Christ in 2016 and rely fully on his power, grace and wisdom.

- 1. I will pray every day for my church and family. If married I will pray daily with my spouse.** Healthy churches are praying churches.
- 2. I will read through the Bible this year.** Followers of Christ who want to make a difference *long* to hear from God each day, and they hold themselves accountable to reading the Word.
- 3. I will walk in holiness.** I will strive to live a life pleasing to Christ through the power of His Holy Spirit. What area of your life do you need to give to Jesus in repentance and faith?
- 4. I will speak about Jesus to someone each day.** Most of us will be better witnesses for Jesus if we simply speak about Him more often to everyone, including other believers. Rejoice with others when God answers prayer. Steer conversations to God’s goodness.
- 5. I will seek opportunities to share my faith weekly.** One word—*intentionality*—characterizes evangelistically growing churches. If you want your church to grow in the New Year, commit to sharing the gospel at least once a week. Pray and watch for God-given opportunities, and don’t miss open doors (Col. 4:2-4).
- 6. I will personally disciple someone this year.** God often blesses churches with new growth when they are most prepared to disciple new believers. Effective discipling begins with followers of Christ who intentionally mentor other believers.
- 7. I will hold myself accountable to someone for these commitments.** Find someone you can share you 2016 goal with. Pray for each other and encourage one another.

Excited To See What God Has Planned For 2016,

Pastor Chris



MT. PLEASANT
CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2015
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST JESUS



. . . and in MEMORY of:

Bernice and Clay Motsinger, Jr, By: Rusty and Malinda

Lonnie and Sybil Fitzgerald, & Raymond and Anna Mae Motsinger, By: Phil and Sue Fitzgerald

Jerry & Effie Barbour, By: Linda Berrier

. . . and in HONOR of:

Our Family, By: Ardis and Aline Payne

Ruby Allred, By: Bill and Joanne Baughn

Christopher, Dana, Hollis and Harper Fitzgerald, By: Phil and Sue Fitzgerald

Christopher, Cindy, Haley and Hannah, & Richard, Catherine, Maya and Reese By: Gary and Jane Mendenhall

Janie Penry, By: Lee, Leanne, Sarah and Luke

Falon Myers, By: Elisa & Rick Stewart

Elizabeth Sutton and Cynthia Craver, By: Dow and Beth Craver

Jane Mendenhall, By: Your UMW Prayer Sister

Jay, Stephanie and Avery Payne, By: Bill & Elaine Darr

Michael, Ashley, Hunter, Taylor and Carson Brooks, By: Bill and Elaine Darr

. . . and in MEMORY and HONOR of:

In Memory of Paul and Ann Mendenhall, in Honor of Ardis and Aline Payne, By: Gary and Jane Mendenhall



MTP Kids Sunday Afternoons

1st Sunday: Outreach and Fun – Off Campus
3rd Sunday: Worship Arts Activities – Room 101

*Mt. Pleasant Kids events are for ages 4yrs – 4th Grade.
Younger children are welcome with an adult chaperone.*

Opportunities for Learning and Worship:

Children’s Church: Saturdays 5:30 PM
Sundays 8:35 & 10:45 AM

Sunday School: Sundays 9:45 – 10:30 AM

Check-In table is located in the downstairs lobby.

Mt. Pleasant Church Men’s Basketball Schedule

All games played at *Calvary Baptist Church*
5000 Country Club Rd., Winston Salem, NC 27104

January 4	MTP vs. Razor’s Edge	8 PM
January 11	Maple Springs vs. MTP	8 PM
January 18	MTP vs. Ball Don’t Lie	8 PM
February 1	Free Agents vs. MTP	8 PM
February 8	Razor’s Edge vs. MTP	7 PM
February 15	MTP vs. Maple Springs	7 PM

Any make-up games will be played on February 22.

United Methodist Men (UMM) . . .

Our next breakfast meeting will be on Sunday, January 3 at 7am.

United Methodist Women (UMW) . . .

The UMW sends wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas; and a Blessed and Happy New Year. Planning is underway for the New Year as we transition from the busy holiday season. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for information about upcoming events.

