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MTP NEWSLETTER

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Follow Jesus Not Our Feelings

THEN WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE EMOTIONS MEANT TO BLESS US

Life is not always about balance, but often more importantly about order of those things needed. It is not so much both/and as it is if/then. This is true when it comes to our faith, emotions and feelings. This week we begin our series, "Your Feelings Make A Terrible God". Why? There is a God and His name is Jesus. Our feelings and emotions are to be led by Jesus not worshiped as Jesus. God gives us the wonderful gift of emotions. He is a feeling God, and those made in His image are not robots. But while feelings are wonderful servants, they are terrible gods. When they flow ungoverned by God's Spirit, they make us threats to others and ourselves.

Rev. Joe Thorn in one of his books explains this idea of pursuing Jesus over feelings. Yes... feelings are great, powerful and essential but Jesus must be our pursuit.

Human beings are emotional creatures. We love or hate, feel happy or sad, angry or joyful. And yet Christians sometimes struggle with integrating emotion into their spiritual lives and end up falling victim to dangerous tendencies when it comes to their emotions. These tendencies occupy two ends of a spectrum, and they have led many into a superficial kind of Christianity. We see these tendencies at both the personal level and at the corporate level.

One danger is emotionalism, in which we allow our feelings to interpret our circumstances and form our thoughts about God. This is putting feelings before faith. The other danger is a kind of stoicism, where faith is rooted in theology but void of affection. This tendency removes feelings from faith altogether. While it is true that our emotions should not lead our theology, it is vital to our faith that theology lead to a deep experience of our God. Good doctrine is critically important to the health of the Christian and the church. But the church doesn't need men and women who can merely define repentance. Rather, the church needs people who hate sin and love righteousness. Memorizing our catechisms is important, but it is useless if it isn't also producing in us awe, humility, love, and worship. The substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ is not only something to affirm and defend, but it should also be something in which we rejoice. Yes, "zeal without knowledge is dead," but knowledge without deep affection is just as lifeless.

It should be obvious that Scripture calls us to be a people who feel what we believe, who not only know truth but experience it. There is an order to this. Our feelings and emotions must be governed and guided by truth. We are to fear the Lord, hate evil, love the truth, mourn over sin and injustice, and rejoice in our sufferings. These are not naked commands but precepts given by God in light of who He is and what He has done. We are supposed to feel the weight and the power of the truth revealed in Scripture. Theology should do more than inform us—it should warm and stir our hearts. And if it doesn't, then we have missed the connection that God's revelation is designed to make between head and heart.

In Christ,
Pastor Chris



Thank You!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED

This past month has been amazing! We have enjoyed each and every treat, meal & gift from you guys. We love you and thank you for all that you do (not just for this month of extra blessings). We are blessed to be called to serve you & we long to communicate God's truth in love and the power of the Holy Spirit to you. We have enjoyed sweet treats, delicious breakfast & lunches, gifts, and time to sit and chat with each other over a meal.

Pray for us that we hear His heart for you and offer what your heart needs from Him. It is our privilege and honor to do so.

We love you guys!

Pastor Chris, Pastor Tim, Donny, Jennifer, Greg & Felecia

“The Shepherd’s Staff”

Mt. Pleasant Elder Update

The Elders have been busy with staff reviews for the past several weeks. We are taking time to sit down with each of our staff to review their ministries and how we can help them deliver the best work possible for MTP. We appreciate all of the support our church gives our staff and the many treats and acts of kindness shown during Pastor Appreciation month.

We will wrap up staff evaluations in the next couple of weeks and begin working with the Finance team on budgeting. One of the challenges with the growth that MTP has experienced is being intentional with our ministries and how we support them. MTP is blessed to be at a point where we can do quite a bit and we are seeking to do the most for God that we can in our community.

Tim Starbuck is making great progress getting out to meet everyone. We are still rejoicing over he and BethAnn joining us at MTP!

