





# Who takes first place in our life?

If someone looked at our lives, our plans, our desires, our budget ... what would they say was of first importance in our life? If they scrolled through our social media, what would it say about our priorities? What takes first place in our life? **Who takes first place in our life?** Do we have our priorities out of order, and if so, what impact does that have our lives, relationships and faith?

It seems that in life, the options are endless. There are so many things we can choose to place as a priority in life. There are so many options for us to invest our time, energy and efforts. That is, until we realize followers of Christ don't get to decide what is most important. It does not change with the season of life we find ourselves in. It is not some mystery we are left to solve.

Jesus Himself gave us the top priority: "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matt. 6:33). He said, in effect, "This is your priority; this comes first."

If I am to seek first in my life God's kingdom and God's righteousness, then whatever else I do ought to relate to that goal: where I work, with whom I spend my time, the one I marry, or the decision to remain single. Every decision I make ought to be filtered through the Matthew 6:33 filter: where I put my money, where and how I spend my time, what I give away.

Living out the kingdom life means that everything must remain before the throne and under the authority of the ruler. Everything must be held loosely.

Life places before us hundreds of possibilities. Some are bad. Many are good.But only one is the best. But each of us must decide, "What priority takes first place in my life?"

Join us beginning Easter Sunday for our new series, "First Things First". We will see what God's Word has to day about priorities in our belief, worship and relationships.

In Christ, Pastor Chris

#### "The Shepherd's Staff" MTP Elder's Update

Over the past month the Elders have been working on the Deacon role at Mt. Pleasant. Since this is a new role at the church we have spent quite a bit of time discussing what the needs are and how to best organize our ministries under the leadership of Deacons. Once we categorized the different roles, we considered who in our body would be the best candidates to take on the challenges.

One of these challenges is that we have never had the role before. This was indeed a blank slate for us to work out the goals of our church. We have put together some job descriptions to help explain what each Deacon would be working on and who their teams would be. Our plan is to finalize the recommendations with the Administrative Council and formally announce the Deacon ministry in the next month. Below is a list of the different roles we identified and a short description of that Deacon's role:

Family Ministries: Works to minister to not only youth and children but the whole family. Helps get new families connected at MTP.

Youth Ministries: Works alongside Donnie B. to support him and meet the needs of our Youth program.

Children Ministries: Works alongside Jennifer to support her and meet the needs of the Children's program.

Adult Ministries: Coordinates the adult ministries at the church and helps integrate all the adult ministries. Also works to get new members connected at MTP.

Pastoral Care: Works alongside our Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care to reach out to those in our body who need physical, emotional and spiritual comfort during difficult times.

Outreach/Missions: Coordinates our outreach and mission activities.

Administration: Works with the Finance team and Trustees to make sure MTP is prepared to support our ministries.

The other item we have been working on is replacing Donnie Durham as our Pastoral Care Associate.We believe that this will likely be a full-time position and will advertise for an Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Counseling that works full time to support those needs in our body.If you know of a person who may be interested, please contact one of the Elders or Pastor Chris.

Bo Sink Steve Cranford Vince Brown Joe Hayworth Danny Buckner Daniel Rich Eric Hilton Tommy McDevitt. Bill Baughn

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.



### Youth Parent Newsletter

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING...

#### YOUTH GROUP | SUNDAYS

APR 11th, 18th, 25th | 5-7:30P

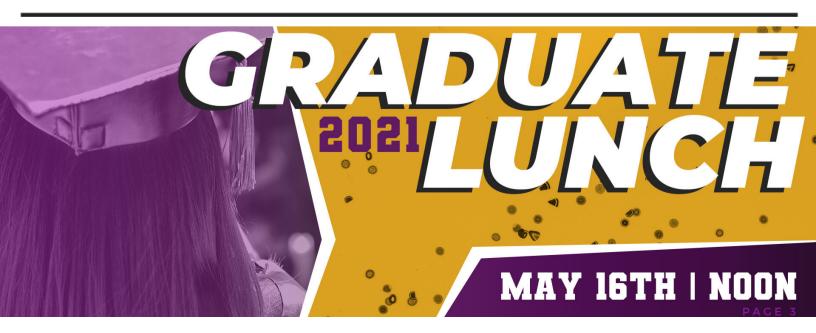
#### YOUTH BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS

APR 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

- 5th&6th Grade | 5:30-6:30P
- 7th-12th Grade | 6:30P-7:30P

#### YOUTH BREAKFAST | TUESDAYS

APR 13th, 20th, 27th | 7:00A



## WELCOME BACK TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH @ 7:00AM YOUTH BREAKFAST

#### YUP WE'RE BACK!

Starting April 13th, every Tuesday morning (when Davidson County Schools have classes) the youth come together at 7am for a Youth Breakfast & Devotion. Great Food! Awesome Fellowship! Tons of Fun! All capped off with an Amazing Faith-filled Devotion!