The next meeting will be January 25 at 6:30pm with a soup and sandwich supper. We would love for anyone who would like to be part of our group to join us on the 25th.

Merry Christmas . . .

Next 56 Days . . .

Are you ready to get healthy? Are you willing to make a lifestyle change to improve your overall health and well-being? Then join "The Next 56 Days" weight loss program. An introduction class will be held on Saturday, January 2nd. Assessments and weigh-ins start at 12:15pm. Informational class starts at 1:00pm. This is an 8 week class that will then meet every Saturday at 1:00pm. If you have any questions please contact Keith and Paula Knolmayer at (336) 688-8202 or psknolmayer1966@gmail.com.

January C2 . . .

We will have two C2 Events this January, our first event will be a Clothing Give-Away on Saturday, January 16 to families in our community. Our second event will be our Teacher Outreach where we say a little thank you to our Davidson County teachers by providing breakfast to them on their first teacher workday of the New Year. Please watch the "Help Wanted" board for more information and ways that you can help!

Church Calendar . . .

Attention all Ministry Leaders, if you have any 2016 dates that need to be reserved, please contact the church office. The calendar is filled up on a first come, first serve basis.

Contact . . .

Pastor Chris no longer has his North State email address, his new email address is chris@mtpleasantumc.org.



January Birthdays

- 2 – Taylor Parks
- 3 – Danielle Cecil
- 4 – Sean Taylor, Ken Woempner
- 5 – Bobby Miller, Greg Moore
- 6 – Diannah Kearns, Kevan Hedgecock
- 7 – Anna Kennedy
- 9 – Stacey Blackwood, J Mark Hilton, Ryan Hilton
- 10 – Dot Cecil, Benny Hilton, Kaci Hedgecock
- 11 – Bob Boswell, Colson Sink
- 12 – Bynlee Hall, Bill Miller
- 13 – Kameron Conrad
- 14 – Brenda Moore
- 15 – Phil Fitzgerald, Gary Hinkle
- 16 – Brooke Clark, Pansy Murphy
- 17 – Julie Peacock
- 18 – Tim Swaim
- 19 – Charlotte Hall, Lee Koontz, Glen Morgan, Josh Hartley
- 21 – Meredith McDaniel, Morgan McDaniel, Courtney Swartz
- 23 – Roger Black
- 25 – Tim Swicegood
- 26 – Holly Ferree
- 27 – Paul Edwards
- 28 – Cam Clark, Briana Sanders, Ian Shively
- 29 – Jacob Edwards, Davy Owens, Lauren Swartz
- 30 – Sierra White
- 31 – Evan Ayers, Alyssa James

If you would like to add your birthday to our birthday list, please email the church office at office@mtpleasantumc.org

Serving the Church in January

Acolytes:

January 3: Kaden Swaim & Jackson Hartley
 January 10: Morgan Brown & Lila Hartley
 January 17: Emeline Rich & Allison Sink
 January 24: Carly & Laci Jarrell
 January 31: Alan Hopkins & Ford Willard

Ushers:

January 3: *Tyler Everhart, Timmy Hege, Greg Johnson, Jeremy Ray
 January 10: *Chris Hagee, Gary Mendenhall, Donald Kennedy, Mike Kleinhenz
 January 17: *Cliff Lassiter, Corey Knolmayer, Connor Peacock, Trent Hayworth
 January 24: *Johnny Nifong, Donald Palmer, Jeff Payne, Bill Darr
 January 31: *Jeff Everhart, Adam Hilton, Roger Meredith, Brandon Buckner

Worship Leaders:

8:35 Service	9:45 Service	10:45 Service
January 3: Joe & Susan Jarosz	Priscilla Sweitzer & Dyani McMillan	Lee & Suzann Hedgecock
January 10: Vince & Sarah Brown	Eric & Catherine Stroud	Cooper Clontz
January 17: Bo Sink	Chris Jarrell	Cameron Koontz
January 24: Chris & Melinda Miller	Ben Cline	Tim Hege
January 31: Keith Knolmayer	Nick & Laura Sweitzer	Jon Sloan

