Figuring Out What Jesus Wants for My Life

Big Idea: Reading the Bible won't make you perfect, but it will help you make progress.

How can I make a difference for the Lord? How should I react to this situation? How can I be the husband, wife or child God wants me to be? Is what someone is saying true and God honoring or demonic? What does God want for my life and what is my next step?

Lots of questions like this swirl around in our minds.

Salvation and baptism are milestones in your walk with Jesus. But now what? What do you do when your next step is just to make it through a regular day? How do we do life and remain faithful to God's calling?

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God[a] may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17



Following Jesus on a daily basis can seem like a far-off goal that's hard to attain. God doesn't expect us to walk blindly through our days hoping that we get it right. He has given us the Holy Spirit and His words in the Bible as a guide so we can know what He wants us to do.

The Bible was given to us to train and teach us how to follow Jesus. As we read it, we learn more about who God is, who we are, and how we can make decisions that obey Him. When we are walking in obedience, we most clearly see God's plan for our lives.

God is calling you to do the many good things he has prepared in advance for you to accomplish (Ephesians 2:10). He uses the Bible to equip us to do what He's called us to do. The more we read His Word, the more we learn to live in His will and way.

In Christ

Pastor Chris

"The Shepherd's Staff"

Mt Pleasant Elder's Update March 2022

The elders have spent quite a bit of time this month on evaluating material for our small groups, the Body Building Series, potential community events, church-wide events, and planning for our small group leader training.

The elders are planning two training sessions for our small group leaders on March 20th and 27th. The training is planning to include, but not limited to, identifying the opportunities to lead small groups, discovering specifics ways to lead and form community, equipping the leaders with resources for specific types of studies, and determining Biblically sound curriculum. All this in the interest of equipping our church to turn our community upside down for Jesus Christ.

In the interest of equipping our leaders, the elders anticipate that this will be an ongoing study that will be provided multiple times throughout the year. We would like our leaders to be confident in their leadership and recognize the support we can provide them as they navigate through resources that are available.

Please reach out to us in person, via email or phone.

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"And now I entrust you to God and the message of His grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those He has set apart for Himself." Acts 20:32

Acts 20:32

MTP Youth Parent Newsletter



What's Happening...

Youth Group

March 20th & 27th | 5-7:30P

Family Night

March 2nd | 5:30-7:30P

Youth Bible Study

March 16th & 23rd | 6:00-7:30P

Youth Praise Band Practice

March 16th & 23rd | 7:30-8:30P

Beach Retreat Registration

Open March 1st | 9:00A

**Register Online

BEACH RETREAT REGISTRATION

OPENS MARCH 1ST



5th Grade Crossover, Beginning June 1, **5th graders now** have their own special environment and program uniquely designed to help them integrate into Youth. Events include: own meeting times and classes, special events, and 5th Grade Lake Day.

MEMORY VERSE

"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them."

Genesis 1:27, NLT



Morning Time

As your teen starts their day, let them know some area of their life where you see the image of God showing in their life—in how they treat people, in how they see the world, etc.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, ask your teen: "What's one thing people can't tell about you just from looking at you?" Celebrate their complexity and uniqueness. Be open to a conversation about judging others based on outward appearance.



Their Time

Practice listening without forming a response in your mind before they finish.



Bed Time

Pray for your teen to see God's image in everyone God has created, and celebrate their uniqueness.





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

Sneak Peek!!!

3/12-Daddy Daughter
Dance

3/20-Family Fun Day

4/10-Easter
Eggstravaganza

5/15-Kids Spring
Program

5/21-Princess Day Register @ **Save the Date VBS 2022 July 24-28**

www.mtpleasant.church/kids/

MTP Women...

The next meeting of the MTP Women will be Monday, February 28 at 6:30 pm. Our meal will be pizza, salad and dessert. We will have a miscellaneous sale to add funds to our treasury to fund our mission projects. The collected individually wrapped items snack items will be given to The Hospice House Family Room or the Hospital Family Waiting Room, whichever has the greatest need. We will be doing a Blessing Box for Muzette Prescott, Jescena Sink's sister. Please check the text message from Tracy Ray to get ideas for your gift item. Also, please continue to be in prayer for Muzette and her family.

