

M T P Newsletter

July 2022



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Are You In or Out?

In July we will begin a series "In or Out". We learn in scripture that we are either for or against Christ, there is no middle ground or Switzerland. I wonder if we take time to think about what that means to be all in for Jesus? Instead, are we satisfied to straddle the fence and conveniently compartmentalize our lives?

What would have happened if Noah had completed 90 percent of the ark? Imagine if he'd left a small hole in the hull or left off the roof, choosing instead to take a weekend off. Noah could not afford partial commitment. His salvation and his family's chance of surviving catastrophe were dependent upon his complete and total willingness to completely trust God. The same is true for us.

Real commitment is incredibly difficult, yet we are asked to do it every day. We're asked to commit to spouses, children, jobs, exercise programs, diets, and countless others. Many of these commitments require balance. We have to take time and effort from one to give to another. While this works with certain aspects of life, it does not work with our commitment to follow Jesus.

God does not expect us to be perfect. Much of the Christian life is a process of letting go of old habits and embracing our new life as a Christian. We won't always get it right, but we will keep moving forward if we remain steadfast in our commitment to God.

In Mark 3:34-35, Jesus says our commitment to Him should supersede every other relationship in our lives: "Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'"

We are not capable of living perfect lives. Jesus doesn't ask for our perfection; He asks for our commitment. As Christians, we are called to press on the best we can after realizing and acknowledging our complete dependence on the sacrifice Jesus made. There can be no partial commitment when it comes to this one decision. We are either in or out.

Something to think about:

- On a scale of 1 to 10, where is your commitment to Jesus? Why did you pick the number you did?
- Who or what has the most influence on your day-to-day decisions? Where does Jesus fall in the order of influential voices in your life?
- What step do you need to take this week to make your relationship with Jesus your No. 1 priority?

Praying To Be All In,
Pastor Chris

“The Shepherd’s Staff”
Mt Pleasant Elder’s Update

July 2022

The elder team met multiple times over the past month. Our visits together always begin with a time of prayer; and our most recent visit included a time of intentional prayer for our congregation, community and the leadership of our church. This time of prayer is something that is very important to us as a team and very important to the charge of shepherding our congregation. As we learned in our recent sermon series, prayer is one of the ways that God intends us to solidify our relationship with Him. Prayer allows us to profess our faith, acknowledge God’s sovereignty and power, as well as to align ourselves with God’s will. It is important to recognize the significance of prayer in our lives.

Communication with God allows us to have a better relationship with Him. Our prayers give us an opportunity to share our life’s challenges with our Creator and it also provides us an opportunity to listen for His direction. Throughout Psalms, we see a myriad of prayers that include pleas for mercy, appeals for protection, songs of praise, confessions of sins, cries of anguish, declarations of God’s power, and much more. In studying Psalms, we also see how they can be very relatable to our present day challenges. Not unlike the scribes of yesteryear, we too have an opportunity to submit our requests to our Heavenly Father, who offers us a place at his footstool to lay down our burdens and also sing His praises.

As we all walk though this life of many ups and downs, our prayer is that you know that God is ready and willing to listen, and to guide. Not unlike reading Psalms and finding ways to relate our current situations, God has provided an advocate in Jesus Christ. Jesus professed to be “the way, the truth and the life,” (John 14:6) and that means that He is the everlasting One who connects us to our Heavenly Father.

The elders will continue to pray for our congregation, our community and our leaders; and we request that you do the same. We also would appreciate you sharing any and all of your prayer request with us. We are thankful for what God is doing in and around Mt Pleasant.

***I wait quietly before God,
for my victory comes from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress where I will never be shaken.***

Psalms 62:1-2

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

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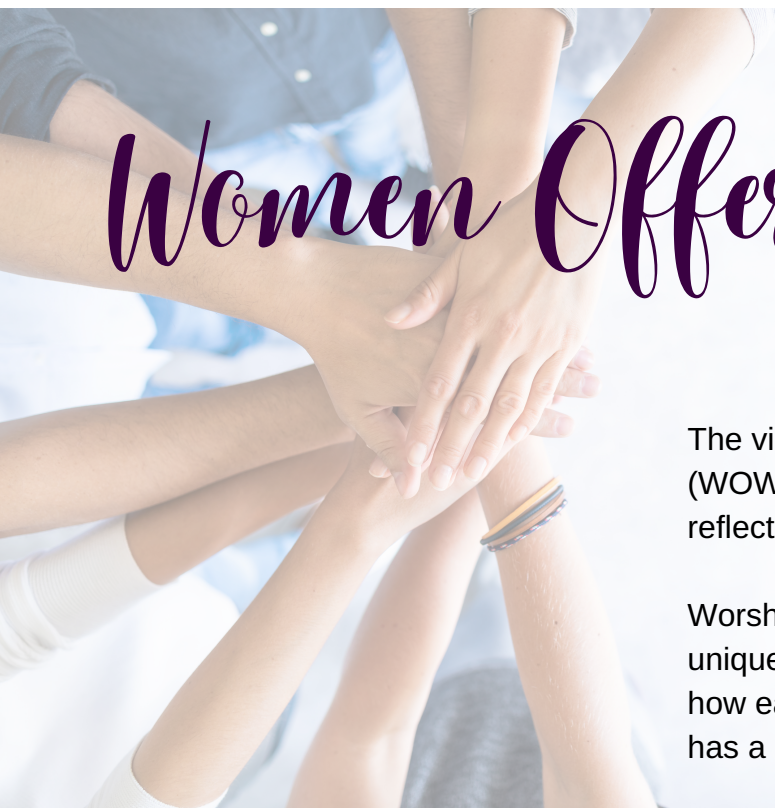