Greeters:

8:35 Service	9:45 Service	10:45 Service
January 3: Dinah Farrington	Jeff & Debbie Eller	Dianne Baucom
January 10: Kim & Kristin Black	Pam D. Hall	Jarosz Family
January 17: Gail & Doug Aderhold	Bo Sink	Courtney & Cathy Mendenhall
January 24: Wendy Harper	Janis Beasley	Dow & Beth Craver
January 31: Chiara Rivera	Lindsay Hall	Taylor Cline

Nursery:

8:35 Service	9:45 Service	10:45 Service
January 3: Emily Alphin & Cheryl Graeub	Karen Boatright, Brandi Jordan & Donna Weavil	Jill Hege & Brenda Moore
January 10: Vince & Sarah Brown	Kim Walser & Diana Payne	Jane Payne & Jenny Hagee
January 17: Teresa Harden & Wendy Harper	Kim Walser & Diana Payne	Linda Hilton & Tracey Ray
January 24: Janie & Sarah Penry	Karen Boatright, Brandi Jordan & Donna Weavil	Kelly & Julie Peacock & Steph Payne
January 31: Diana Payne & Kim Walser	Diana Payne & Kim Walser	Amy & Greg Johnson

Children's Church:

8:35 Service	10:45 Preschool	10:45 Elementary
January 3: April Norton	Dana Fitzgerald & Youth	Amanda Clontz & Jescena Sink
January 10: Taylor Cline	Amy & Greg Johnson	Chris & Michele Jarrell
January 17: Shannon Byerley	Brenda & Abby Lane	Tracy Clodfelter & Ann Fleming
January 24: Barb Putnam	Holly Ferree & Amber Rinaldi	John & Julie Howard
January 31: Diana Payne	Pastor Bill & Youth	Linda Hilton & Tracey Ray

Children's Check-In Table:

8:35 Service	9:45 Service	10:45 Service
January 3: Wendy Harper	Melinda Miller	Mae Holler
January 10: Sarah Brown	Melissa Moser	Kim Black
January 17: Karen Boatright	Dyani McMillan	Laura Hartley
January 24: Pam D. Hall	Catherine Stroud	Brenda & Abby Lane
January 31: Shannon Byerley	Gayle Mabe	

Wednesday Moring Youth Breakfast:

January 6: Barbara Putnam & Mary Bowdish
 January 13: Doug & Gail Aderhold & Lynn Staley
 January 20: *No School*
 January 27: JW & Julie Motsinger

MTP Youth and MTP Kids Servers: Sharon Koontz, Sharon Payne, Susan Miller

January Events

Sundays	MTP Youth 5th – 7th Grade	4 – 5 PM
Sundays	MTP Youth 7th – 12th Grade	5 – 6 PM
Sundays (1st & 3rd)	MTP Kids 4yrs – 4th Grade	4 – 6 PM
Tuesdays (beginning 1/12)	Choir Practice	6:45 PM
Tuesdays	REFIT	7:00 PM
Tuesdays (2nd & 4th)	Praise Singers Practice	8:00 PM
Wednesdays	Youth Breakfast	7:00 AM
Thursdays (beginning 1/14)	Handbell Practice	7 – 8 PM
Thursdays	REFIT	7:00 PM
Fridays	Men's Bible Study	6:30 AM
Friday, January 1	24 Hours of Prayer	Until 5 PM
Sunday, January 3	United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting	7 AM
Sunday, January 3	MTP Kids	4 – 6 PM
Monday, January 4	MTP Men's Basketball Game	8 PM
Sunday, January 10	Small Group Workshop & Lunch	12 - 2 PM
Monday, January 11	MTP Men's Basketball Game	8 PM
Wednesday, January 13	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 PM
Saturday, January 16	Women Offering Worship	9:30 – 11 AM
Saturday, January 16	Clothing Give-Away	10 AM – 12 PM
Sunday, January 17	MTP Kids	4 – 5:30 PM
Sunday, January 17	Marriage Ministry Mixer	4 – 7 PM
Monday, January 18	Women's Ministry Kick off Meeting	6:30 – 7:30 PM
Monday, January 18	MTP Men's Basketball Game	8 PM
Wednesday, January 20	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 PM
Monday, January 25	United Methodist Women's Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, January 27	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 PM
Friday, January 29	Family Movie Night	6 PM
Sunday, January 31	Red Cross Blood Drive	12:15 – 4:45 PM