The Women's Group helped with the food for the Wildlife Banquet on February 26. There is always a place to connect with the church family. The Next Big event will be "Light Up the Night". This event is a blessing to so many people, including the volunteers.

Remember . . . Every decision we make has consequences! We can honor God and be on His team, or we can be self-centered as so much of the world is right now. God never calls us to be successful, He calls us to be faithful and to love one another as He has loved us! Per Miss Kay of Duck Dynasty . . . "My grandma taught me that people are more important than things!"

The March meeting will be March 28 at 6:30 pm. Wishing you God's Grace as we strive to serve Him!

MTP Men...

Greetings from MTP Men. We had a great February meeting with 39 present. Our speaker, who brought a very challenging message was Pastor Chris. Our main purpose for this meeting was to elect new officers which are as follows: President, Trent Hayworth; VP is Ray Shufelt; Treasurer is Dow Craver and Secretary is Greg Moore. Also we elected program directors to facilitate finding speakers for future meetings and they are; Dick Jones, Stan Bowen and Bo Sink. As you are reading this the Wildlife Banquet will have just taken place so a report on the event will be in the next newsletter. Our next meeting as it stands right now will be on Sunday March 20th at 7am in the Banquet room. This is a change from our normal 1st Sunday of the month meetings. Make sure you check the newsletters and bulletins for upcoming meeting dates.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

Memorials & Donations

- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Reginald Shoaf
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Michael & Linda Hilton
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Ronnie & Dot Russell
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Robert, Stephanie, Braxton & Merris Meyer
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Craig & Kelly Peacock
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Levi & Betty Leonard
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Lee & Janie Penry
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Michael & Debra Hoffman
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Jimmy & Luann Craven
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Betty Richey
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Joe & Patsy Grooms
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Timmy & Jill Hege
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Reginald Shoaf
- -- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Shirley Johnson
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Glenn & Sarah Finch
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Charles & Karen Fox
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Carol Clodfelter
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Gary & Martha Craven
- -- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Floyd White
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Chris & Jenny Hagee
- -- Given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Robert & Teresa Harden
- -- Given to the Backpack Ministry in Memory of Rusty Cagle by Benny & Ellen Hilton
- -- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Joe Coltrane by Floyd White

Mt. Pleasant Benevolence Committee

(formally called Outreach)

We wanted to share information about the Mt. Pleasant Church Benevolence Committee. The intent of this committee is to assist individuals or families who have a financial emergency due to an unexpected event in their lives (such as a medical event, death in the family, loss of home, loss of income and more). Examples of items we may assist with are a power bill, water bill, rent, groceries and more. We are made aware of these events from our congregation, local school social services and other ways.

Often these people only need a small amount of money, and we help them get past the current emergency with the designated budget in the Benevolence Fund. Other times, the need may be larger, and we will designate that person or family as the recipient of the money collected over the course of a particular month, which is announced in the church bulletin.

Our Benevolence Fund consists of \$5,000 that was approved by the congregation at the end of last year (2021). In addition to that, members and attendees can designate offerings to the Benevolence Fund.

Whether the need is large or small, the help received can make a real difference to the person or family receiving the help. It can mean the difference between having something to eat, heat in their home or not. We appreciate all donations made to the Benevolence Fund and the money will be used to make a difference in lives. The recipients are sometimes so surprised that someone they didn't even know cared about them. This is one way we can be the hands and feet of Christ in our local community. The recipients can, but don't have to attend Mt. Pleasant Church. To make a request for help for someone, you will need to contact a member of the Benevolence Committee, one of our ministers, or the church office.

The 2022 Benevolence Committee: Nicki Hilton, committee chair, Barb Putnam, Janie Penry, Jeanette Beck, Wendy Harper, and Melissa York.

