

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH



February 2022 | MTP Newsletter

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Turning Point

A turning point is a point at which a very significant change occurs; a decisive moment. It is also a moment in a story when a major narrative shift takes place and the rest of the story will be different.

As I read through the New Testament and see encounters that people have with Jesus, that two word phrase continues to come to mind. I see turning points. I see how lives are significantly different after spending time with Jesus. Meeting him demands a decision to follow him in obedience or drop our head and continue worshiping self and the world.

These moments are not just reserved for the people we read about in Scripture, they are meant for us as well. A turning point occurs when we come face-to-face with the truth and grace of Jesus. These moments transform our lives and the rest of our story is different.

Over the next few weeks we will take a look at how encounters with Jesus marked a turning point that made people's life story different from that moment on.

Join us starting Feb.6th as we begin our new series **"Turning Points"**.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Jon Reddick, a Christian musician sings a song entitled,

"God Turn It Around"

I'm praying God come

And turn this thing around. God, turn it around

I'm calling on the name

That changes everything, yes

God, turn it around

'Cause all of my hope is in the name

The name of Jesus

Breakthrough will come, come in the name

The name of Jesus

God, turn it around

My prayer is that during this series that we would all call upon the name that changes everything... I pray that Jesus would bring each of us to a turning point that will change our story forever & for His glory.

In Christ -
Pastor Chris

“The Shepherd’s Staff”

Mt Pleasant Elder’s Update

February 2022

In early January the Elders welcomed our newly elected members (Kevin, Jay and Jon) and jumped right into action electing a chair (Bo Sink), vice-chair (Steve Cranford) and secretary (Jon Sloan). We also elected three members to be a part of the administrative council: Vince, Jay and Bo.

A large part of our discussion to start the year has pertained to studies that are being used within our church small groups and ministries. The Elders have wrapped our arms around the commission to evaluate curriculum to safeguard our church from wolves in sheep’s clothing.

Jesus warned us of this in Matthew 7:15: “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves.”

We recognize the importance of this instruction and have challenged ourselves to establish parameters to help, protect, and support our ministry leaders and small group leaders. We plan to be in touch with these leaders to discuss curriculum selection in the near future. As part of this evaluation, we will soon be offering a quarterly devotional by Our Daily Bread Ministries that will be placed throughout the church.

Another area of focus is a new small group study being launched to help our congregation to understand our foundational beliefs, our organizational structure, the many spiritual disciplines, and the numerous ways for our congregation to be involved in ministry at and beyond MTP. This program is being written by a church member and the Elders are evaluating the curriculum for it to begin in late February. More news will be provided as this exciting new 8-week program is rolled out for our congregation.

These exciting new opportunities and many others are on our plate to start the year. We welcome your prayers, any spiritual needs you may have, and all prayer requests. We are honored to shepherd and serve as your Elders for 2022. Please reach out to us in person, via email or phone.

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“So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders. I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. Watch out!...”

Acts 20:28-31a

FEBRUARY 2022

MTP Youth Parent Newsletter



What's Happening...

Youth Group

February 6th, 27th | 5-7:30P

Family Night

February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd | 5:30-7:30P

Youth Super Bowl Party

February 13th, 6-9:30P

All students and parents are invited. Bring a Chili/Soup or a dish to share.

MEMORY VERSE

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Ephesians 2:10, NLT

THE

QUESTIONS

BIG



We all ask questions. And not just about what's for dinner, what to wear or who serves the better chicken sandwich: Bojangles or Chick-fil-a. At some point, we ask the bigger questions of life. Things like, *who am I? Where do I fit? And do I matter?* Following Jesus helps us address these questions in a meaningful way, which is exactly what we'll do in this series, *The Big Questions*.

Week One

Matthew 4:18-20

When you really understand who Jesus is, it changes everything.

Week Two

John 6:1-15

You don't have to prove you're enough.

Week Three

Acts 16:13-15, Acts 16:40, Galatians 3:26-28



Morning Time

Morning time is often a grumpy time for teens. Don't react to their grumpiness and try not to use morning time to correct behavior. Use that time to offer encouragement. Think like a coach sending their team out to play their best.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, ask your teen, "What is one question you would like to ask God?"