Worship, Discipleship & Stewardship Summary

Date	5:30pm Worship	8:35am Worship	9:45am Worship	10:45am Worship	Total Weekend Worship	Sunday Small Group Classes	General Budget Offering	Family Life Center Offering
11/22/2015	72	99	135	80	386	192	\$7,471.41	\$2,597.56
11/29/2015	15	116	128	116	375	196	\$7,584.50	\$1,727.63
12/6/2015	12	127	142	135	416	221	\$6,628.00	\$5,250.00
12/13/2015	152	128	145	305	710	185	\$5,876.00	\$1,080.00

FLC Funds Raised To Date: **\$1,064,674.89**

FROM THE MTP CHOIR . . .

The first words spoken by God as recorded in the Holy Scriptures, "LET THERE BE LIGHT." On that first day of creation, after God created the heavens and the earth, He spoke light into being.

Thanks to all for joining us last weekend for our Christmas cantata, **LIGHT! OUT OF THE DARKNESS!** It was truly a special time for us to rejoice and share this wonderful story about the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Also, we appreciate the Dancing Angels and children who sang on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. What a witness it was to see them come up and willingly "let their light shine for Jesus" to make our worship extra special!

Thanks to the Evangelism Committee as well as the many other servants on Saturday evening (Youth, Young Adults, and Adults) who helped with serving the meal, fellowship, transportation, or assisted in any way to show LOVE to our guests at our Homeless Banquet. The Christmas spirit was so overwhelming that night and what a reminder to all that JESUS is the reason for the season!

Our heartfelt prayer to each of you . . .

"So, this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin." --1 John 1:5-7

May God Bless each of you this Christmas season!

--The MTP Choir

What a fun and joyful night of Christmas caroling on Tuesday, December 15! We filled the MTP bus and shared the love Jesus to residents at Pine Ridge, Westchester Harbour, and other shut-ins. Thanks to all who came and helped make Christmas a little brighter for others!

"My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul."
--Psalm 108:1

Family Night Teacher Sign-Up Sheet

***If for some reason you are unable to teach on the night you sign-up for please contact another teacher to switch or email the church office at office@mtpleasantumc.org. Thank you for your ministry to our children!**

Date	Nursery (Need 2 volunteers)	Preschool (2-4yrs)	Kindergarten – 1st	2 nd - 4 th grade Elementary	Meal
1/13					
1/20					
1/27					
2/3					
2/10					
2/17					
2/24					
3/2					
3/9					
3/16					

All teaching materials are provided and are available in labeled folders in Room 200. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to volunteer to help with teaching or to help with the meals.

Small Group Workshop

Sunday, January 10

12 – 2 PM

Join us for Small Group Leader training and lunch! We encourage everyone who is currently a leader and anyone who like to learn more about facilitating a small group to join this training session. We will enjoy lunch and training for both adult and children's ministries.

Childcare will be provided!



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Worship Opportunities

Saturday – 5:30pm

Small Group – 6:45pm

Sunday – 8:35am, 9:45am, 10:45am

Small Groups – 8:45am, 9:45am, 10:45am

OUR MISSION

*To Boldly Share the Unfailing Love
of Jesus*

OUR VISION

*To Turn Our Community Upside
Down for Jesus Christ*

OUR VALUES

Authority of Scripture

Authentic Relationships

Obedient Surrender

Expectant Hearts

Our Next Sermon Series...

“Breaking Free”



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| Dec. 27 | <i>A New You</i> |
| Jan. 3 | <i>Naming Rights</i> |
| Jan. 10 | <i>Healing, Hurts & Forgiveness</i> |
| Jan. 17 | <i>Restoration Project</i> |
| Jan. 24 | <i>Overcomer</i> |