



# THREE TYPES OF MARRIAGES

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“...he is my lover, my friend.” – A wife speaking of her husband in Song of Songs 5:16

You can think of marriage in one of three ways: back-to-back, shoulder-to-shoulder, and face-to-face.

- 1. A back-to-back marriage is one in which the couple has turned their backs on each other. As a result, they live separately and do not work together (shoulder-to-shoulder) or draw each other out in friendship (face-to-face). In such marriages, the partners range from strangers to enemies, but are not friends.**
- 2. A shoulder-to-shoulder marriage is one in which the couple works together on tasks and projects, such as keeping the home, raising the kids, growing the business, and serving the church.**
- 3. A face-to-face marriage is one in which, in addition to the shoulder-to-shoulder work, the couple gets a lot of face-to-face time for conversation, friendship, and intimacy.**

The differences between men and women

As a general rule, men commonly have shoulder-to-shoulder friendships around shared activity. Most men recall boys they played with on a sports team and guys they worked with on a job. But they often know very little about these guys they called friends, because their tasks consumed their time and conversation, as they talked about the task in front of them rather than the emotion between them. Women's friendships tend to be face-to-face and built around intimate conversation. This explains why women do the sorts of things with other women that most men do not do with other men, such as going out to lunch or coffee just to talk, sharing deep intimate feelings while looking each other in the face without a task bringing them together.

What does all this mean?

Wives, to be a good friend, learn to spend some time with your husband in shared activity. If he's watching a sporting event, sit down and share it with him. If he's working on a project, hang out nearby to help or at least ask questions and be a companion if nothing else. For a wife to build a friendship with her husband requires shoulder-to-shoulder time alongside him. Husbands, to be a good friend to your wife, learn to have deeper and more intimate conversations. Open up, tell your wife how you're doing and ask her how she is doing. Listen without being distracted by technology or a task (put your cell phone away), but instead focus on her, looking her in the eye for extended periods of time. By God's grace, engaging each other on shoulder-to-shoulder and face-to-face levels changed your marriage and save your friendship.

Dear Mt. Pleasant Church Family,

It is with joy and sadness that I write this newsletter article. After much prayer and consideration I have decided to resign my position as Associate Pastor at MTP Church. My last day of work as a staff member was February 23, 2021.

This was not an easy decision, but I believe it is the right decision!

I have served Christ's Church for over 40 years and I have served as the Associate Pastor for MTP church since July 2018.

Pray for us as Deborah and I move into a new chapter of our lives in ministry and retirement. I have loved serving with all of the MTP staff and MTP leaders!

God has truly blessed me while I served as your Associate Pastor. MTP Church will still be our Church and we will continue to serve God and worship God with our MTP Church family.

Friends in Christ!

Donnie B. Durham

*"There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under the heavens."*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*



## **“The Shepherd’s Staff”**

### **MTP Elder’s Update**

The Elders have been busy with personnel reviews this month. We have been looking at the responsibilities of our staff, their compensation and how we can assist them in their ministry at MTP. From that review, we have recommended to the Administrative Council that Greg Moore be made a full time employee working 40 hours per week for MTP. He will assume the responsibility of kitchen equipment maintenance in addition to his other duties. Greg has done a fantastic job keeping our facility clean and in working order and we appreciate all he does. The Admin Council approved this change and Greg will begin full time on March 1.

We expressed our thanks to Donnie Baldrige for the tremendous success of the MTP Youth program. Donnie has made the Youth program a centerpiece of the ministry here at MTP. Visitors express their excitement at every Lunch with the Pastors in seeing their children so involved in a church. Also, the extra work that Donnie B. puts in to make our on-line presence a success has really broadened the reach of MTP. He spends quite a bit of time working with the sound team to broadcast our services each week. Thank You Donnie B!

We met with Jennifer to discuss the MTP Kids program. Jennifer is continuing to recruit and staff our children’s program. We have well over 100 kids who attend regularly! Jennifer and her volunteers work hard to provide a meaningful and loving time for the kids here at MTP.

We also need to announce to the congregation that Donnie Durham has resigned as part time Associate Pastor. Due to other demands on his time, Donnie D. cannot continue to serve in this role. He and Deborah will continue to actively serve as members of the church but will be stepping down as staff. We want to express our appreciation and thanks to both Donnie D. and Deborah for their faithful service over the past 2+ years. We will be seeking a new person to take the role of Visitation pastor. If you know of someone who may be gifted and willing to take that position, please contact one of the Elders.

The last organizational item that remains unfinished in our new structure is the installation of Deacons. The Elders are examining our ministries and who would have the Spiritual gifts to lead our ministry teams in the capacity of Deacon. Our plan is to recommend a list of names to the Admin Council in March and get that team set up. MTP is blessed to have so many talented members and such active ministries.