(Transportation to Ledford Middle and High Schools, Oak Grove Middle and High Schools, and Friendship, Hasty, and Wallburg Elementary Schools is provided.)

#### REMEMBER THIS

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

Lamentations 3:22 NIV

#### **Daily Cues**



#### Morning Time

The morning can be a stressful time for your student. They're worried about what they look like, being on time, or just stressing out about whatever is going in the day ahead. As they're getting ready, try dropping by just to tell them that you believe in and ask if you can help them with getting ready.



#### Meal Time

Surprise your student with their favorite meal! This seems like a small gesture but can truly change their mood as they cope with stress. Go all out and theme out the whole meal. If they love alfredo make it an Italian themed or if they love hot dogs, make it sports themed. Make this meal something special, a meal they will never forget.



#### Their Time

The next time your teen brings up being stressed—try to listen first. This can make a big difference for your teen—to be heard and not just getting your quick response—show first that you care. List their whole situation first and then ask: "How can I help?". Let them tell you what advice or direction they want to hear and be willing to only take it as far as they are willing to go.



#### Bed Time

Before the end of the night, ask your teen what the best and worst parts of their day were. This is all about listening and being curious. You can also find out why they were the best and worst parts of the day. The goal is to get to know what makes their day great and what stresses them out. If you have time, let them know about your day too as a way to mutually connect on a deeper level.



TONS OF FUN COMING UP WITH THE MTP KIDS KLUB! MAKE SURE THAT YOU VISIT OUR WEBPAGE TO FIND OUT MORE & TO REGISTER!

## MTPLEASANT.CHURCH/KIDS

- <u>APRIL 18</u> MTP KIDS FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE ZOO! WE WILL MEET AT THE ZOO AT 12PM - PLEASE BRING A PICNIC LUNCH. REGISTER QUICK - TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!
- <u>MAY 22</u> PRINCESS DAY! WE WILL HAVE SO MUCH FUN LEARNING HOW OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS THE KING OF KINGS!
- <u>MAY 23</u> TREASURE ISLAND KIDS MUSICAL! THE KIDS HAVE BEEN LEARNING THE SONGS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS & ARE DOING GREAT! WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO SEE THEM PERFORM!



#### 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 ...

Happy Spring to everyone! Our Wildlife Banquet is this Saturday March 27th, if you did not purchase a ticket you can do so at the door. This is a great time of fellowship and of course, food. The Men will be cooking and serving for the Easter Eggstravaganza this Sunday right after the Cantata.

Also Easter is next week and we will be serving a full breakfast right after the Sunrise service. Coming May 16th will be our Graduate Sunday where we will recognize our Graduates and serve a steak lunch right after the 11am service. Please see our app or website to register for this event so we can have an accurate headcount. Happy Easter! He has Risen!

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

#### MTP Women's Group ...

The next Woman's Group meeting will be April 26, at 6:30 pm. The Meal will be catered. Our mission project will be items for the Father's Store House. New or gently used household items such as: sheets, blankets, towels, washcloths, kitchen linens, dishes, paper products and other items that could be used by someone who doesn't have what they need for a home will be collected.

At the April meeting 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!

#### Outreach ...

During the month of April, the Outreach Committee will be collecting a love offering for Joey and Jennifer Driggers. As most of you know, Joey is a Thomasville Police Officer and was injured in the line of duty. We want to show our love and support to them as Joey goes through his recovery process. Please be sure to mark your offering Outreach. Thank you in advance for your support.

Memorials & Donations

- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Martha Lou Hayworth by Renee & Byron Low

- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Martha Lou Hayworth by Larry & Betty Nifong

#### SERVING THE CHURCH IN APRIL

#### <u>Ushers:</u>

April 4: \*Bryan Bray, Gary Craven, Scott Green, Jerry Hilton April 11: \*Ryan Hilton, Daniel Rich, Garrett Rich, Adam Buckner April 18: \*Joe Hayworth, Gary Hilton, Brad Stokes April 25: \*Brandon Harden, JW Motsinger, Timmy Hege

Greeters: 8:30AM	9:45AM	11:00AM
April 4: Doug & Gail Aderhold	The Owens Family	Keith & Paula Knolmayer
April 11: Wendy Harper	Bo Sink	Greg Moore
April 18: Karen & Stan Bowen	The Shufelt Family	Glen Morgan
April 25: Lin & Terri Blevins	Chet & Lorrie Varner	
MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:		
Nursery: 8:30AM	9:45AM	11:00AM
April 4: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald	Laura Grego & Jamie	e Proctor Tricia Anderson

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April 11:	Jescena & Allison Sink.	Kim Walser & Pam Hall	Pam & Lindsay Hall	
April 18:	Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne	Ellen Hilton & Megan Williams	Jennifer Driggers	
April 25:	Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden	Allison M., Whitney G. & Stacy D.	Jennifer Driggers	

