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MTP NEWSLETTER

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Bold Steps ... Big Blessings ... & Encouraging Examples

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2 Cor. 3:12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

Joshua 1:7 7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

I read the words below for the first time almost 10 years ago. They challenged me to take more seriously the responsibility of leadership God had placed on my life.

"Leaders instill courage in the hearts of those who follow. This rarely happens through words alone. It generally requires action. Somebody has to go first. By going first, the leader furnishes confidence to those who follow."

Over the past year our church has answered the call to go first, take a stand and step out in faith. Mt. Pleasant committed as a church family to live into our core values and live out our mission. Our top core value was (Authority of Scripture). Our mission was to boldly share the unfailing love of Jesus. In striving to follow these beliefs and live our mission, we found ourselves facing opposition from and disagreements with our denomination. These were dealing with essential matters of faith. Our church was put to the test... will we settle for comfort and status quo or follow our conscience and conviction. Mt. Pleasant took a stand and one year ago this week disassociated from the United Methodist denomination.

This took great steps of faith, sacrifices and hard work. I look back with amazement at the unity felt and exhibited by our church family. Our church family, in the face of uncertainty, became the first UMC Congregation in our entire conference of 1000 + churches to do so. We went first. Each week I receive calls and emails from other local churches who want to take a stand for Biblical obedience and thank Mt. Pleasant for showing them such a step of faith is possible. Each time I have these conversations, I am reminded yet again. *"Leaders instill courage in the hearts of those who follow. This rarely happens through words alone. It generally requires action. Somebody has to go first. By going first, the leader furnishes confidence to those who follow."*

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I want to thank each of you for helping furnish confidence for those who follow! Thank you for giving hope to local churches who were afraid they would have to settle for a life of disobedience to God and allegiance to a denomination.

God has blessed us beyond measure over this past year and I believe the best is yet to come. We can not simply revel in past accomplishments but instead continue to take steps of faith that point to God's power and provision.

May we believe that through God's power we can do more than we can dream or imagine. I know... that sounds challenging. That may require more sacrifice and irrational confidence in Christ. Yes, that will require courage. But in stepping out you will give the gift of courage to those who are watching.

In Christ,
Pastor Chris

IMMEASURABLY MORE

Memorials & Donations

- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Peggy Woempner by Reginald Shoaf
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Pastor Johnny S. Bowen by Stan & Karen Bowen
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Martha Lou Hayworth by Brenda Saintsing



“The Shepherd’s Staff”

Mt. Pleasant Elder Update

We are continuing to work with a candidate for the Pastoral Care position. Due to this person’s current employment the process is moving very deliberately and slowly to be sensitive to his situation. We are excited that this is continuing on the path for him to be here, it is just taking some time.

The Youth worked with Danny Buckner to demolish and replace a deck for someone in our community. Danny said the Youth did a great job, they are all hard workers and the project was done in record time. If you know of a need in the community where we can provide similar assistance, talk to Danny or Donny B. about it and perhaps they can help.

The Biblical Counseling course is off to a good start. Most everyone has begun watching the lessons and we had our first meeting to discuss the material on Sunday. It is very practical and challenging, and the participants are really looking forward to digging deeper into the Word and using it to help heal and bring hope.

The Elders met with Neil and discussed in detail his family’s ministry in Iraq. He has been there over 5 years now and has seen a tremendous blessing of God on the work. They have house churches where they hold their worship services. His model is very much a New Testament example of people coming together united in Christ to live whole heartedly as Christians. People in the Muslim world have a much higher cost of becoming Christian. Their families and friends may shun them or they may lose their job. He is training leaders from the people in his churches to establish firmly planted house churches in different cities. If you haven’t looked at what he is doing, check out his website <http://ironkiteinternational.com/>

Neil did share the story behind the name “Iron Kite”. He said that early on he was faced with a challenge and felt the Lord telling him to move in a certain direction. He named the effort “Iron Kite” because he knew without the breath of God to lift him, he would be as useless as a kite made of iron. Indeed God did breathe on his work and he is aloft spreading the Gospel!

