

## Will Someone Take A Stand?

**Ephesians 6:10-13** *10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

*11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

When I was younger, I listened to a lot of country music. I was a big Randy Travis, George Strait and Travis Tritt fan. One other guy who was not a big name, but I really liked was Aaron Tippin. My favorite song of his was "You God To Stand For Something". The chorus went like this:

*"He'd say you've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything*

*You've got to be your own man not a puppet on a string*

*Never compromise what's right and uphold your family name*

*You've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything"*

We live in a time where taking a stand has become unpopular. To claim absolutes with regard to salvation, morality, and God's Word is no longer fashionable. We live in a world that just wants everyone to go along to get along. But it is in this very time, in this world, that the Church must be prepared to climb up on top of the rock with our mind made up and take our stand. The preservation of our community, indeed of our world, may very well be dependent upon the church being willing to be the church, in season and out of season. In Ezekiel 22:30 **God said, "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one."**

We live in a day where the foundational truths of God's Word are being challenged by men and women who once stood for the truth. We live in a day where morality is nothing more than a byword, and standards of righteousness have been reduced to each man doing what is right in his or her own sight.

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### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

8:30 - Worship in FLC

- Small Groups
- Children's Church

9:45 - Worship in FLC

- Small Groups for all

11:00 - Worship in Sanctuary

- Small Groups
- Children's Church

*Letter from the Pastor Continued*

In case you haven't figured it out yet, we are in a war. It is not against flesh and blood. No, this is a war "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." This is a spiritual warfare and the only agency on the face of the earth that is equipped to wage this spiritual war is the church. So where in the world is the church? Where are the men and women who will step up and stand in the gap for the salvation of our families, community and world? Where is the voice crying in the wilderness? Where are the men and women willing to take up their cross and follow Jesus? Where are the pastors and the laity who sincerely seek to know Christ in the power of His resurrection?

It's time to take a stand. It's time to be the church. It's time to fill the gap. It's time to put on our armor, get up out of the trenches, rush the gates of hell until we reach souls and pull them from the fire.

Join us on August 30th as we begin a new series called "Taking A Stand". We will have the following focus the next 4 weeks: We will discuss being dressed for battle, the dangers of unwise compromise, the responsibility and expectations for Godly men and the power of standing together as believers.

Standing With You!

Pastor Chris



## KIDS CLASSES EACH SUNDAY

- 8:30-NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR BIRTH-4TH GRADE
- 9:45-NURSERY & SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR BIRTH-4TH GRADE
- 11:00-NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH AGES BIRTH -4TH GRADE



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SAVE THE DATE





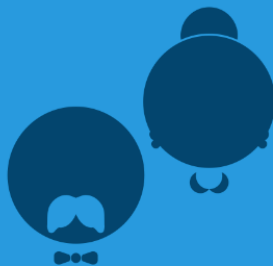
## MTP Youth Parent Newsletter Sept 2020



### WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- **LABOR DAY WEEKEND**
  - SEPT 6 | NO YOUTH MEETING
- **GRANDPARENT'S DAY MEAL**
  - SEPT 13 | 6-7P
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**
  - SEPT 20, 27 | 6:15-7:45P
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**
  - SEPT 2, 9, 16, 23 | 6:30-7:45P

Don't forget  
Nana and Papa.



**Grandparents Day Meal**  
September 13th | 6 - 7p

Sign up on the Church App!



**WHAT WE'RE LEARNING:** *"Like Me"* - A series on comparison

**WEEK ONE**

**2 Corinthians 10:12 NLT**

**Proverbs 4:23 NIV**

Don't compare your worth with their posts.

**WEEK TWO**

**1 Samuel 18:5-9 NIV**

**1 Samuel 18:15 NIV**

**Proverbs 14:30 NIV**

The more I celebrate others the more I like me.

**WEEK THREE**

**2 Timothy 3:16 NIV**

**2 Timothy 3:16 NLT**

When it comes to the Bible, we read it because God is in it.



