

SEPTEMBER  
2021

# MTP NEWSLETTER

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*"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21).*

These words inspired an article by: Jon Bloom...which in turn served as the theme for our upcoming series.



"People die because of things that are said. Tongues can be weapons of mass destruction, launching holocausts and wars. Tongues can also be the death of marriages, families, friendships, churches, careers, hopes, understanding, reputations, and governments.

But people also live because of words that are said. The tongue can be "a tree of life" (Proverbs 15:4). Tongues reconcile peoples and make peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). Tongues can make marriages sweet, families strong, and churches healthy. Tongues can give hope to the despairing, advance understanding, and spread the gospel.

So what will come out of your mouth today, death or life? The answer to that is found in this question...what are you full of?

It will all depend on what's filling your heart. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). A critical heart produces a critical tongue. A self-righteous heart produces a judgmental tongue. A bitter heart produces an acerbic tongue. An ungrateful heart produces a grumbling tongue.

But a loving heart produces a gracious tongue. A faithful heart produces a bold and truthful tongue. A peaceful heart produces a reconciling tongue. A trusting heart produces an encouraging tongue.

So fill your heart with God's Word. And guard your heart against all the trash and poison on T.V. and social media. And pray: "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!" (Psalm 141:3).

Allow Christ to make your mouth "a fountain of life" (Proverbs 10:11). Be "slow to speak" in general (James 1:19). Encourage more than you critique. Seek opportunities to speak kind, tenderhearted words (Ephesians 4:32). Say something affectionate to a loved one at an unexpected time. Seek to only speak words that are "good for building up," that "give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29)."

I am looking forward to starting our new series: "Speak Life" that begins on September 5th. Join us to see how your words really do shape your family, life and witness.

*In Christ*

*Pastor Chris*

## **“The Shepherd’s Staff”**

### **Mt. Pleasant Elder Update**

The Elders are pleased to announce that God has provided us a Pastoral Care and Counseling minister.

Tim Starbuck has agreed to join our ministry at MTP. Tim is coming out of 25 years of service in the UMC. His latest appointment was at Bethel in Thomasville where he has served since 2013. Tim really has a heart for pastoral care, and it was evident talking to him that this is his gift. He will begin officially in his new role on October 4th, but you may see him from time to time if he has a chance to attend our functions and get to know us. Tim has already begun planning some things he wants to do and he will be up to full speed very quickly. Tim is married to BethAnn and they have 5 children. His background covers quite a bit of territory, including military chaplaincy and Hospice, and he has a wealth of practical experience.

The Biblical Counseling course continues to offer a great learning experience for the attendees. The material is very relevant to our society today and we look forward to merging this effort with Tim’s oversight to provide help to anyone in our congregation who has a need to talk.

Bo held a meeting with some of the small group leaders to discuss the type of material we are using and discussed options for future classes. This is on-going as we find a way to grow our small group participation with new members and visitors.

Looking ahead, it will be time to nominate new Elders very soon. We have 3 members who will rotate off, so be thinking about candidates who meet the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy and Titus. We will also make some training available to interested candidates to make sure they know what the Elder’s role will be prior to agreeing to serve.

We will also begin staff reviews this fall. If you have anything you wish to share, please discuss it with one of the Elders. Please share any positive experiences as well as any suggestions you may have. MTP appreciates all the work our staff puts in to make the MTP ministry successful.

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;

# Family Night

## MEAL & BIBLE STUDY

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 15 - NOVEMBER 10

5:30 - 7:30 PM

**Enjoy dinner and Bible Study for everyone!**

**Nursery - Adult Bible Study**

**Meal is \$5 Per Person / \$20 Per Family**

**Kids 6 and Under Eat Free**

Adult Studies to Choose From:

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Christian Doctrine 101: led by Chris Clontz & Eric Hilton

*Doctrine is the word Christians use to define the truth-claims revealed in Holy Scripture. Of course there are a multitude of groups and individuals each with their own doctrinal statement with many points of disagreement. But while Christians disagree on several non-essential beliefs, there are key elements that cannot be denied by anyone claiming to be a follower of Jesus. In this study we will take a look at those close handed truths.*

Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer led by Megan Williams

*The Enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.*

American Sign Language led by Stephanie Godwin

*Learn how to talk with those who use sign language as their form of communication. We'll be learning the first 100 signs to make simple sentences.*

Woods & Waters: led by the Yoemans' & the Jones'

*A small group study that combines people's love for God's Word and the outdoors. Many of the lessons and videos help to combine these areas to point to God's plan, power and creation.*

Teaching From Rest:

*A study for homeschool parents, both new and seasoned. A Homeschooler's Guide to Unshakable Peace will feel like a breath of fresh air to those of us dealing with stress, anxiety, and the everyday busyness of the homeschooling life! Encouraging moms to focus on relationships rather than checking items off the to-do list with frantic efficiency.*



## MTP Youth Parent Newsletter

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### What's Happening...