Their Time

Be available and accessible for when they want to talk. (Keep in mind, it may be late.)



Bed Time

Pray for your teen, "God, as [child's name] follows you, guide him/her and direct their steps. Remind them that you are working in their lives, and give them glimpses of You."



**February
2022**



**Join us as we enjoy adventure and fun
learning about and sharing God's love.**

Sneak Peek!!!

**2/13-Family Fun
Day**

**3/12-Daddy
Daughter Dance**

**4/10-Easter
Eggstravaganza**

Register @

www.mtpleasant.church/kids/



**Save the Date
VBS 2022
July 24-28**

New Small Group Opportunity

In 1 Corinthians 12:27 Paul writes “All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.” In Ephesians 4:12 he says we are “to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

At Mt Pleasant Church we want to draw people into God’s family and find where they can best worship, grow, and serve. To help you do this, we are offering a three-part Body Building series – no workout clothes or weights needed!

Body Building 101 – The Shape of MTP is a two-week study of the foundational beliefs and organizational structure of Mt Pleasant Church. This class is perfect if you are new to Mt Pleasant and you want to know more about us. Or if you have been coming for years and you want a quick refresher of who we are and what we are about.

Body Building 201 – Getting (and Staying) in Shape is a two-week overview of the spiritual disciplines of worship, prayer, Bible study, fellowship, evangelism, giving, and ministry. These classes will be an introduction to the Biblical basis of these disciplines and will provide some tools to help you get (and stay) in shape. It is a great way for new believers to make a solid start on their journey with Jesus. And a refresher is always good for those who have been walking with God longer.

Body Building 301 – SHAPE’d to Serve is a four-week study of how we each are uniquely shaped to serve God. We will use several tools to identify our Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences and see how we can use our SHAPE to minister. In this class we will discover how God created the package that is Me specifically for ministry. We will also look at the various ministries at Mt Pleasant, service opportunities in our community, as well as the possibilities of starting a new ministry.

This series is for all adults and high schoolers – those who have just started attending, those considering membership, those who have been part of the MTP family for months, years, or decades.

The classes will be held on Sundays at 11:00 in the Banquet room found at the end of the Family Life Center beginning on 20 February and continuing for eight weeks.

- **Body Building 101 | The Shape of MTP | 2/20 - 2/27**
- **Body Building 201 | Getting in Shape | 3/6 - 3/13**
- **Body Building 301 | SHAPE'd to Serve | 3/20 - 4/10**

Each class in the series is a stand-alone so you can attend one, two, or all three. Just sign up for those that fit your interest and schedule. The series will be offered again in the 2nd quarter so any study you miss now you can catch later. Nursery and children’s church will be available for children through 4th grade. Youth may hang out in the youth area. Or those in grades 5-8 may help in children’s church while youth in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend the classes.

Register On the Online at MtPleasant.Church/Small-Groups

MTP Women...

We had a soup and sandwich meal as our first fundraiser of the year at our January meeting on January 24. After our December gifts to mission, we need to replenish our treasury.

We will be assisting with the meal for the Wildlife Banquet to be held on Saturday, February 26.

The February meeting will be February 28 at 6:30 pm, and we will have a meal of pizza and a salad. A sell of misc. food items, décor and other things will be held at the meeting to further boost the treasury. We will bring snack items to be donated to Hospice. A Blessing bag will be prepared also.

Anyone who would like to drop off Boxed Valentine Cards, Individually Wrapped bags of small candied, small stuffed animals or other items that would be appropriate for small gift bags for children, are encouraged to take them to the Hospice House on Westchester Drive in High Point by February 7. Care for the families of their patients, including children, is also a part of the Hospice work.

Stay warm during this cold winter weather, and remember Jesus Loves You!

MTP Men...

Greetings from MTP Men. Our next meeting will be Sunday February 6th at 7am in the banquet room, please come and enjoy a great breakfast and a short business meeting as we discuss the future and direction of the Men's group.