Continue to pray for wisdom as we work on behalf of everyone at MTP.

Please reach out to us if we can assist you and your family with any spiritual or ministry needs.

*Bo Sink*

*Joe Hayworth*

*Eric Hilton*

*Steve Cranford*

*Danny Buckner*

*Tommy McDevitt*

*Vince Brown*

*Daniel Rich*

*Bill Baugn*

*1 Timothy 4:6 If you put these things before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.*

MARCH 2021



# Youth Parent Newsletter

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### YOUTH GROUP

MAR 14TH, 21ST, 5:00-7:30P

### FAMILY NIGHT

MAR 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24, 31ST, 5:30-7:30P

### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

MAR 28TH 11:00A

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AFTER **LIFE**



## **Week One**

1 John 4:9-10, 1 John 4:16a

Because of the resurrection, John knew God is love.

## **Week Two**

John 20:11-19

Because of the resurrection, Mary knew she mattered.

## **Week Three**

John 21:15-17

Because of the resurrection, Peter knew he was forgiven.

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## **REMEMBER THIS**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17 NIV

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## **THINK ABOUT THIS**

A teen's view of God has been shaped by lots of different factors—what they see on social media or hear from other adults—and there isn't one consistent image. Most of us tend to see God as being more about rules rather than grace. This week, we're talking about what God is really like and that God is love. And that when we see God as a loving God first, our whole perspective on Him can change.

# Daily Cues

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## Morning Time

Teens are faced every day with messages telling them they aren't good enough, smart enough, or capable enough; or make them question their worth or capabilities. But, we can be the safe place they will always hear messages of acceptance, belonging, and encouragement. One morning, share how they inspire you and share the potential you see in them. Don't underestimate the power this moment can have.



## Meal Time

Dinner is a great time to ask your student about what their thoughts are about God may be. Try asking, then sharing your own thoughts: Who do they think God is, what do they think God is like, do they think God likes them? It is conversational and not lesson-like! A willingness to share your own thoughts or questions will create an environment where your teen will feel safer to do the same.



## Their Time

The next time your teen does something they shouldn't, try sharing a time when you messed up. Let them know you don't expect them to be perfect. Ask about why they may be struggling to do the right thing—not to shame, but staying curious. Try sharing that you want to help them become the best version of themselves. Remind them that you're a safe person to talk to and you love them, no matter what.



## Bed Time

Before going to bed, tell your teenagers one thing being their parent/guardian has taught you—how you may have changed or become a better person because of who your teenager is. It can be easy to default to messages of frustration and disappointment with our kids, but sharing ways your teenager has influenced you for the better, helped you understand the world differently, or see God in a new way can be a powerful moment. Let them see how they have been a teacher to you in a way that maybe you never would have expected.





## Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Sunday, March 28  
Lunch: 12-12:30pm

### Egg Hunt Time & Locations:

- Children Under 2 Years Old: Front Yard Playground at church from 12:50 & 1:20
- 2 - 4 years old: Back Yard Playground at church from 12:50 & 1:20
- 5 years old - 1st Grade: Pastor Chris' back yard from 1:15 & 1:45
- 2nd Grade - 4th Grade: Pastor Chris' front yard from 1 & 1:30

### Activity Locations: 12:30 - 2:00

- Resurrection Eggs - Old Fellowship Hall
- Cookie Decorating - Banquet Room
- Lunch-FLC
- Crafts-FLC



# Volunteer Opportunities available for MTP Kids Klub

You're invited . . .  
Join us for dinner and dancing at the  
**Daddy-Daughter Dance**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13 | 5 - 7 PM**

TICKETS ARE \$20 PER DADDY

Suit & tie for daddy's

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT  
[MTPLEASANT.CHURCH/MTP-KIDS](http://MTPLEASANT.CHURCH/MTP-KIDS)

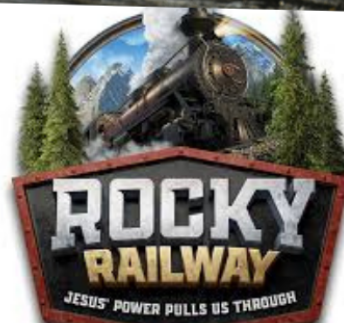
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## Kids Classes Sunday

**8:30 Nursery & Children's Church**

**9:45 Nursery & Sunday School**

**11:00-Nursery & Children's Church**



**VBS 2021  
July 25-29  
VBS finale  
August 1st**

## Open Gym ...

On Tuesday mornings at 9:30am we will have Open Gym for any who would like to come out to participate. If you are interested, please contact Bill Baughn at 336-345-8796.