**REMEMBER THIS:**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

**Romans 12:2 NLT**



**THINK ABOUT THIS:**

Today's teens navigate school with way more information and images to compare themselves to than ever before. Comparison often happens without even knowing they are doing it. In this series, we're looking at what the apostle Paul has to say about leading people to aim higher than comparing themselves to everyone around them. They will learn to follow Paul's example by defining their lives by who Jesus says they are.



## DO THIS:



### MORNING TIME

Before they start the day this week, think of a characteristic of your teen's that has been a cause of tension in your relationship and look for a way to see that characteristic as a positive in the right circumstances. Then share it with them. Remind them that every characteristic they have has the potential to be used in positive ways and encourage them to look for ways to use that part of themselves in a good way today.

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### MEAL TIME

At a meal sometime this week, spend time as a family pointing out characteristics about each other that you admire/like/are thankful for. Use this time to connect in a meaningful way. It doesn't have to be serious or deep, just a couple of moments where you acknowledge the unique traits each of you brings to the family.

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### THEIR TIME

The next time you see your teen scrolling through their feed, ask them about some of the celebrity accounts they follow. Ask if they think there are any they think you might like. Have them pull up a YouTube video or TikTok video that they find particularly funny and watch it together. Ask questions afterwards about why they love it so much and share what you liked about it as well.

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### BED TIME

One night this week, stop by your teen's room and ask if you could have a few minutes to talk. While there, say something like, "I know school today is a lot different from when I was there. I'm sure there is a lot I don't understand about your life, and a lot that is harder for you than it was for me. You are handling it all really well. I want you to know, I'm on your team and for you. And if there is anything I can do to better understand the challenges you face, let me know."



### Mt. Pleasant Men . . .

Greetings from MTP Men. We are blessed to be members of an amazing church during these crazy times. We had our August meeting on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> with Donnie Durham as our speaker, thanks Donnie. We are trying something new as a fundraiser this year, a Pancake supper with all the fixin's will be on Saturday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm with special music starting at 6pm. This event will be by donation so bring your friends and family and enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship. We will also have our annual auction in November so be thinking of items to donate to make this event successful.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

### Mt. Pleasant Women . . .

The next meeting is September 28. Our mission project will be individually wrapped snacks.

We will be getting into the fall season and there are several events coming up that we need to keep in mind and plan for:

- The Country Breakfast on October 3. The meal will be served between 7:00 & 10:00 am. There will be a country store & vendor tables. If you are willing to work please contact Jane Mendenhall, and if you would like a table as a vendor contact Amy Johnson. We also need merchandise to sell in the country store.
- We will have a "Fall Sale" at the October meeting on October 26
- Watch the bulletin for information about a pecan order
- The items order from the Thanksgiving Bake Sale can be picked up between 4:30 & 6:30 on November 25. Watch the bulletin for when and where to place your order
- We will be preparing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please support this very important project. The boxes will be available for pick-up and the turn-in date will be announced.

The fall is a busy time and we pray for God's guidance as we prepare for all the events the season brings.

### September Outreach . . .

Azure Hensley and her husband, own a small dog grooming shop in Thomasville. On Friday, August 7th, Azure was attacked by a new client's German Shepherd who have been brought in for nail clipping. The attack broke two of her teeth and did extensive damage to her face. One surgery was performed that Friday and she has scheduled another surgery to reconstruct her mouth. She has many open wounds on her face, that are being treated with antibiotics. Her doctor told her she would also need therapy for PTSD, resulting from such a severe attack.

Azure has no insurance so our Outreach donations will be used to help with medical bills. Thank you for your generosity.