Also our annual Wildlife Banquet will be on Saturday February 26th in the FLC. Please see Bill Baughn in the lobby on Sunday mornings to purchase tickets and get details of this event.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

Memorials & Donations

- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Honor of Sue Ellen McKinney by Roger Clodfelter.
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Mary Snow Hooper by Timothy Isom
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Mary Snow Hooper by Doris Loggins & Drema Kindred
- Given to the Backpack Ministry in Memory of Mary Snow Hooper by Roger & Elizabeth Hayworth
- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Donald Hilton by Bo & Helen Terry
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Deborah Durham by Doug & Gail Aderhold

The Road to Calvary

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

Everyone is invited to participate in the musical celebration of the Easter Season!

Regular Choir Practice will be Tuesdays 6:45-7:30 in Room 202.

Please attend as many practices as possible.

Contact Candace Grubbs with questions!

CHodgin488@aol.com | 336-813-1945

Room 202 Practice Dates:

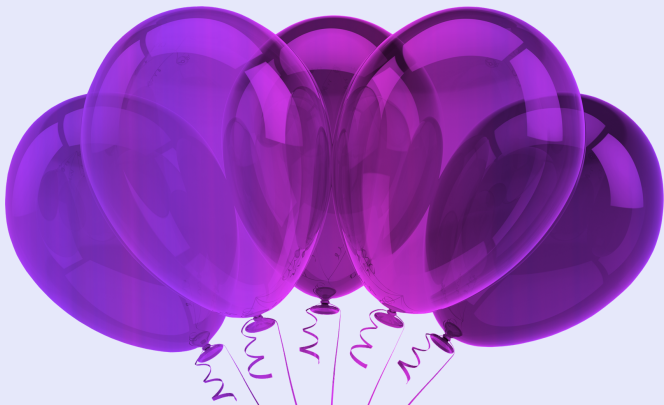
Tuesday, February 15
Tuesday, February 22
Sunday, February 27
Tuesday, March 1
Tuesday, March 8
Sunday, March 13
Tuesday, March 15
Tuesday, March 22
Sunday, March 27
Tuesday, March 29

Room 202 Practice Time:

7:30 - 8:30pm
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Family Life Center Practice Dates:

- Tuesday, April 5 | 6:45 - 8:30pm
- Saturday, April 9 | 9:00 - 10:30am



February Birthdays

- 3 - Glenda Saintsing
- 4 - Ansley Ferree, Connie Sands
- 5 - Garrett Rinaldi, Laura Cameron
- 6 - Glenn Finch, Brewer Fowler
- 8 - Chris Clontz, Jeff Everhart
- 9 - Dana Fitzgerald, Caroline Graeub, Emily Payne, Tyler Johnson
- 10 - Dylan Hilton
- 11 - Tim Sexton, Robert Rinaldi, Olivia Cameron
- 12 - Reagan Bray, Tyler Everhart, Tim Hege
- 13 - Graham Binkley
- 14 - Rhoda Davis
- 15 - Logan Palmer
- 16 - Mary Kathryn Brown, Len Blevins
- 18 - Stephanie Payne, Benji Jarosz
- 19 - Paisley Borgman, Tommy Gardner, Ellen Hilton, Debra Mayhew
- 21 - Lisa Clark
- 23 - Barbara Jones
- 24 - Lee Penry
- 25 - Robert Harden
- 26 - Allie Creel, Clay Owens
- 27 - Craven Fowler
- 28 - Bill Darr, Stephen Grubbs, Ken & Ryan Woempner

If you would like to be added to the Birthday list, email Felecia at Office@MtPleasant.Church

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion: 630

Christmas Morning Worship: 65

December 26, 2021

8:30 Worship: 121
9:45 Worship: 214
11:00 Worship: 31
Total Weekend Worship: 366
Sunday Small Groups: No Small Groups
General Offering: \$16,303.00
FLC Offering: \$4,970.00

January 2, 2022

8:30 Worship: 143
9:45 Worship: 315
11:00 Worship: 40
Saturday Night Group: 8
Total Weekend Worship: 506
Sunday Small Groups: Celebration Sunday
General Offering: \$14,832.00
FLC Offering: \$2,710.00

January 9, 2022

8:30 Worship: 163
9:45 Worship: 218
11:00 Worship: 45
Saturday Night Group: 6
Total Weekend Worship: 432
Sunday Small Groups: 319
General Offering: \$10,945.00
FLC Offering: \$2,355.00

