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Do You Want to Live Different?

*I don't wanna hear anymore Teach me to listen
I don't wanna see anymore Give me a vision
That you could move this heart To be set apart
I don't need to recognize The man in the mirror
And I don't wanna trade your plan For something familiar
I can't waste a day I can't stay the same
I wanna be different I wanna be changed
'Til all of me is gone And all that remains
Is a fire so bright The whole world can see
That there's something different So come and be different... In me!
And I don't wanna spend my life Stuck in a pattern
And I don't wanna gain this world But lose what matters
And so I'm giving up Everything because
I wanna be different
I know, that I am far From perfect
But through you, the cross still says I'm worth it
So take this beating in my heart Come and finish what you started
When they see me, let them see you 'Cause I just wanna be different!*



Your life will be wasted. Some may use the words: used, spent or lived. That can be a good thing or a bad thing, depending on the decisions you are making right now.

After a long but productive day at work, we feel tired, done, wasted. But, what a sweet feeling to know you put in the work and will see the benefits, whether it's a raise or just the feeling of a job well done. Then there are the times when we face a work deadline but spend all morning on Facebook. Time wasted. How you spend your time today determines your tomorrow.

Solomon, the writer of Ecclesiastes and Proverbs, fell into a routine of wasting his days. To outsiders, Solomon seemed to have it all together. He spent his time acquiring women and money. Building projects were erected in his honor. He was a king, after all, so how bad could life be? Then you read Ecclesiastes and realize how hopelessly depressed Solomon became.

A life well wasted is not spent feeding our own desires. A life well wasted is spent loving God and loving others. What would happen if we spent our time and energy making a difference instead of just making a name for ourselves?

Our life will be wasted in pursuit of God, or it will be wasted in pursuit of lesser things. There is no other option. At the end of your life, when everything is said and done, will you be able to look back at a trail of lives that have been impacted for eternity, or will you see old cars, old homes and bank accounts filled with money that will be given to someone else to spend?

Let's commit to being different. May we commit to making a difference in the lives of others around us. Be different.

-Pastor Chris

**“The Shepherd’s Staff”
MTP Elder’s Update**

We are excited to introduce the new Deacons for MTP! The Elders reviewed the roles that we outlined last month and were unanimous in the nominations of the candidates. The Administrative Council approved the nominations to make the Deacon Council official. Here are your Deacons for 2021 and 2022:

- **Family Ministries:** Victoria Gaither
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- **Youth Ministries:** Greg York
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- **Children Ministries:** Kelly Kiger
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- **Adult Ministries:** Ray Shufelt
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- **Pastoral Care:** Jane Mendenhall
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- **Outreach/Missions:** Len Blevins
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- **Administration:** Jerry Putnam

The Elders and Deacons had a kickoff meeting April 19th to discuss the new role, the administrative structure of MTP and the challenges that the Deacons will be tackling in the weeks to come. They are planning to meet May 3rd to begin their work. The Deacons will be working with the ministries in their area of focus and getting up to speed on what’s going on here at MTP. The Elders and Deacons will be working together to make sure we are off to the best start possible.

If you have any questions about our ministries, these are the points of contact to begin connecting to our ministry teams. Felecia will be publishing a web link to contact both the Elders and Deacons if you would like to reach one of us. We thank everyone that is willing to serve and continue to praise God for the blessings of people, gifts and enthusiasm that He has sent to MTP. Pray for your leaders as we try to follow God’s lead on the path He has laid out for us.

*Bo Sink
Steve Cranford
Vince Brown*

*Joe Hayworth
Danny Buckner
Daniel Rich*

*Eric Hilton
Tommy McDevitt
Bill Baughn*

Col 1:9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;



Youth Parent Newsletter

WHAT'S HAPPENING

YOUTH GROUP | SUNDAY

MAY 2nd | 5:00-7:30P

YOUTH BREAKFAST | TUESDAYS

MAY 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th | 7:00A

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

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS

MAY 5th, 12th, 19th

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

GRADUATE LUNCH

SUNDAY MAY 16th | 12:00P

- [register online](#)
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A banner for the Graduate 2021 Lunch. The background is a purple-tinted photo of a person in a graduation cap and gown. Overlaid on the right is a yellow and purple graphic with confetti. The text 'GRADUATE' is in large white letters, '2021' is in purple, and 'LUNCH' is in large white letters. Below this, in a purple box, is the text 'MAY 16TH | NOON' in white.