Bo has sent out a survey to the small group leaders. If you received this, please take the time to provide the information he requested. We are working to improve our small group ministry with leadership and teaching help, as well as involving people who aren’t participating now. Thank you all who are leading our groups, we appreciate your hard work.

Please reach out to us if you need our support with any spiritual needs or have any questions we can help answer.

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;



What's Happening...

VBS Finale

Sunday, Aug 1 | 11A-1P

Basketball/Volleyball Tournament

Thursday, Aug 5th | 10A-2P

(Lunch is provided)

High School Mtn Biking

Thursday, Aug 12th | 7A - 4:00P

(Pack a bag lunch | 8th-12th Grades | [Register Online](#))

Youth Bonfire

Sunday, Aug 15th | 5-7:30P

([@Daniel & April Rich's House](#))

Middle School Bible Study

Wednesday, Aug 4th | 6-7P

(5th-7th Grades)

High School Bible Study

Sunday, Aug 8th | 5:30-7P

(8th-12th Grades)

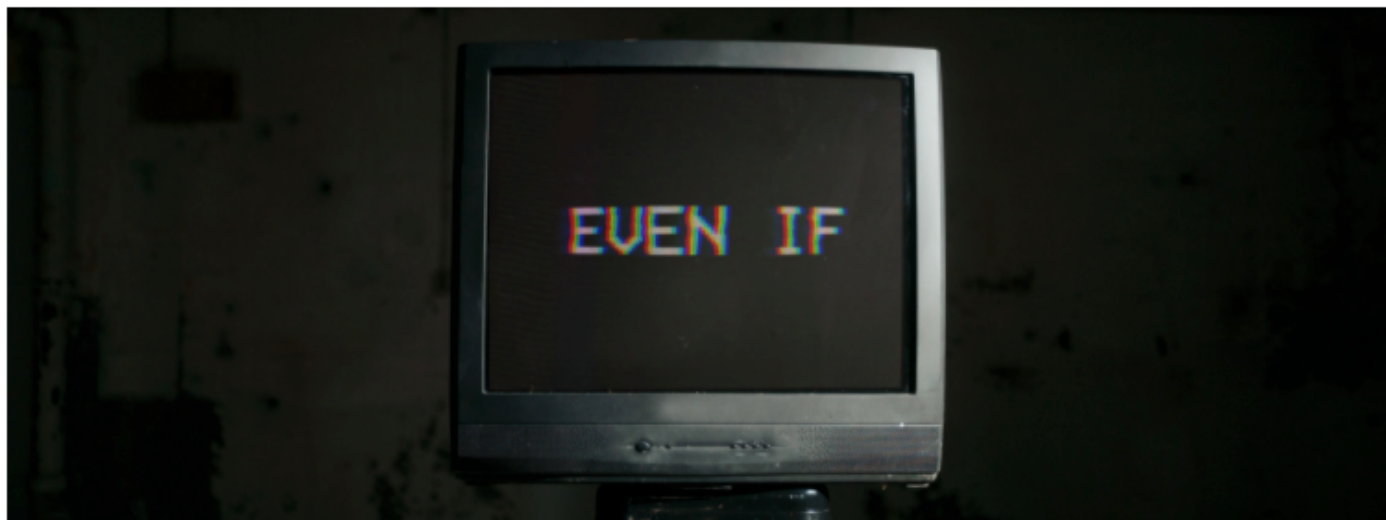
Youth Breakfast & Devotion

Wednesdays, Aug 18th & 25th | 7A

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

Youth Group

Sundays, Aug 22nd & 29th | 5:30-7P



No matter what our feelings on change, to some extent, change is hard for everyone. Even good change disrupts our worlds. Which is why, in a world where it feels like everything changes, it's important to center ourselves around the One who never changes. In this series, we'll unpack how even if change is challenging, there is a way through it, counting on the One whose love and commitment to us never changes.