January 16, 2022

9:45 Worship: 65
Total Weekend Worship: 65
Sunday Small Groups: SNOW
General Offering: \$6,579.00

January 23, 2022

8:30 Worship: 107
9:45 Worship: 262
11:00 Worship: 34
Saturday Night Group:
Total Weekend Worship: 403
Sunday Small Groups: No Small Groups
General Offering: \$11,693.00
FLC Offering: \$7,580.00

SERVING THE CHURCH IN FEBRUARY 2022

Ushers:

February 6: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth

February 13: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray

February 20: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton

February 27: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck

Greeters: 8:30AM

February 6: Doug & Gail Aderhold

February 13: Wendy Harper

February 20: Karen & Stan Bowen

February 27: Lin & Terri Blevins

9:45AM

John & Kathy Butt

Danny & Denise Roberts

The Shufelt Family

Chet & Lorrie Varner

11:00AM

Ester Skiff & Joanne Baughn

Greg Moore

Ronnie & Dot Russell

Nell Ferree & Doris Blair

MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:

Nursery: 8:30AM

February 6: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald

February 13: Jescena & Allison Sink

February 20: Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne

February 27: Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden

9:45AM

Laura Gregg & Jamie Proctor

Kim Walser & Pam C. Hall

Ellen Hilton & Emily Campbell

Allison Martin & Steve & Mitzi T.

11:00AM

Tricia Anderson

Jennifer Driggers

Courtney Lake

Jennifer Driggers

2 Year Old:

February 6: Cameron & Katie Koontz

February 13: Amy Johnson & Christian Craver

February 20: Micah & Jessica Moore

February 27: Amy & Samuel Nifong

3 Year Old:

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail

Megan W., Mae H. & Valerie N.

Tiffany W. & Tammy V.

Michael & Amber B.

4 Year Old:

Keri Everhart

Josh & Chelsea Kearns

Janet & Spence Wood

Hyde's & Courtney B.

Kindergarten:

February 6: Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary

February 13: Jill Murphy & Brenda Flack

February 20: Tobbie Lanning & Laura C.

February 27: 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:

February 6: Sidnee Bruner

February 13: Bob & Jeanette Beck

February 20: Misty Petree

February 27: Erica Martin

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee

Amy McDevitt

Jenny Hagee

Amy McDevitt

Children's Church:

8:30AM:

February 6: Diana Payne

February 13: Christina Turner

February 20: Clay & Sara Fowler

February 27: Lisa Lane

11:00AM:

Josh & Chelsea Kearns & Trina Sprinkle

Cindy Buckner & Dave & Lauren Rathbone

Amy Johnson & Julie Butt

Kristin Hagee

MTP Youth Servers for February: Tammy Dyles, Tina Grubbs, Gayle Mabe, Gail Aderhold, David Brann, Stephanie Payne

WILDLIFE BANQUET

FEBRUARY 26, 2022 AT 4:30PM

- 4:30 PM - FELLOWSHIP HOUR
- 5:30 PM - DINNER
- 6:30 PM - PROGRAM, FOLLOWED BY AUCTION & DOOR PRIZES

Tickets include meal and entry into doorprizes

\$15 for Adult Ticket (18 & Up)

\$10 for Minor Ticket (17 and Under)

Parents & Children Family Pack- \$45 Total for Tickets

Drawing for an Adult & Youth Gun

**Must be present to win*

Guest Speaker: Carol Flack, Outdoor Enthusiast

**Menu: Pork BBQ, Wildlife Samplers, Baked Beans,
Potato Salad, Slaw, Dessert & Drink**

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PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT - [MTPLEASANT.CHURCH](https://www.mtleasant.church)



Light ^{up} the Night

This spring we will celebrate our "Light Up The Night Prom"

What – LIGHT UP THE NIGHT – IN PERSON PROM

When – FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022 | 6 – 9PM

Where – MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

Throughout the Bible the idea of light is seen over and over. It represents life, joy and most importantly the presence of Jesus. In fact, He is the light of the world! This year at Mt. Pleasant we will continue to experience life, joy and the presence of Jesus as we share the unfailing love of Jesus with our friends with special needs.