GRADUATE 2021 LUNCH

MAY 16TH | NOON

GRADUATE SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday, May 16th, the MTP Men's Group will be honoring all Graduates and their Parents. Join them following the 11 am Sunday service, for a special lunch and time to honor each graduate.

- register online

One Week On Small Groups

Hebrews 10:23-25

When it comes to your small group, you get out what you put it.

REMEMBER THIS

“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

THINK ABOUT THIS

While parents are still influential throughout the teenage years, this phase is marked by a growing influence from friends, teachers, coaches, and even celebrities they follow. That means, peer relationships matter now more than ever. We're taking the week to chat with your students about how to be real and authentic during Small Group time so they can get the most out of this important community.

Daily Cues



Morning Time

As your teenager leaves the house, encourage them to make an intentional move to connect with someone in their small group today. Maybe they can initiate a group text asking for prayer, checking in with how everyone's week is going, or sharing an encouraging thought. Parents, you may want to reach out to your own small group today and do this challenge with your teenager.



Meal Time

During a meal time this week, have an intentional conversation asking who might be influencing your teenager's life, and prepare to share some answers yourself!

- Who is a major influence in your life? Why?
- How have your friends made you a better person?
- Who is an adult you can go to, besides me, that can help you with a difficult situation?
- Who are a couple of your favorite people to follow on social media? Why do you enjoy following them?



Their Time

The next time your teen is venting about a problem, ask them what they think different people in their small group might suggest they do. Talk to them about the voices they trust the most and ask them what makes some voices ones worth listening to, and other not. Share how you decide who gets to be a person who has influence in your own life.



Bed Time

Before your teenager goes to bed, let them know you understand that you won't always know about everything that's going on in their lives, but that's okay with you – even if you might struggle with it sometimes. Encourage them, however, to find someone who will listen to the stuff they may not be telling you. If they don't have someone like that yet, maybe spend time thinking through who that person could be and what kind of characteristics they should have.



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

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REGISTER

- MAY 22 - PRINCESS DAY! WE WILL HAVE SO MUCH FUN LEARNING HOW OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS THE KING OF KINGS!
- MAY 23 - 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!
- JUNE 21 - 25 - KIDS SUMMER KAMP - EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE THROUGH WORSHIP ARTS AND ACTIVITIES. FOR KIDS 4 YRS OLD - RISING 4TH GRADERS.

VBS

JULY 25 - 29



MTP Women's Group ...

Let me start this article by inviting any woman who attends our church, and a friend you may like to bring with you, to visit and /or join our group. We have had some new people to join us recently and we are so happy to have you . . . there is always room for more.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 26 at 6:30 pm. We are doing two Blessing Boxes this month. A Blessing Box is just a box or bag of small gifts to let the recipient know they are thought about and loved. We have a meal at the meeting, and the April meal will be bar-be-que. We will be voting on the Woman of the Year at this meeting and will collect items for The Father's Store House . . . such as bed linens, towels, other small household items and personal care items such as shampoo, etc.

The May meeting will be held on Monday, May, 24 at 6:30 pm, and there will be a meal. We will have a plant sale to earn money for our mission projects. We will also be doing a Blessing Box. We will be collecting individually wrapped snack items for Hospice House. Some other things to take place at the May meeting will be discussed at the April meeting.

Have a wonderful day and remember Jesus Loves You and so do we.

Greetings from MTP Men ...