2 Year Old Class:	3 Year Old Class:	4 Year Old Class:
April 4: Easter	Easter	Easter
April 11: Amy Johnson & Tia Starner	Casey M., Tiffany W. & Amber S.	Kearns & Danielle W.
April 18: Anna Ruth & Baylee Crouse	Rachel B., Tammy V. & Hally A.	Tina Grubbs & Leandra G.
April 25: Amy & Samuel Nifong	Maddie Hagee & the Bridges.	Victoria M. & Misty Carr
Kindergarten:	1st Grade:	2nd Grade:
April 4: Easter	Easter	Easter
April 11: Jill Murphy	Leandra Glance	Dianne Reid
April 18: Tobbie L. & Laura C.	Kelly Kiger	Jane Mendenhall
April 25: Keith & Paula Knolmayer	Josh & Heather Beasley	Emily Sanders
<u>3rd Grade:</u>	4th Grade:	
April 4: Easter	Easter	
April 11: Stephanie Comer	Amy McDevitt	
April 18: Misty Petree	Jenny Hagee	

#### Children's Church:

April 25: Erica Martin

<u>8:30AM:</u>	11:00AM Pre-K 1	<u>1:00AM Elementary:</u>
April 4: Easter	Easter	Easter
April 11: Christine Turner	Youth	Cindy Buckner
April 18: Kaylie Sink	Amy Johnson	Julie Butt
April 18: Lisa Lane	Macie Owenby & Bryce McDevit	Kristin Hagee

Amy McDevitt

MTP Youth Servers: Elaine Darr, Barb Waynick, Kelly Peacock - No Meal needed on April 4

#### APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

1 - Susan Morgan

- 3 Pat Fraley, Chalie Graeub, Kristi McDaniel
- 4 Jake Johnson
- 7 Sally Nifong
- 8 Sierra Plott
- 10 Spring Cecil, Reagan Clontz, John Payne
- 11 Emma Barnes
- 12 Meredith Baucom, Alaina Brown, Barbara Callicut, Levi Leonard, Jake Godwin
- 13 Phyllis Blair, Peggy Woempner
- 14 Corey Knolmayer
- 15 Natalie Buckner, Delaney Sexton
- 17 Dow Craver, Peggy Shuler
- 18 Todd Nifong, Floyd White
- 20 Daniel Harper
- 22 Kim Walser, Luke Penry
- 23 Danny Dyles
- 24 Gail Aderhold, Sharon Koontz
- 25 Erin Hall, Callie Evans
- 26 Angie Hayworth, Brenda Zenker, Caroline Elrod
- 27 Suzanne Muller, Joe Hayworth
- 28 Peyton Hasell, Roger Waynick
- 29 Julie Motsinger, Reginald Shoaf, Tylor White

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30 - Brandon Buckner

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.

#### **ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP**

#### February 28, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 123 9:45 Worship - 262 11:00 Worship - 60 Total Weekend Worship - 445 Sunday Small Groups - 259 3/3 Family Night - 225 General Offering - \$16,875.00 FLC Offering - \$2,710.00

#### <u>March 7, 2021:</u>

8:30 Worship - 132 9:45 Worship - 265 11:00 Worship - 40 Total Weekend Worship - 440 Sunday Small Groups - 247 General Offering - \$18,592.15 FLC Offering - \$2,490.00

#### <u>March 14, 2021:</u>

8:30 Worship - 118 9:45 Worship - 176 11:00 Worship - 50 Total Weekend Worship - 344 Sunday Small Groups - 203 3/17 Family Night - 233 General Offering - \$13,040.00 FLC Offering - \$640.00

#### <u>March 21, 2021:</u>

8:30 Worship - 168 9:45 Worship - 222 11:00 Worship - 56 Total Weekend Worship - 446 Sunday Small Groups - 261 3/24 Family Night -General Offering - \$11,986.00 FLC Offering - \$11,100.00

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# SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Worship with us at 8:30 | 9:45 | 11:00am (followed by Block Party)

Food Trucks | Cornhole Tournament | Bounce House | Karaoke | Game Room

Mark Your Calendars	April 2021 Events		
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	
Wednesday's	Youth Mid-Week		
Tuesday's	Living Grace Group	6:30 PM	
Thursday's	Divorce Care & DC4K	6:30 PM	
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM	
Thursday, April 1	Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion	7:00 PM	
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday		
	Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM		
	Breakfast at 7:30 AM		
	Worship at 8:30 & 10:00 AM		
Sunday, April 11	Bring a Friend Sunday		
	Worship at 8:30   9:45   11:00 AM followed by:		
	Food Trucks   Cornhole Tournament   Bounce H		
Saturday, April 17	CarPalooza	2:00 - 6:30 PM	
Sunday, April 18	Celebration Sunday	8:30   9:45   11:00 AM	
Sunday, April 18	MTP Kids Family Fun Day		
Sunday, April 25	Administrative Council Meeting	3:00 PM	
Monday, April 26	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 PM	
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Office Hours: Tues. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



# SATURDAY, APRIL 17 | 2 - 6:30 PM





# CAR SHOW | FOOD TRUCKS | CONCERT

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