Thank you for helping to share the unfailing love of Christ!

March Benevolence Focus

During the month of March, the Benevolence Committee will be collecting donations for Matt & Muzette Prescott.

Muzette is Jescena Sink's sister who had complications with the birth of her son, and for some time, the doctors did not feel she would survive. Muzette and her new son, Bryce, are now home and both are doing well. With the length of the hospital stay as well as the many surgeries and medications, there is now a financial burden on the family. We would like to continue our love and support with continued prayers as well as a financial offering for the Prescott Family.

If you would like to make a donation for this offering, you can place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, please put Benevolence in the memo line.

MARCH

MISSION

Fresh Start Bags

The Mission Committee will be collecting items/money for the Triad Ladder of Hope, in High Point. This organization serves those men, women and children who are currently or have recently been in labor or sex trafficking situations. One way is by giving them a Fresh Start bag.

COLLECTING - ALL NEW W/ TAGS:

- · Hooded Sweatshirts
- Sweatpants
- Socks
- Sports Bras
- T-Shirts

- Small Toy/Stuffed Animal
- · Storybooks
- · Childs Blankets
- · Hygiene Items
- Monetary Donations

C2 - COMMUNITY CONNECTION - MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 | 12 - 2 PM

Packing Swag Bags for our Light up the Night guests!

If you would like to help - meet us in the Old Fellowship Hall as we pack and pray over the Swag bags for our honored guests.



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:	Room 202 Practice Time:
Tuesday, February 15	7:30 - 8:30pm
Tuesday, February 22	7:30 - 8:30pm
Sunday, February 27	4:00 - 5:00pm
Tuesday, March 1	7:30 - 8:30pm
Tuesday, March 8	7:30 - 8:30pm
Sunday, March 13	4:00 - 5:00pm
Tuesday, March 15	7:30 - 8:30pm
Tuesday, March 22	7:30 - 8:30pm
Sunday, March 27	4:00 - 5:00pm
Tuesday, March 29	7:30 - 8:30pm

Family Life Center Practice Dates:

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



- 2 Lindsey Varner, Adam Lassiter
- 4 Margie Pitts, Mary Kathryn Vining, Jacob Elrod
- 5 Debbie Hoffman, Brooke Scarborough
- 6 William Hiatt
- 7 Whitney Clodfelter,
- 8 Logan Alphin, Susan Miller
- 10 Elaine Darr, Maddie Hagee, Helen Hilton, Barbara Putnam
- 11 Linda Berrier, Rick Hunt
- 12 Harper Fitzgerald, Mason Plott
- 17 Adam Craven, Pam D. Hall
- 18 Matt Koontz
- 19 Lindsay Hall, Barbara Waynick
- 20 Brian Darr, Tanner Sanders, Jescena Sink
- 21 Jimmy Ray
- 22 Pete Muller
- 24 Cheryl Graeub
- 25 Jimmy Craven, Michael Hilton
- 26 Trent Hayworth
- 27 Hunter Jordan
- 28 Bud Shular
- 29 Eileen Sloan
- 30 Betty Leonard, Morgan Miller, Ivy Ray, Jimmy Sands

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

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

January 30, 2022

8:30 Worship: 176 9:45 Worship: 267 11:00 Worship: 30

Total Weekend Worship: 473 Sunday Small Groups: 345 General Offering: \$22,375.50 FLC Offering: \$2,327.50

February 6, 2022

8:30 Worship: 171 9:45 Worship: 284 11:00 Worship: 52

Total Weekend Worship: 507 Sunday Small Groups: 316 General Offering: \$15,422.00 FLC Offering: \$2,040.00

February 13, 2022

8:30 Worship: 176 9:45 Worship: 295 11:00 Worship: 48 Saturday Night Group: 12 Total Weekend Worship: 531 Sunday Small Groups: 322 General Offering: \$11,799.00 FLC Offering: \$955.00