Greetings from MTP Men. Wow, what a turnout for our Easter Sunrise service and breakfast. Thank you to all who prepared the food and cleaned up in record time. We found out quickly that 36 pounds of hash browns was not enough for this crowd. Our next event is Graduate Sunday on May 16th at noon right after the 11am service. We will honor our graduates with a delicious steak dinner with all the fixins. Please use the MTP app or the website to register for this event so we can prepare enough food for everyone. Stay tuned as we will hopefully have our next business meeting in August.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

Evangelism Committee ...

Our May-June C2 Event will be supporting Salem Pregnancy Center with our annual baby bottle change collection/baby supplies donation event. The event will begin on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 9) thru Father's Day (Sunday, June 20).

Memorials & Donations

- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Martha Lou Hayworth by Mr. & Mrs. Levi Leonard

May Outreach . . .

Murdoch Center Campership Fund

Yes, why not help, you can make a difference – read on to see how

Yes, we should help! Think about how you feel when you think “I have got to get away for at least a few days”. Now think about living at a facility where everything was the same day in and day out with few opportunities to see places other than the area around where you live or the campus of the place you call home. This is the life most of the residents of Murdoch Center lead.

The Murdoch center provides residential care for approximately 550 citizens who have a diagnosis of profound, severe, or moderate mental retardation or a related developmental disability; and is located 15 miles north of Durham.

During World War II, what is now Murdoch Center, was a training camp for thousands of soldiers being trained for combat, and was later a POW camp. With the camps closure at the end of the war it received new life as a much-needed facility for the mentally retarded. Then as now, it met a need for families trying to cope with the care of a special needed young adult through older adult, who couldn't live on their own. For many of the families the care would have to be provided by aging parents, or siblings who are trying to raise a family of their own; while still caring for the special needs family member – in some cases, a family member who can do little for themselves. As time has passed more land was purchased and the amenities have improved. It is a wonderful facility and the residents are fortunate to be able to call it home; given their inability to reside on their own because of their need for everything from supervision to total care. With that being said; a change of scenery and a chance to travel to a lake, the beach, the mountains or wherever the vacation takes them is something the residents who are physically and mentally able, look so forward to.

At one time, the state contributed funds to provide a vacation for the residents, but the state is no longer able to do so. Now, the residents have to depend on volunteers to provide the funds. Many of these people, the residents of the Murdoch Center, would not get a vacation at all if it were not for the generosity of groups like us.

Mt. Pleasant met a few residents from Murdoch in the early 1970s when the then chaplain, Rev. John Harley Cecil, brought them to present a program for us. They touched our hearts and inspired us to help – the annual campership fund was born! Mt. Pleasant started collecting donations each spring to provide a few days away for a vacation for the residents.

The collection this year will be **May 2** and **May 9**. You can make your checks payable to Mt. Pleasant, but be sure to write Murdoch Campership Fund on the memo line. If donating cash, please write Campership Fund on the outside of the envelope.

Thank you for your support of these deserving Murdoch Center Residents.

SERVING THE CHURCH IN MAY

Ushers:

May 2: *Bryan Bray, Gary Craven, Scott Green, Jerry Hilton

May 9: *Ryan Hilton, Daniel Rich, Garrett Rich, Adam Buckner

May 16: *Joe Hayworth, Gary Hilton, Brad Stokes

May 23: *Brandon Harden, JW Motsinger, Timmy Hege

Greeters: 8:30AM

May 2: Doug & Gail Aderhold

May 9: Wendy Harper

May 16: Karen & Stan Bowen

May 23: 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

MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:

Nursery: 8:30AM

May 2: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald

May 9: Jescena & Allison Sink.

May 16: Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne

May 23: Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden

9:45AM

Laura Gregg & Jamie Proctor

Kim Walser & Pam Hall

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:

May 2: Cameron & Katie Koontz

May 9: Amy Johnson & Tia Starner

May 16: Anna Ruth & Baylee Crouse

May 23: Treasure Island Musical

3 Year Old Class:

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail

Casey M., Tiffany W. & Amber S.

Rachel B., Tammy V. & Hally A.