Week One

Hebrews 13:8

God doesn't change, even if . . .

Week Two

Isaiah 43:2, John 16:33, John 16:7

God is with you, even if . . .

Week Three

Numbers 13:27-28,

Numbers 13:33, Numbers 14:7-9

You can have courage, even if . . .

Week Four

James 1:2-4

You'll be stronger, even if . . .

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Hebrews 13:8, NLT



Morning Time

As your teen starts their day, say, "I noticed that you did **[fill in the blank]** the other day without being asked. Thank you. I really appreciate you taking care of that."



Meal Time

At a meal this week, ask your teen, *"What is something that has changed in your life from this time last year?"*



Their Time

Strengthen your relationship by adjusting your plans to show up whenever they need you.



Bed Time

Pray for your teen as they navigate the new school year (whether it's started or upcoming). Ask God to help them adjust to changes in relationships, opportunities, academics, and whatever else the year brings.



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

- AUGUST 12 - FIELD TRIP TO GREENSBORO SCIENCE CENTER

- AUGUST 14 - HERO DAY



EACH SUNDAY MORNING WE HAVE CLASSES FOR NURSERY - 4TH GRADE DURING ALL 3 WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 AM: NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH
9:45 AM: NURSERY - 4TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM: NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sunday, August 1

VBS Finale Sunday!

All the kids will help lead our Worship Service at 10:00am teaching us all about how Jesus will always pull us through. Following Worship, we will have a hotdog lunch for everyone followed by tons of fun! Enjoy inflatable Water Slides, Sunset Slush, Bounce Houses, Obstacle Courses, a Foam Pit and MORE!

MTP Women ...

The next meeting will be Monday, August 23, at 6:30 pm. We will have a salad bar meal. If you were not at the last meeting where people signed up for what they would bring, you can contact Tracey Ray to see what is needed. Each person needs to only bring one thing.

We will collect items for the Backpack Ministry for the mission project. We have been having more mission projects and not as many fundraising projects, so our treasury is a little low. We are collecting spare change to turn in at the next meeting to "Feed the Treasury". We will be doing one blessing box in August. Please bring your item to the meeting.

We are happy to have had some new people attending our meetings and want to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to be part of our group.

Greetings from MTP Men ...

Greetings from MTP Men. Our next meeting is Sunday August 1st at 7am in the Banquet room. Looking forward to finally meeting again for a good breakfast and great fellowship. If you are able please hang around after service on the 1st as we will be cooking and serving food for the VBS Finale. Thank you to Danny Buckner for allowing the Youth to help him in the building of a deck for a local family. Our September meeting will be September 5th at 7am in the Banquet room.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

Choir News ...

We are planning to start choir practice back on Tuesday, Aug. 17 @ 6:45. We welcome anyone who would like to be a part of Sunday morning music to come sing along! We will also be starting Christmas Cantata practice in a few months. If anyone would like to do special music for the 11:00 service, please contact Candace Grubbs at 336-813-1945 or CHodgin488@aol.com.

Country Breakfast . . .

The Church Wide Country Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 2. For those of you who are new to Mt. Pleasant and haven't been part of this event in the past. . . a full Country Breakfast providing: sausage, tenderloin, country ham, eggs, biscuits, gravy, baked apples and doughnuts will be served between the hours of 7:00 and 10:00 am. There will be a country store where baked items, home canned items, craft items and more will be sold. There will also be vendors selling craft items, homemade soap, and more.

We need people to help prepare the breakfast and help clean up after it is over. If you have worked before and are willing to work again, or if you are new to Mt. Pleasant since last October when the last one was held, and you are willing to help . . . contact Jane Mendenhall at janemendenhall24@gmail.com., or contact the church office.