Just a reminder for anyone who wishes to pursue nomination for elder, you must watch the lectures and work through the material as an orientation to the role of Elder. Nominations are due by Friday November 5th. Three of our Elders will step off and we will need to elect three new candidates to serve a 3-year term.

Link to Elder training material: <https://www.mtpleasant.church/elder-role/>

Bo Sink

Steve Cranford

Vince Brown

Joe Hayworth

Danny Buckner

Daniel Rich

Eric Hilton

Tommy McDevitt

Bill Baughn

Col 2:6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

The Apostle Paul had to make up words to express the magnificence of God. I'm going to use one of his words to express the overwhelming blessings that pour out of this church. Mt. Pleasant is abundantly above any of my expectations. Thank you so much for the kind welcome and generous gifts during pastor appreciation month. My family and I look forward to serving along side you as we touch lives in the Name of Jesus.

Pastor Tim Starbuck

A time to gather for anyone in the community

Coffee Hour with Starbuck

Wednesday, November 17 | 1 PM

Sometimes the Holiday celebrations bring up remembrances of loved ones who are on our mind yet absent from our celebrations. Please join us during our Grief and Loss Class.



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"Can you believe it? The holidays are just around the corner. This is an exciting season to be with family and friends, bringing up an anticipation of delight and fun. Yet the holidays can remind us of past hurts as well.

Often these occasions bring up remembrances of loved ones who are on our mind yet absent from our celebrations. These hard memories can, at times, make the holidays difficult.

Pastor Tim invites you to drop by the church on Wednesdays at 1 pm, from Nov 17 - Dec 22, to visit, share memories of loved ones, and spend time with others who may have similar life experiences. Let's gather together with brothers and sisters in Christ to support one another when the excitement of the holidays also reminds us of past and present grief."

MTP Youth Parent Newsletter



What's Happening...

Youth Group

Sunday Evenings

Nov. 7th, 21st | 5-7:30P

Youth Breakfast

Wednesday Mornings

Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th | 7:00A

Family Night

Wednesday Evenings

Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th | 5:30-7:30P

Winter Retreat

Laurel Ridge Retreat Center

Nov. 12th-14th

Turkey Bowl

Youth flag football

Nov. 20th | 10:00A-Noon

(all youth, parents, and leaders invited. Lunch is provided)

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday

December 12th | 5-7:30P

(bring a \$5 gift)



REMEMBER

Genesis 2:15, Psalm 19:1-4

It's important to take care of what God has entrusted to us.

MEMORY VERSE

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths."

Psalm 24:1-2, NLT



Morning Time

As your teen their day, say something like this: "I'm always so impressed by how you . . ."



Meal Time

At a meal this week, ask your teen: "What is one thing we can do as a family to care for creation?"



Their Time

When your teen wants to talk, be open to whatever method they choose—whether it's text, late night chats, or conversations while you're on the go.



Bed Time

Pray for you and your teen to be good caretakers of all that God has entrusted to you—whether it's little or a lot.



TAKE A PEEK!

FAMILY NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 15-NOVEMBER 10

DINNER WITH SANTA AND THE
CHRISTMAS EXPRESS
DECEMBER 1ST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS-
DECEMBER 11TH

A ROCKIN ROYAL CHRISTMAS
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR KIDS ASAP

A Rockin Royal Christmas Practice Schedule

11/7-3:00 in FLC

11/14- 3:00 in Sanctuary

11/21- 3:00 in Sanctuary

12/5-3:00 in FLC

12/11-10:00-11:30 in FLC followed by
Happy Birthday JESUS Party 11:30-12:30
12/12-Christmas Play at 9:45 in FLC

Dear Mt. Pleasant Members:

As we look forward to 2022 at Mt. Pleasant Church, it is important we begin to plan and secure nominees for our leadership openings.

MTP Leadership Opportunities:

- Three (3) Elders
- Nine (9) At-Large Administrative Council Members

Please take time to review the request below. Should you have any specific questions regarding the church structure, you may visit the church website and see the full BYLAWS. The bylaws document is located in the Resources tab within the footer of the church website.