February 20, 2022

8:30 Worship: 158 9:45 Worship: 257 11:00 Worship: 37

Total Weekend Worship: 452 Sunday Small Groups: 285 General Offering: \$17,026.26 FLC Offering: \$1,815.00

SERVING THE CHURCH IN MARCH 2022

Ushers:

March 6: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth

March 13: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray

March 20: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton

March 27: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck

Greeters: 8:30AM	9:45AM	11:00AM
March 6: Doug & Cail Adorbold	John G Kathy Butt	Ector Skiff G. Joanna Paul

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March 13: Wendy Harper Danny & Denise Roberts Greg Moore

March 20: Karen & Stan Bowen The Shufelt Family Ronnie & Dot Russell

March 27: Lin & Terri Blevins Chet & Lorrie Varner Nell Ferree, Doris Blair & Patsy Foxworth

MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:

<u>Nursery: 8:30AM 9:45AM 11:00AM</u>

March 6: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald

March 13: Jescena & Allison Sink

March 20: Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne

Jamie Proctor & The Garlicks

Kim Walser & Pam C. Hall

Jennifer Driggers

Ellen Hilton, Emily C. & Beth M.

Courtney Lake

March 27: Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden Allison Martin & Steve & Mitzi T. Jennifer Driggers

2 Year Old: 3 Year Old: 4 Year Old:

March 6: Cameron & Katie Koontz

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail

Alex Phillips

March 13: Amy Johnson & Christian Craver Megan W., Mae H. & Valerie N.

March 20: Micah & Jessica Moore Tiffany W. & Tammy V. March 27: Amy & Samuel Nifong Michael & Amber B.

Alex Phillips & Brandy Thomas V., Mae H. & Valerie N. Josh & Chelsea Kearns V. & Tammy V. Janet & Spence Wood & Amber B. Hyde's & Courtney B.

Kindergarten: 1st Grade: 2nd Grade:

March 6: Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary

March 13: Jill Murphy & Brenda Flack

March 20: Tobbie Lanning & Laura C.

March 27: Keith & Paula Knolmayer

Tiffany Brister

Leandra Glance

Kelly Kiger

Jane Mendenhall

Josh & Heather Beasley

Emily Sanders

3rd Grade: 4th Grade:

March 6: Sidnee Bruner

March 13: Bob & Jeanette Beck

March 20: Misty Petree

March27: Erica Martin

Jenny Hagee

Amy McDevitt

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Children's Church:

8:30AM: 11:00AM:

March 6: Diana Payne

Josh & Chelsea Kearns & Trina Sprinkle

March 13: Christina Turner

Cindy Buckner & Dave & Lauren Rathbone

March 20: Clay & Sara Fowler Amy Johnson & Julie Butt

March 27: Lisa Lane Kristin Hagee

MTP Youth Servers for March: Jane Payne, Jenny Hagee, Diana Payne, Julie Logan

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

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL



Hats, Glo<u>ves & Scarves</u>



Fashion Accessories



Craft Supplies



Stuffed Animals

MAY

JUNE



Hygiene Items

JULY



Clothing

AUGUST



School Supplies

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Toys

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



Games



\$9 Donation to Ship



Packing Party



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!

March Events

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

- Wednesday, March 2 | Family Night Meal & Bible Study | 5:30 7:30 PM
- Saturday, March 5 | Boutique Day | 9:30 AM 12 PM
- Saturday, March 5 Friday, March 11 Light up the Night Prom Decorating
- Friday, March 11 | Light up the Night Prom | 6 9 PM
- Saturday, March 12 | Daddy Daughter Dance | 5 7 PM
- Saturday, March 19 | Women Offering Worship | 9:30 11 AM
- Sunday, March 20 | MTP Men's Breakfast Meeting | 7 AM
- Thursday, March 24 | Coffee w/ Pastor Starbuck | 10 AM
- Monday, March 28 | MTP Women's Meeting | 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, March 30 | Dinner with the Pastors | 6 PM

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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 CTEDC

Worship - Grow - Serve - Connect