This is a fun event with good food, fellowship and shopping options. You may be able to check a few names off your Christmas list.

Our Change for Change C2 Event was AWESOME!

The Evangelism Committee was blessed to deliver the donations to Salem Pregnancy Center collected at church at the end of June, we can't thank everyone enough for your involvement in supporting such an important and special ministry.

Throughout the rest of the summer, our C2 events will be a school supply drive for specifically needed supplies for Hasty Elementary, which will begin at VBS and run through August 8th. Supplies can be dropped off in the train car.

The following supplies are most needed:

Crayola crayons

Crayola markers

Glue sticks

7 oz paper cups

Skinny Expo dry erase markers

Our committee plans to meet mid-August to plan and discuss our C2 events for the remainder of the year. We love our church!

Each One Feed One - Food Packing Event

Sunday, October 17

Our Mission Committee has a goal of MTP being able to pack 10,000 meals for those in need! 1

Quarter provides 1 family pack meal! 1 Pack will feed a family of 6!

July - October, we will be collecting quarters to help. On October 17, following our 9:45am Worship, we will get together to pack up 10,000 meals! We will enjoy lunch, fellowship and packing meals for those in need.

Let's fill up the large water jug on the Welcome Table!

SERVING THE CHURCH IN AUGUST

Ushers:

August 1: Bryan Bray, Gary Craven, Scott Green, Jerry Hilton
 August 8: Ryan Hilton, Daniel Rich, Garrett Rich, Adam Buckner
 August 15: Joe Hayworth, Gary Hilton, Brad Stokes
 August 22: Brandon Harden, JW Motsinger, Timmy Hege
 August 29: Joey Ferree, Cooper Clontz, Ronnie Russell, Danny Buckner

Greeters:	8:30AM	9:45AM	11:00AM
August 1:	Doug & Gail Aderhold	John & Kathy Butt.	No Service
August 8:	Wendy Harper	Bo Sink	Greg Moore
August 15:	Karen & Stan Bowen	The Shufelt Family	Glen Morgan
August 22:	Lin & Terri Blevins	Chet & Lorrie Varner	Dow & Beth Craver
August 29:		Donnie & Deborah Durham	Joe Hayworth

MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:

Nursery:	8:30AM	9:45AM	11:00AM
August 1:	Phil & Sue Fitzgerald	<i>No 11:00 Service - VBS Finale Sunday</i>	
August 8:	Jescena & Allison Sink	Kim Walser & Pam Hall	Pam & Lindsay Hall
August 15:	Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne	Ellen Hilton & Megan Williams	Jennifer Driggers
August 22:	Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden	Allison M., Whitney G. & Stacy D.	Jennifer Driggers
August 29:	Macie Owenby	Kristi Burnette & Meggan Nobles	Jennifer Driggers

2 Year Old Class:	3 Year Old Class:	4 Year Old Class:
<i>August 1: No 11:00 Service - VBS Finale Sunday</i>		
August 8: Amy Johnson & Tia Starner	Casey M., Tiffany W. & Amber S.	Kearns & Danielle W.
August 15: Anna Ruth & Baylee Crouse	Rachel B., Tammy V. & Hally A.	Tina Grubbs & Leandra G.
August 22: Amy & Samuel Nifong	Michael & Amber Bridges	Victoria McCrary & Misty Carr
August 29: -----	-----	-----

Kindergarten:	1st Grade:	2nd Grade:
August 1: No 11:00 Service - VBS Finale Sunday		
August 8: Jill Murphy	Leandra Glance	Dianne Reid
August 15: Tobbie L. & Laura C.	Kelly Kiger	Jane Mendenhall
August 22: Keith & Paula Knolmayer.	Josh & Heather Beasley	Emily Sanders
August 29: 5th Sunday - MTP Youth Leading MTP Kids Classes		