Request:

Mt. Pleasant is looking for three (3) Elder replacements to fulfill a 3-year term and nine (9) at-large administrative council members to fulfill a staggered term. Three admin council members will serve a 3-year term, three will serve a 2-year term and three will serve a 1-year term as we establish the new administrative council.

These Elders and Admin Council leaders will begin their roles starting January 1, 2022. Nominees must be a member in good standing of Mt Pleasant Church for at least 12 months. Therefore, any member who joined prior to Calendar Year 2021 would be eligible for these roles.

Elders as noted in article VIII (articles listed below) serve as the spiritual leaders of the Church. An Elder nominee must be a mature believer who is able to teach and rightly handle the word of God. The Council of Elders shall serve on a rotating basis serving no more than 3 consecutive years.

Action:

If you would like to nominate a church member whom you believe would be a qualified candidate to serve in the either the role of Elder or At-Large Admin Council starting January 1, 2022, please submit the names of those individuals via the ONLINE BALLOT, or you may contact the church Administrative Assistant, Felecia Motsinger. Nominees can also be submitted in person or by calling the church office at 336-475-6757. Nominations may be submitted via the nominations box in the FLC Lobby. All nominations for the role of Elder and Admin Council must be submitted by no later than Friday, November 5.

Following this date, the current Elders and Deacons will review the list of candidates and confirm qualifications to proceed forward with communication specific to a church vote to be held on Sunday November 21st.

Please reach out to myself, Pastor Chris or any of the Elders with questions.

In Christ –
Christopher Fitzgerald

Current Mt. Pleasant Elders & Term Dates:

2021-2023: Joe Hayworth, Eric Hilton, Bo Sink

2021-2022: Daniel Rich, Steve Cranford, Vince Brown

2021: Danny Buckner, Tommy McDevitt, Bill Baughn

Current Mt. Pleasant Deacons:

Victoria Gaither, Greg York, Kelly Kiger, Ray Shufelt, Jane Mendenhall, Len Blevins, Jerry Putnam

MTP Women ...

If you still need to order pecans, they must be ordered by Sunday October 31. Each bag of pecans halves and pieces will cost \$11.00. There are some other pecan options . . . see the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

If you are interested in placing an order for the Thanksgiving Bake Sale, Stephanie Payne will be taking orders in the lobby two weeks before Thanksgiving.

The empty Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are in the lobby and are available for pick-up. This is such an important project; a child can be impacted for a lifetime by receiving that shoebox. The filled shoeboxes must be brought to the church before November 20

The November meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Women will be November 22 at 6:30 pm. We will prepare one blessing bag at this meeting. The meal will be a baked potato and chili bar. If you didn't sign up to bring something for the potato bar, contact Tracey Ray and she can let you know what is still needed.

The Mission Project at the November meeting will be staple food items for the Family the Mt. Pleasant Women adopt for Christmas. Tracy Ray will be sending out a list of needed items before the meeting.

The December meeting will be December 13 at 6:30 pm.

Remember to spent some time with Jesus in prayer and Bible reading during this hectic time of year. We need to stay grounded in our faith and remember what is most important.

Greetings from MTP Men ...

Greetings from MTP Men. Our trusty band of volunteers cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for the Family Night meal on Oct. 20th, thank you to everyone who came out and helped prepare this meal.

Our next event is our Annual Auction fundraiser that will be on Saturday Nov. 6th. Meal starts at 5pm and the auction will begin at 6pm. Please consider donating quality items to be auctioned off as well as baked goods to help make this a successful event and as always it is a time of great fellowship.

Also, thank you to all who helped prepare and serve breakfast at the Country Breakfast and Bazaar that was held on Oct. 2nd. Stay tuned for details of our December Christmas meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

MTP Directory ...

Save the Date! We will have family photo pictures for our NEW MTP Directory taken from January 11 - 15! Be on the lookout for more information on how to schedule your appointment!