We will enjoy Boutique days, Hair & Make Up, Karaoke, Red Carpet entrance, Dancing, Photo fun, crowning, food & MORE!

Deadline to register is Monday, February 21 for both Guests & Volunteers!!

Scan Me to Sign Up!



Training Meeting
Sunday, February 20 @ 4pm

COLLEGE STUDENT BLESSINGS

For our February Community Connection (C2), we will be loving on our MTP College Students!

We will be putting together gift baskets for each student to let them know how much their MTP Family loves them and that there is always a place for them at MTP!

We will be making gift baskets for each student from that list with a greeting card, gift cards, a devotional book, MTP cup, and more item.

If you would like to donate highlighters, pens, candy, \$5-\$10 gift cards or make a monetary donation to help us fill these baskets, you can do that by putting them in our C2 box in the lobby, or by writing a check to MTP & putting "Evangelism" in the Memo line. Or, you can donate on the Church App in the February C2 Event.

MTP College Student Parents - make sure we have your students address at MtPleasant.Church/Events

C2
February

We are expanding our efforts of the Prayer Shawl Ministry to include making scarves for the Salem Crisis Pregnancy Center so we can tangibly let these moms know they are loved and supported by our church.

If making an entire shawl seems too big a project or you are new and would like to learn with something smaller to get started, or you have some spare yarn but not enough to make a whole shawl, this might be a great use of your time, efforts and yarn stash.

We are looking for scarves about 5 feet long and about 8 inches wide. Knitted or crochet or even using a loom to knit.... All are avenues that can help up create this gift.

If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, please let me know. I would love to help you get started.

In Christ -

Suzann Hedgecock 336-971-0269 | sbhmailbin@gmail.com

Reminders for those working on regular shawls--- dimensions should be about 25-27 inches wide and at least 5 feet long.

Operation Christmas Child

YEAR-ROUND

By preparing shoebox gifts all year long, we will be able to send the Good News of Jesus Christ and the great joy of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to more boy and girls around the world!

JANUARY



Hats, Gloves & Scarves

FEBRUARY



Fashion Accessories

MARCH



Craft Supplies

APRIL



Stuffed Animals

MAY



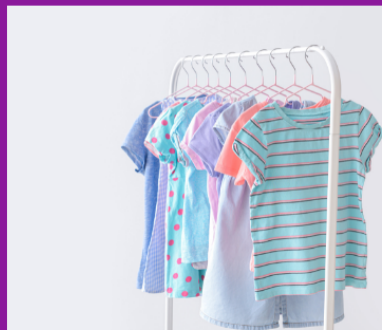
Hygiene Items

JUNE



Toys

JULY



Clothing

AUGUST



School Supplies

SEPTEMBER



Games

OCTOBER



\$9 Donation to Ship

NOVEMBER



Packing Party

DECEMBER



Pray

WE WILL HAVE A DONATION BOX IN THE LOBBY FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO BRING IN YOUR ITEMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO PACK 200+ BOXES!

February Events

Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10:00 AM
Tuesday's	Choir Practice	6:45 AM
Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast	7:00 AM
Wednesday's	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

Thursday, February 3 - Saturday, February 5	MTP Directory Pictures	
Sunday, February 6	MTP Men's Breakfast Meeting	7 AM
Sunday, February 6	Lunch with the Pastors	12 PM
Sunday, February 6	Youth Super Bowl Party	6 - 9:30 PM
Sunday, February 13	MTP Kids Family Fun Day	1:45 PM
Sunday, February 13	Administrative Council Meeting	3 PM
Saturday, February 19	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11 AM
Sunday, February 20	Light up the Night Training Mtg	4 PM
Thursday, February 24	Coffee with Starbuck Grief Class	10 AM
Saturday, February 26	Wildlife Banquet	4:30 PM
Sunday, February 27	Celebration Sunday	

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OUR MISSION

*To Boldly Share The
Unfailing Love of Jesus*

OUR VISION

*To Turn Our Community
Upside Down for Jesus Christ*

OUR VALUES

*Authority of Scripture
Authentic Relationships
Obedient Surrender
Expectant Hearts*

NEXT STEPS

Worship - Grow - Serve - Connect

Sunday Morning Worship Opportunities: 8:30am | 9:45am | 11:00am