#### Youth Group

Sundays, 19th, 26th | 5-7:30P

#### Youth Bible Study

Wednesdays, 1st, 8th | 6-7:30P

#### Family Night Bible Study

Wednesdays, 15th, 22nd, 29th | 5:30-7:30P

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#### Youth Grandparents Day Dinner

SEPTEMBER 12TH | 6:00-7:00P



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Grandparents play an important role in the lives of their grandchildren, though it is often indirect. Most of their influence on grandchildren is seen through the support and help they give to their parents. Grandparents are often seen as “stress buffers,” family “watchdogs,” “roots,” “arbitrators,” and “supporters.” On September 12th we’ll share a meal, conversation, and love that they well deserve. Don’t wait, sign your grandparents up today. **REGISTER DEADLINE IS SEPT. 8TH!!**

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

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## Youth Winter Retreat

November 12th - 14th.

Cost is \$95 per student

Head to Laurel Ridge Retreat and Conference center in the tops of the NC mountains in Laurel Springs for a weekend of small group devotion times, music, group building activities, and small groups.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

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## MEMORY VERSE

"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

Matthew 6:21, NLT

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## ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER

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### Morning Time

As your teen starts their day, send them off with some encouraging words. Here's a phrase to cue you, "I hope you know . . ."



### Meal Time

Share with your teen some of the things you've learned about managing money—even if some of those lessons were learned the hard way.



### Their Time

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



### Bed Time

Pray for your teen, "God, help [child's name] to see money as a tool to use for good. Help them see it as a provision for what they need, a possibility for what they want, and an opportunity to help someone in need."



## UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY NIGHT STARTS  
SEPTEMBER 15

TRUNK OR TREAT  
OCTOBER 31

DINNER WITH SANTA AND POLAR  
EXPRESS  
DECEMBER 1ST

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

VBS this year was absolutely amazing. We had over 600 kids, youth and volunteers for the week. We learned about God's love, kids gave their hearts to God and so many wonderful memories were made. I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone that volunteered each night to make VBS so wonderful. Thank you to the parents for bringing your kids each night and for allowing us the honor of sharing God's love with them. This is always my favorite week of the year. I can't wait for next year. Thank you all so much once again.

**VBS 2022 Dates:**  
**July 24-28    Finale July 31**

## MTP Women ...

The September meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Women will be held on September 27 at 6:30 pm. We will have a meal provided by the fellowship committee. At that meeting we will do a "Blessing Box", We will have a Fall Sale to sell fall decor or baked items, basically anything fall. The proceeds from the sale will help fund our mission projects.

Watch for more information on:

- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Shoebox due date November 20
- We will be selling pecans
- As in the past, we will be having a Thanksgiving Bake Sale

The fall through Christmas is a really busy time. During the busy-ness please take time to pray and spend time in God's word. We can't let the busy time replace what matters most. Also, take care of each other. So many people are hurting and we can be the hands and feet of God! Pray for our country and a revival to bring our country and our world back to our loving Heavenly Father.

All women in our church and beyond are invited to join us!

## Greetings from MTP Men ...

Greetings from MTP Men. It was great to start meeting again in August. Our speaker was Ronnie Beane, thank you Ronnie. Our next meeting will be on Sunday Sept. 5th at 7 am in the Banquet room. Our speaker for this meeting will be our own Stephanie Wilkerson who is coming to talk to us about the Special Olympics. This will be interesting so please plan to attend. And as a friendly reminder our women are having the annual Country Breakfast and Bazaar on Saturday Oct. 2nd.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

## 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](mailto: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.

# C2 Community Connection

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY CONNECTION

## GIFT CARDS FOR FAMILIES

We would like to bless Brenner's Children's Hospital Families and Ronald McDonald House families with Gift Cards.

STARBUCKS | CHICK FIL A | GAS CARDS | WAL MART | ETC.

## TURN IN DATE SEPTEMBER 26

## Each One Feed One Food Packing Event 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.

Pray as a family for those in need and add a donation each mealtime.

*At the end of summer, we will collect all donations. Last year's meals went to local food banks, older adults in meal insecurity and hurricane assistance.*



\*We will have opportunities for folks to sign up to help with packing the meals in the upcoming weeks.

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



# COUNTRY BREAKFAST & BAZAAR

**Saturday, October 2**

**Breakfast: 7 - 10 AM**

**Bazaar: 7 AM - 2 PM**

**Church Wide Event!**

If you are interested in being a vendor  
during the bazaar, please register online.