## Greetings from MTP Men ...

Our Wildlife Banquet is fast approaching, it will be held in the FLC on Saturday March 27th at 5:30pm. Please see Bill Baughn for tickets and any questions you may have. On Sunday morning April 4th we will be preparing and serving the Easter Sunrise breakfast so we will need help in all aspects that morning. Also coming May 16th we will have our Graduate Sunday and we will recognize our seniors and have a nice lunch in the Banquet room following the 11:00 service, details coming soon. We serve an awesome God with an amazing church family!!!

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

## MTP Women's Group ...

The next Woman's Group meeting will be March 22 at 6:30pm. The time is a change from February. At the March meeting we will collect staple food items for Co-operative Ministries in Thomasville. The Fellowship Committee will be doing the meal at the March meeting and we will collect items for two Blessing Boxes.

We enjoy fellowship with our Mt. Pleasant Sisters in Christ at the meetings and there is a standing invitation to anyone who wishes to join us for a meeting.

Wishing you God's strength and Grace as we travel this journey together!

## *Memorials & Donations*

- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Ruby Allred by Rusty & Malinda Cagle
- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Martha Lou Hayworth by Rusty & Malinda Cagle
- Given to the Cemetery Fund by Renee Low
- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Martha Lou Hayworth by Jackson Dobbins
- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Martha Lou Hayworth by the New Horizon Class
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Martha Lou Hayworth by Richard & Chrisanna Motsinger
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Dale Payne by Richard & Chrisanna Motsinger
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Ida Bodenheimer by the MTP Women's Group



**Ushers:**

March 7: \*Bryan Bray, Gary Craven, Scott Green, Jerry Hilton

March 14: \*Ryan Hilton, Daniel Rich, Garrett Rich, Adam Buckner

March 21: \*Joe Hayworth, Gary Hilton, Brad Stokes

March 28: \*Brandon Harden, JW Motsinger, Timmy Hege

**Greeters: 8:30AM**

March 7: Doug & Gail Aderhold

March 14: Wendy Harper

March 21: Karen & Stan Bowen

March 28: Lin & Terri Blevins

**9:45AM**

The Owens Family

Bo Sink

The Shufelt Family

Chet & Lorrie Varner

**11:00AM**

Keith & Paula Knolmayer

Greg Moore

Glen Morgan

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**MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:****Nursery: 8:30AM**

March 7: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald

March 14: Jescena & Allison Sink.

March 21: Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne

March 28: Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden

**9:45AM**

Laura Gregg & Jamie Proctor

Kim W., Ashley C. & Pam H.

Ellen Hilton & Megan Williams

Allison M., Whitney G. & Stacy D.

**11:00AM**

Tricia Anderson

Pam & Lindsay Hall

Jennifer Driggers

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**2 Year Old Class:**

March 7: Cameron & Katie Koontz

March 14: Amy Johnson & Tia Starner

March 21: Anna Ruth & Baylee Crouse

March 28: Amy & Samuel Nifong

**3 Year Old Class:**

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail

Casey M., Tiffany W. & Amber S.

Rachel B., Tammy V. & Hally A.

Maddie Hagee & the Bridges.

**4 Year Old Class:**

Keri Everhart & Tina Grubbs

Kearns & Danielle W.

Tina Grubbs & Leandra G.

Victoria M. & Misty Carr

**Kindergarten:**

March 7: Tony & Karen Hyde

March 14: Jill Murphy

March 21: Tobbie L. & Laura C.

March 28: Keith & Paula Knolmayer

**1st Grade:**

Tiffany Brister

Leandra Glance

Kelly Kiger

Josh & Heather Beasley

**2nd Grade:**

Eileen Sloan

Dianne Reid

Jane Mendenhall

Emily Sanders

**3rd Grade:**

March 7: Kelly Kiger

March 14: Stephanie Comer

March 21: Misty Petree

March 28: Erica Martin

**4th Grade:**

Jenny Hagee

Amy McDevitt

Jenny Hagee

Amy McDevitt

**Children's Church:****8:30AM:**

March 7: Diana Payne

March 14: Christine Turner

March 21: Kaylie Sink

March 28: Lisa Lane

**11:00AM Pre-K**

Josh & Chelsea Kearns

Youth.

Amy Johnson

Macie Owenby & Bryce McDevitt

**11:00AM Elementary:**

Trina Sprinkle

Cindy Buckner

Julie Butt

Kristin Hagee

**MTP Youth Servers:** David Brann, Jane Payne, Jenny Hagee, Diana Payne, Julie Logan, Kristi Wall

# March Birthday's



- 2 - Lindsey Varner, Adam Lassiter
- 4 - Margie Pitts, Mary Kathryn Vining  
Jacob Elrod
- 5 - Debbie Hoffman, Brooke Scarborough
- 6 - William Hiatt
- 7 - Whitney Clodfelter, Deborah Durham
- 8 - Logan Alphin, Susan Miller
- 10 - Elaine Darr, Maddie Hagee, Helen Hilton,  
Barbara Putnam
- 11 - Linda Berrier, Rick Hunt
- 12 - Harper Fitzgerald, Mason Plott
- 17 - Adam Craven, Pam D. Hall
- 18 - Matt Koontz
- 19 - Lindsay Hall, Barbara Waynick
- 20 - Brian Darr, Tanner Sanders, Jescena Sink
- 21 - Jimmy Ray
- 24 - Cheryl Graeub
- 25 - Jimmy Craven, Michael Hilton
- 26 - Trent Hayworth
- 27 - Hunter Jordan
- 28 - Bud Schuler
- 29 - Eileen Sloan
- 30 - Betty Leonard, Morgan Miller, Ivy Ray,  
Jimmy Sands

## ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

### **January 31, 2021:**

8:30 Worship - 73  
9:45 Worship - 171  
11:00 Worship - 32  
Total Weekend Worship - 276  
Sunday Small Groups - Bad Weather  
General Offering - \$5,885.00  
FLC Offering - \$500.00

### **February 7, 2021:**

8:30 Worship - 100  
9:45 Worship - 189  
11:00 Worship - 63  
Total Weekend Worship - 352  
Sunday Small Groups - Bad Weather  
2/10 Family Night - 227  
General Offering - \$18,946.34  
FLC Offering - \$4,340.00

### **February 14, 2021:**

8:30 Worship - 115  
9:45 Worship - 182  
11:00 Worship - 77  
Total Weekend Worship - 374  
Sunday Small Groups - 225  
2/17 Family Night - 231  
General Offering - \$20,476.00  
FLC Offering - \$2,311.00

### **February 21, 2021:**

8:30 Worship - 150  
9:45 Worship - 222  
11:00 Worship - 60  
Total Weekend Worship - 432  
Sunday Small Groups - 256  
2/24 Family Night - 223  
General Offering - \$11,239.77  
FLC Offering - \$560.00

Get Connected...

We have numerous Small Groups offered during the week as well as on Sunday mornings. Find out more information on our website or by calling the church office.

Sunday's	Youth Group	5:00 - 7:30 PM
Monday's	Prayer Group Meeting	6:45 PM
Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10:00 AM
Tuesday's	Living Grace Group	6:30 PM
Tuesday's	Choir Practice	6:45 PM
Wednesday's.	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday's	Divorce Care & DC4K	6:30 PM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

Tuesday, March 2	Open Gym	9:30 AM
Friday, March 5	Feeding LHS Football Team	3:30 - 5 PM
Friday, March 5	Imprisoned for Christ Virtual Event	
Saturday, March 6	Light up the Night Boutique Day	10AM - 12PM
**March 6 - 12	Light up the Night Decorating	
Friday, March 12	Light up the Night Prom	6 - 9 PM
Saturday, March 13	Daddy Daughter Dance	5 - 7 PM
Sunday, March 14	Church Vote	
Monday, March 22	MTP Women's Group Meeting	6:30 PM
Saturday, March 27	Wildlife Banquet	5:30 PM
Sunday, March 28	Easter Cantata	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Sunday, March 28	Easter Egg-Stravaganza	12 - 2 PM

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# Crown Him King Triumphant

## Easter Cantata

Sunday, March 28 | 8:30 & 11:00am

Everyone is invited to participate in the musical celebration of the Easter Season!

Tuesday, February 2 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | Room 202  
Tuesday, February 9 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | Room 202  
Tuesday, February 16 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | Room 202  
Sunday, February 21 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Room 202  
Tuesday, February 23 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | Room 202  
Tuesday, March 2 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | Room 202  
Sunday, March 7 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM | Room 202  
Tuesday, March 9 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | Room 202  
Tuesday, March 16 | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | Room 202  
Sunday, March 21 | 3:00 - 4:30 PM | FLC  
Tuesday, March 23 | 6:45 - 8:00 PM | FLC  
Saturday, March 27 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM | FLC  
Sunday, March 28 | 8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship | FLC

**Regular Choir Practice | Tuesday's 6:45 - 7:30pm | Room 202**

Please attend as many practices as possible.

Contact Candace Grubbs with any questions -  
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# WILDLIFE BANQUET

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27 AT 5:30 PM**

Tickets include meal and entry into doorprizes

**\$15 for Adult Ticket (18 & Up)**

**\$10 for Minor Ticket (17 and Under)**

**Parents & Children Family Pack- \$45 Total for Tickets**

*Drawing for a Rifle, Shotgun & Airgun*

**Guest Speaker: Jesse Lee , Cross Trail Outfitters**

**Menu: Pork BBQ, Wildlife Samplers, Baked Beans,  
Potato Salad, Slaw, Dessert & Drink**

**6516 OLD GREENSBORO RD. THOMASVILLE, NC 27360**

**PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT - [MTPLEASANT.CHURCH](http://MTPLEASANT.CHURCH)**