Treasure Island Musical

4 Year Old Class:

Keri Everhart & Tina Grubbs

Kearns & Danielle W.

Tina Grubbs & Leandra G.

Treasure Island Musical

Kindergarten:

May 2: Tony & Karen Hyde

May 9: Jill Murphy

May 16: Tobbie L. & Laura C.

May 23: Treasure Island Musical

1st Grade:

Tiffany Brister

Leandra Glance

Kelly Kiger

Treasure Island Musical

2nd Grade:

Eileen Sloan

Dianne Reid

Jane Mendenhall

Treasure Island Musical

3rd Grade:

May 2: Kelly Kiger

May 9: Stephanie Comer

May 16: Misty Petree

May 23: Erica Martin

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee

Amy McDevitt

Jenny Hagee

Amy McDevitt

Children's Church:

8:30AM:

May 2: Diana Payne

May 9: Christine Turner

May 16: Kaylie Sink

May 23: Lisa Lane

11:00AM Pre-K

Trina Sprinkle

Youth

Amy Johnson

Macie Owenby & Bryce McDevitt

11:00AM Elementary:

Josh & Chelsea Kearns

Cindy Buckner

Julie Butt

Kristin Hagee

MAY BIRTHDAY'S



- 1 - Sarah Finch
- 2 - Lillie Sink
- 3 - Darwin Parks
- 4 - Leah Fleming
- 6 - Rusty Cagle
- 8 - Brandy Gardner
- 9 - Kevin Clark, Jake Fleming
- 10 - Robert Grubbs, Austin Knolmayer
- 11 - Randy Cecil
- 12 - Beth Craver
- 15 - Anne Edwards
- 16 - Melissa Baity, Eleanor Cameron
- 17 - Chloe Everhart, Jon Sloan
- 18 - Doug Aderhold, Cindy Buckner,
Riley Green, Chip Jordan, Diana Payne,
Phil Sloan, David Walser
- 19 - Bo Terry
- 20 - Don Davis
- 22 - Malinda Cagle, Devin James, Janis Beasley
- 23 - Josh Hall, Donald Kennedy, Ellie Binkley
- 26 - Gregory Johnson
- 27 - Adam Buckner, Catherine Mendenhall,
Nathan Parks
- 29 - Amanda Clontz, Eli Fleming, Shane Plott
- 31- Sarah Penry

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

March 28, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 145

9:45 Worship - 275

11:00 Worship - 189

Total Weekend Worship - 609

Sunday Small Groups - 232

3/31 Family Night - 180

General Offering - \$8,898.27

FLC Offering - \$920.00

April 4, 2021:

Sunrise Service - 315

8:30 Worship - 395

10:00 Worship - 247

General Offering - \$20,221.95

FLC Offering - \$3,350.00

April 11, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 156

9:45 Worship - 195

11:00 Worship - 103

Total Weekend Worship - 454

Sunday Small Groups - 267

General Offering - \$10,464.00

FLC Offering - \$1,170.00

April 18, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 149

9:45 Worship - 287

11:00 Worship - 58

Total Weekend Worship - 494

Sunday Small Groups - Celebration Sunday

General Offering - \$19,977.25

FLC Offering - \$570.00

Sunday's	Youth Group	5:00 - 7:30 PM
Monday's	Prayer Group Meeting	6:45 PM
Tuesday's	Youth Breakfast & Devotion	7:00 AM
Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10:00 AM
Tuesday's	Choir Practice	6:45 PM
Wednesday's	Youth Mid-Week	
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

Sunday, May 2	Lunch with the Pastor	12:00 - 2:00 PM
Sunday, May 9	Mother's Day	
Sunday, May 16	Red Cross Blood Drive	10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday, May 16	Graduate Lunch	12:00 PM
Saturday, May 22	Princess Day	Session 1: 12 - 2 PM Session 2: 2 - 4 PM
Sunday, May 23	Treasure Island - MTP Kids Musical	9:45 AM
Sunday, May 23	Advancement Sunday	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Monday, May 24	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 PM

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