Fundraiser for the Family Life Center

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**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**OCTOBER 31 | 4 - 8PM**

**FREE FOR THE COMMUNITY**



# SERVING THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER

## Ushers:

September 5: Bryan Bray, Gary Craven, Scott Green, Jerry Hilton  
September 12: Ryan Hilton, Daniel Rich, Garrett Rich, Adam Buckner  
September 19: Joe Hayworth, Gary Hilton, Brad Stokes  
September 26: Brandon Harden, JW Motsinger, Timmy Hege

## Greeters: 8:30AM

September 5: Doug & Gail Aderhold  
September 12: Wendy Harper  
September 19: Karen & Stan Bowen  
September 26: Lin & Terri Blevins

## 9:45AM

John & Kathy Butt  
Bo Sink  
The Shufelt Family  
Chet & Lorrie Varner

## 11:00AM

Keith & Paula Knolmayer  
Greg Moore  
Glen Morgan  
Dow & Beth Craver

## MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:

### Nursery: 8:30AM

September 5: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald  
September 12: Jescena & Allison Sink  
September 19: Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne  
September 26: 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:

September 5: Cameron & Katie Koontz  
September 12: Amy Johnson & Tia Starner  
September 19: Anna Ruth & Baylee Crouse  
September 22: Amy & Samuel Nifong

## 3 Year Old Class:

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail  
Mae Holler & Valerie Nelson  
Rachel B., Tammy V. & Hally A.  
Michael & Amber Bridges

## 4 Year Old Class:

Keri Everhart & Danielle Whittington  
Josh & Chelsea Kearns  
Tina Grubbs & Leandra G.  
Tony & Karen Hyde

## Kindergarten:

September 5: Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary  
September 12: Jill Murphy  
September 19: Tobbie L. & Laura C.  
September 26: 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:

September 5: Sidnee Bruner  
September 12: Stephanie Comer  
September 19: Misty Petree  
September 26: Erica Martin

## 4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee  
Amy McDevitt  
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## Children's Church:

### 8:30AM:

September 5: Diana Payne  
September 12: Christine Turner  
September 19: Kaylie Sink  
September 26: Lisa Lane

### 11:00AM Pre-K

Josh & Chelsea Kearns  
Jennifer Driggers  
Amy Johnson  
Macie Owenby & Bryce McDevitt

### 11:00AM Elementary:

Trina Sprinkle  
Cindy Buckner  
Julie Butt  
Kristin Hagee

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

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

17 - Kyle Everhart, JW 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

## ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

### **July 25, 2021:**

8:30 Worship - 140

9:45 Worship - 274

11:00 Worship - 35

Total Weekend Worship - 449

Sunday Small Groups - 294

General Offering - \$13,350.00

FLC Offering - \$1,180.00

### **August 1, 2021:**

8:30 Worship - 150

9:45 Worship - 627

Total Weekend Worship - 785

Sunday Small Groups - VBS Finale Sunday

General Offering - \$6,077.73

FLC Offering - \$2,470.00

### **August 8, 2021:**

8:30 Worship - 138

9:45 Worship - 191

11:00 Worship - 49

Total Weekend Worship: 418

Sunday Small Groups - 267

General Offering - \$21,969.00

FLC Offering - \$1,860.00

### **August 15, 2021:**

8:30 Worship - 126

9:45 Worship - 466

11:00 Worship - 25

Total Weekend Worship - 627

Sunday Small Groups - Celebration Sunday

General Offering - \$11,188.00

FLC Offering - \$740.00

### **August 22, 2021:**

8:30 Worship - 127

9:45 Worship - 184

11:00 Worship - 54

Total Weekend Worship - 375

Sunday Small Groups - 244

General Offering - \$9,971.60

FLC Offering - \$2,545.00

If you would like to be added  
to the Birthday List - please  
email Felecia at  
[Office@MtPleasant.Church](mailto:Office@MtPleasant.Church)

## September 2021 Events

Monday's	Prayer Group Meeting	6:45 PM
Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10:00 AM
Tuesday's	Choir Practice	6:45 PM
Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast	7:00 AM
Thursday's	Divorce Care	6:30 PM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

Thursday, September 2	Ladies Bible Study	7:00 PM
Friday, September 3	Feeding LHS Football Team	3:00 PM
Sunday, September 5	MTP Men's Group Breakfast	7:00 AM
Sunday, September 5	Red Cross Blood Drive	10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Thursday, September 9	Feeding Oak Grove Football Team	3:00 PM
Sunday, September 12	Administrative Board Meeting	3:00 PM
Sunday, September 12	Youth Grandparent's Day Meal	6:00 - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 15	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, September 18	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11:00 AM
Sunday, September 19	Lunch with the Pastors	12:00 PM
Wednesday, September 22	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, September 29	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM

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