### Choir . . .

Choir will resume practice starting Tuesday, September 8 at 6:45. The choir provides special music weekly for the 11:00 service. Also, the seasons of Christmas and Easter are celebrated each year with cantata performances. We also welcome any vocal and/or instrumental solos or small groups at any time. The music ministry is a wonderful way to serve in the church and share God's love with others. Through music, you can be a part of making MTP an UNSTOPPABLE church! For questions or more information, contact

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## September Birthdays

- 4 – Kevin Alphin
- 6 – Lillie Muller
- 8 – Cliff Lassiter
- 9 – Chip Nifong
- 10 – Janie Penry
- 11 – Dinah Farrington, Stephanie Godwin
- 12 – Donna Berrier
- 13 – Ashley Buckner, Steve Jones,  
Christy Palmer
- 14 – Louise Boswell, Courtney Miller,  
Crawford Elrod
- 15 – Ruby Allred
- 17 – Kyle Everhart, J.W. Motsinger
- 18 – Callie Brown
- 21 – Karen Taylor
- 23 – Sharon Payne
- 24 – Liam Hall, Gary Mendenhall
- 25 – Tammy Dyles, Maya Mendenhall
- 26 – Karen Boatright, Roger Meredith,  
Bo Sink
- 27 – Keith Knolmayer
- 29 – Kathy Sloan
- 30 – Jenny Hagee, Lewis Hubbert

If you would like to add your birthday to our birthday list, please email the church office at [office@mtpleasant.church](mailto:office@mtpleasant.church)

## Serving the Church in September

**Ushers:**

September 6: \*Jerry Hilton, Bryan Bray, Gary Craven, Scott Green  
 September 13: \*Adam Buckner, Ryan Hilton, Daniel Rich, Garrett Rich  
 September 20: \*Danny Buckner, Joey Ferree, Cooper Clontz, Ronnie Russell  
 September 27: \*Brad Stokes, Joe Hayworth, Gary Hilton

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30 Worship</b>	<b>9:45 Worship</b>	<b>11 Worship</b>
September 6:	Stephanie Payne	Rachel Brewer	Dianne Baucom
September 13:	Jeff & Debbie Eller	Danny & Denise Roberts	
September 20:	Jescena Sink	Pam D. Hall	Courtney & Cathy Mendenhall
September 27:	Tim & Amy Sexton	Bo Sink	Glen Morgan
<b>Worship Leaders:</b>	<b>8:30 Worship</b>	<b>9:45 Worship</b>	<b>11 Worship</b>
September 6:	Donny Baldrige	Donnie Durham	Greg Moore
September 13:	Donny Baldrige	Donnie Durham	Timmy Hege
September 20:	Donny Baldrige	Donnie Durham	Daniel & April Rich
September 27:	Donny Baldrige	Donnie Durham	Jay Payne

<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30 Worship</b>	<b>9:45 Worship</b>	<b>11 Worship</b>
September 6:	Phil & Sue Fitzgerald	Laura Gregg & Jamie Proctor	Brenda Moore & Jill Hege
September 13:	Jescena Sink	Kim Walser	Pam & Lindsay Hall
September 20:	Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne	Ellen Hilton & Megan Williams	Kelly Peacock
September 27:	Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden	Allison Martin & Tammy Markert	Jennifer Driggers

**MTP KIDS KLUB 9:45 Sunday School Classes:**

	<b>2-Year-Old Class:</b>	<b>3-Year-Old Class:</b>	<b>4-Year-Old Class:</b>
September 6:	Cameron & Katie Koontz	Sammie Bruno	Mae Holler
September 13:	Amy Johnson & Tia Starner	Hally Allred & Rachel Brewer	Josh & Chelsea Kearns
September 20:	Pam C. Hall & Anna Ruth Crouse	Rachel Baldrige	Tina Grubbs
September 27:	Anna Ruth Crouse	Maddie & Cael	Victoria McCrary & Misty Carr
	<b>5-Year-Old/Kindergarten Class:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class:</b>
September 6:	Tony & Karen Hyde	Jennifer Driggers	Eileen Sloan
September 13:	Jill Murphy	Brenda Flack	Dianne Reid
September 20:	Tobbie Lanning & Laura Cameron	Kelly Kiger	Jane Mendenhall
September 27:	Keith & Paula Knolmayer	Mary Bowdish	Steph Payne
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class:</b>	
September 6:	Tina Grubbs	Jenny Hagee	
September 13:	Jennifer Driggers	Amy McDevitt	
September 20:	Misty Petree	Jenny Hagee	
September 27:	Kristi Wall	Amy McDevitt	