3rd Grade:	4th Grade:
August 1: Kelly Kiger	<i>No 11:00 Service - VBS Finale Sunday</i>
August 8: Stephanie Comer	Amy McDevitt
August 15: Misty Petree	Jenny Hagee
August 22: Erica Martin	Amy McDevitt
August 29: 5th Sunday - MTP Youth Leading MTP Kids Classes	

Children's Church:

8:30AM:	11:00AM Pre-K	11:00AM Elementary:
August 1: Diana Payne	No 11:00 Service - VBS Finale Sunday	
Augus 8: Christine Turner	Jennifer Driggers	Cindy Buckner
August 15: Kaylie Sink	Amy Johnson	Julie Butt
August 22: Lisa Lane	Macie Owenby & Bryce McDevitt	Kristin Hagee
August 29: Jennifer Driggers	Macie Owenby	

AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S



- 1 - LeAnne Fleming
- 2 - Vickey Borgman, John Howard, Betty Nifong
- 3 - Dave Edwards
- 4 - Kim Cecil
- 5 - Matt Miller
- 6 - Craig Fleming
- 10 - Pat Shelton, Peggy Shelton
- 11 - Jason Sloan
- 12 - Lorrie Varner, Marshall Vining
- 14 - David Godwin
- 15 - Adam Dyles
- 16 - Eva Lassiter
- 17 - Larry Nifong, Wes Payne
- 18 - Joey Ferree, Chris Miller
- 19 - Joanne Baughn, Zoe Miller
- 20 - Norma Moore
- 21 - Emily Alphin, Kayla Evans
- 22 - Dwight Hilton
- 23 - Allyson Logan, Richard Mendenhall
- 24 - Brad Miller
- 25 - Hannah Evans
- 26 - Susan Jarosz
- 27 - Ron Zenker, Lizzie Woychik
- 28 - Phyllis Hilton, Evelyn Johnson
- 29 - Danny Buckner, Rebecca Cecil, Tracie Conrad,
Owen Moore, Kyle Godwin
- 30 - Jerry Hilton
- 31 - Dianne Baucom, Reese Mendenhall, Linda Murphy

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

June 27, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 127

9:45 Worship - 290

11:00 Worship - 35

Total Weekend Worship - 461

Sunday Small Groups - Celebration Sunday

General Offering - \$12,873.25

FLC Offering - \$2,015.00

July 4, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 144

9:45 Worship - 157

11:00 Worship - 34

Sunday Small Groups - 132

General Offering - \$10,301.00

FLC Offering - \$1,760.00

July 11, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 144

9:45 Worship - 197

11:00 Worship - 56

Total Weekend Worship - 407

Sunday Small Groups - 217

General Offering - \$14,781.00

FLC Offering - \$1,160.00

July 18, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 130

9:45 Worship - 191

11:00 Worship - 35

Total Weekend Worship - 356

Sunday Small Groups - 256

General Offering - \$10,158.00

FLC Offering - \$4,315.00

August 2021 Events

Monday's	Prayer Group Meeting	6:45 PM
Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10:00 AM
Tuesday's	Open Gym	12:00 - 1:00 PM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM
Sunday, August 1	MTP Men's Group Breakfast	7:00 AM
Sunday, August 1	VBS Finale Sunday	
	• Sermon - 8:30am / Kids Performance - 10:00am / Finale Activities - 11:00am - 1:30pm	
Thursday, August 5	Youth Basketball / Volleyball Tournament	
Thursday, August 5	Ladies Bible Study	7:00 PM
Saturday, August 14	Hero Day	10:00am - 12:00 PM
Sunday, August 15	Celebration Sunday	8:30 9:45 11:00 AM
Sunday, August 15	Block Party	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Thursday, August 19	Ladies Bible Study	7:00 PM
Saturday, August 21	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11:00 AM
Sunday, August 29	Prayer Shawl Blessing	
Sunday, August 29	Communion	8:30 9:45 11:00 AM

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