The evangelism committee will be collaborating with Kaylie Sink and her upcoming Girl Scout Gold Award project for their December C2 event. Kaylie will be partnering with church leadership, Kids Klub, and Youth to create and deliver outreach kits to those within the church community who are facing illness, surgery, medical treatments, and other difficult circumstances. Kaylie's goal is for these outreach kits be a reminder of God's love for each recipient.

"Operation Christmas Child" shoebox are in the FLC lobby. The information with the boxes tells us what we CAN'T put in the boxes, and suggestions about what to put in the boxes. Last year we collected just over 100 boxes and we hope to send more this year!



**THE BOXES MUST BE TURNED IN
ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 20.**

These boxes make a huge impact on the child who receives them. Our prayer is that you will consider packing at least one shoebox.

Memorials & Donations

- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Bill & JoAnne Baughn
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Joyce Brown
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Jack & Nancy Cagle and Deborah Hughes
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Mark & Debra Clontz
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Ronnie & Dot Russel
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Betty Nifong
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Phil & Sue Fitzgerald
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Alan & Sonya Alexander
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Reginald Shoaf
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Glenda Bodenheimer
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Bob & Jeanette Beck
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Levi & Betty Leonard
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Robert & Teresa Harden
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by John & Denise Ellis
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Chris & Jenny Hagee
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Stony point United Methodist Church
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Jimmy & Tonya Eddinger
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Faye Gallimore
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Jason & Vada James
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Archie & Irene Sigmon
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Willie & Brenda Jennings
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Betty Downing
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Floyd White
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Gary Hilton
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by James & Rita Mclain
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Peggy Shelton
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Pat Shelton
- Given to the Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Deborah Durham by Benny & Pamela Miles
- Given to the Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Deborah Durham by Blair & Linda Rankin
- Given to the Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Deborah Durham by Paul & Sara Millsaps
- Given to the Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Deborah Durham by Abe & Karen Draper
- Given to the Family Life Center in Honor of Felecia & Jennifer by Floyd White

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT NIGHT

DONALD HILTON MEMORIAL AUCTION

AUCTION & DINNER

SPONSORED BY THE MT. PLEASANT MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

DINNER AT 5PM

AUCTION BEGINS AT 6PM

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

If you have auction items to donate please drop them off the week before the auction. Make sure all items are in by 5pm on Friday, November 5.

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Emmanuel

CELEBRATING HEAVEN'S CHILD



Christmas Cantata | Sunday, December 5 | 8:30AM & 11:00 AM

Practice Schedule:

Room 202 Practices:

Tuesday, November 2 | 7:30 - 8:30pm
Sunday, November 7 | 4 - 5pm
Tuesday, November 9 | 7:30 - 8:30pm
Tuesday, November 16 | 7:30 - 8:30pm
Sunday, November 21 | 4 - 5pm
Tuesday, November 23 | 7:30 - 8:30pm

FLC Practices:

Tuesday, November 30 | 6:45 - 8pm
Saturday, December 4 | 9 - 10:30am

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

2 - Donna Smith

3 - Wendell Cecil

4 - Sarah Brown, Teresa Harden

5 - Christopher Fitzgerald, Allen McKinney

6 - Doug Callicut

8 - Mark Lane

10 - LuAnn Craven, Amy Sexton

11 - Mazie Nifong

12 - Brandi Zenker, Clay Fowler

16 - Dalton Gardner, Sara Fowler

17 - Daniel Craver, Wendy Harper, Melinda Miller

19 - Vince Brown, Scott Green, Avery Tucker

20 - Morgan Brown, Henry Baldrige

23 - Mason Owens

25 - Jacob Cecil, Philip James, Sue Ellen McKinney

29 - Mary Caroline Cridlebaugh, Chet Varner

30 - Nicole Swartz

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

September 26, 2021

8:30 Worship - 120

9:45 Worship - 127

11:00 Worship - 35

Total Weekend Worship - 322

Sunday Small Groups - 256

General Offering - \$7,659.00

FLC Offering - \$3,050.00

October 3, 2021

8:30 Worship - 134

9:45 Worship - 223

11:00 Worship - 55

Saturday Night Group - 8

Total Weekend Worship - 420

Sunday Small Groups - 287

General Offering - \$24,739.68

FLC Offering - \$4,807.50

October 10, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 146

9:45 Worship - 254

11:00 Worship - 30

Saturday Night Group - 10

Total Weekend Worship - 440

Sunday Small Groups - 243

General Offering - \$11,330.93

FLC Offering - \$1,795.00

October 17, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 113

9:45 Worship - 269

11:00 Worship - 40

Saturday Night Group - 8

Total Weekend Worship - 413

Sunday Small Groups - 230

General Offering - \$10,338.30

FLC Offering - \$695.00

October 24, 2021:

8:30 Worship - 143

9:45 Worship - 210

11:00 Worship - 42

Saturday Night Group - 8

Total Weekend Worship - 403

Sunday Small Groups - 276

General Offering - \$12,328.28

FLC Offering - \$10,312.50

If you would like to be added
to the Birthday List - please
email Felecia at
Office@MtPleasant.Church

SERVING THE CHURCH IN NOVEMBER

Ushers:

November 7: Bryan Bray, Gary Craven, Scott Green, Jerry Hilton
November 14: Ryan Hilton, Daniel Rich, Garrett Rich, Adam Buckner
November 21: Joe Hayworth, Gary Hilton, Brad Stokes
November 28: Brandon Harden, JW Motsinger, Timmy Hege

Greeters: 8:30AM

November 7: Doug & Gail Aderhold
November 14: Wendy Harper
November 21: Karen & Stan Bowen
November 28: 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

November 7: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald
November 14: Jescena & Allison Sink
November 21: Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne
November 28: Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden

9:45AM

Laura Gregg & Jamie Proctor
Kim Walser & Pam Hall
Ellen Hilton & Megan Williams
Allison M., Steve & Mitzie Turner

11:00AM

Tricia Anderson
Jennifer Driggers
Courtney Lake
Jennifer Driggers

2 Year Old Class:

November 7: Cameron & Katie Koontz
November 14: Amy Johnson & Tia Starner
November 21: Micah & Jessica Moore
November 28: Amy & Samuel Nifong

3 Year Old Class:

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

4 Year Old Class:

Keri Everhart & Danielle Whittington
Josh & Chelsea Kearns
Janet & Spence Wood & Leandra G.
Tony & Karen Hyde

Kindergarten:

November 7: Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary
November 14: Jill Murphy
November 21: Tobbie L. & Laura C.
November 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:

November 7: Sidnee Bruner
November 14: Stephanie Comer
November 21: Misty Petree
November 28: Erica Martin

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt
Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt

Children's Church:

8:30AM:

November 7: Diana Payne
November 14: Christine Turner
November 21: Clay & Sarah Fowler
November 28: Lisa Lane

11:00AM Pre-K

Josh & Chelsea Kearns
Jennifer Driggers
Amy Johnson
Bob & Jeanette Beck

11:00AM Elementary:

Trina Sprinkle
Cindy Buckner
Julie Butt
Kristin Hagee

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE HELP SERVE THE CHURCH - PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
OFFICE@MTPLEASANT.CHURCH

November 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
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

Wednesday, November 3	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 PM
Thursday, November 4	Divorce Care	6:30 PM
Saturday, November 6	Men's Auction & Dinner	5:00 PM
Wednesday, November 10	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 PM
Thursday, November 11	Divorce Care	6:30 PM
Friday, November 12 - 14	MTP Youth Mountain Retreat	
Sunday, November 14	Lunch with the Pastor	12:00 PM
Thursday, November 18	Divorce Care	6:30 PM
Saturday, November 20	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11:00 AM
Sunday, November 21	Red Cross Blood Drive	10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday, November 21	Administrative Council Meeting	3:00 PM

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