<b>Children's Church:</b>	<b>8:30 Worship</b>	<b>11 Worship</b>
September 6:	Diana Payne	Josh & Chelsea Kearns
September 13:		Cindy Buckner
September 20:	Elizabeth Diaz	Amy Johnson
September 27:		Jason & Melissa Moser

**MTP Youth & MTP Kids August Servers:**

*Joanne Baughn, Amy Johnson, Paige Green, Melinda Miller*



# PANCAKE SUPPER

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020  
5 - 6 PM

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*Mark your calendars!*

## COUNTRY BREAKFAST & BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**BREAKFAST: 7 - 10 AM | BAZAAR: 7 - 11 AM**

## Church Wide Event!

*We are in need of baked goods, canned items, volunteers to help with breakfast and set up.*

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Jane Mendenhall at 336-689-6157 or [jane.mendenhall@twc.com](mailto:jane.mendenhall@twc.com)

If you are interested in being a vendor - please contact Amy Johnson at 336-899-9793

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## September Events

Tuesday's	<i>Choir Practice</i>	7 PM
Wednesday's	<i>Prayer Group Meeting</i>	10 AM
Sunday, September 6	<i>Red Cross Blood Drive</i>	11:45 AM – 4:15 PM
Tuesday, September 8	<i>Finance Committee Meeting</i>	7 PM
Sunday, September 13	<i>Grandparent's Day Youth Meal</i>	6 PM
Saturday, September 19	<i>MTP Men Pancake Supper</i>	5 PM
Sunday, September 20	<i>Administrative Council Meeting</i>	3 PM
Saturday, September 26	<i>Hero Day</i>	10 AM – 12 PM
Sunday, September 27	<i>Celebration Sunday</i>	
Monday, September 28	<i>MTP Women's Meeting</i>	6:30 PM
Wednesday, September 30	<i>Fall Family Night Meal &amp; Bible Study</i>	5:30 – 7:30 PM

### Memorials and Donations

- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Evelyn Leonard by Dow Craver & Associates
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Dale Payne by Keith & Debbie Hayworth
- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Sarah Smith by Rusty & Malinda Cagle
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### Worship, Discipleship & Stewardship Summary

Date	Saturday Night	8:30am Worship	9:45am Worship	11:00am Worship	Total Weekend Worship	Sunday Small Group Classes	General Budget Offering	Family Life Center Offering
8/2/2020	-	95	107	19	221	95	\$14,102.08	\$2,602.50
8/9/2020	-	90	150	15	255	90	\$12,046.65	\$940.00
8/16/2020	-	110	183	26	319	108	\$9,030.50	\$620.00
8/23/2020	-	114	280	32	478	Celebration	\$7,950.68	\$1,280.00



## MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

### Worship Opportunities

Sunday – 8:30am, 9:45am, 11am  
Small Groups – 8:45am, 9:45am, 11am

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## 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*

## BLESSINGS FOR OUR TEACHERS

**AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 6**

### WE WILL BE COLLECTING ENCOURAGING CARDS, PRAYERS & CLASS SUPPLIES

*Proverbs 3:5-6, Philippians 4:13, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 19:26*



- OAK GROVE MIDDLE
- OAK GROVE HIGH
- LEDFORD MIDDLE
- LEDFORD HIGH

- FRIENDSHIP ELEMENTARY
- WALLBURG ELEMENTARY
- HASTY ELEMENTARY