Join us for a time to connect with other singles in our community.

- Sunday, July 17 | 6pm

During this gathering, we will share snacks, a devotion & fellowship.

All are welcome



Women Offering Worship

W.O.W. meets 3rd Saturday of the month

The vision for Mt. Pleasant's Women Offering Worship (WOW) is to equip women who are on the journey of reflecting Christ.

Worship is revealed in different ways, and we celebrate the uniqueness in how God has designed us. We also recognize how easy it is to allow daily life to interfere with a heart that has a posture of worship.

COFFEE WITH STARBUCK - 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

MTP Hospitality Team

Boldly sharing the Unfailing Love of Jesus



You will serve 1 Sunday per month;
we will have 2 different teams each Sunday.

Open team – serves 8:15 – 9:45am
Close team – serves 9:30 – 11am

SIGN UP



Perfect area to help answer questions about the church, our ministries, small groups & offer direction.



Info Center

here to serve

Help folks find a seat and make sure they feel welcomed.
If they do not have a bulletin, grab them one & a pen.



**FLC | Sanctuary
Greeter**

here to serve

Help keep the coffee bar stocked and straightened up.
Perfect opportunity to introduce yourself to new folks and answer questions they may have about MTP & where to go.



Coffee Bar

here to serve

You are the first smile of the morning! Help folks who may need a hand – if it's raining, greet folks with a smile & an umbrella.



Parking Lot

here to serve

Serving from 9:15 – 10 AM

Taking away some of the apprehension for families with kids on where their kids will be and how to get them there!



Kids | Youth

here to serve

Mt. Pleasant Church is a very welcoming church, there are smiles and friendly greetings given out by all each time our doors are open! We want to make sure that we continue sharing Jesus' unfailing love with all – we also want to make sure that we are intentional about making sure that new folks are able to navigate their way around MTP. Whether you are new to the church, or have been here since the womb, we invite you to join our Hospitality Team! Find a Hospitality letter in the lobby or visit the VOLUNTEER tab on our website to find out more & volunteer! ***This is to go along with our current Greeter Schedule – not to replace it.**

JULY 2022

Youth Parent Newsletter





MAY

SUMMER

2022



REGISTER ONLINE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

14 LOCK-IN 6 PM - 6 AM
Join us for an evening of food, magic, jumping, and NO SLEEP! Drop of at MTP with parent pick up at Surge in Winston-Salem. ALL STUDENTS need both an MTP waiver and Surge waiver completed online.

YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR 2022

What's Happening...

High School Car Maintenance 101

JULY 6 | time TBD

High School students, get your hands dirty and learn some basic life lessons on general car maintenance and care.

Youth Paintball

JULY 7 | 7:30 AM - 1 PM

Throw on some camo and jump on the bus, it's paintball time. (\$25 per student)

Youth Bible Study

JULY 10 | 6:00-7:30P

Join us as we journey through scripture and find out how it relates to our lives.

Local Service Week

JULY 20, 21 & 22 | 8 AM - 2 PM

Join us as we get out in our community and serve.

Vacation Bible School

JULY 24-28 | 5:30 - 8 PM

Grab a friend and bring them to this year's VBS. Enjoy dinner, music, study, discussion time, and a pool party. [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Youth Bible Study

JULY 10 | 6:00-7:30P

Join us as we journey through scripture and find out how it relates to our lives.



REMEMBER THIS

"Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me."

Psalms 51:10, NLT

THINK ABOUT THIS

Many of us can relate to the reality of temptation—whether that's giving into it, facing the consequences of giving in, or feeling shame for our decisions. Temptation is both uniquely personal and universal. Which is why we want to spend time talking about it with students. We hope to help them do three things: navigate temptation when it comes up, recover when they give in, and remind them that no matter what they do or don't do, God is for them.

Daily Cues



Morning Time

Brainstorm a few positive words that describe your teenager. As they head out for the day, say something like, "When it comes to messing up or doing things we aren't proud of, sometimes we're hardest on ourselves. Know that when I look at you, I see someone who is (include the words you brainstormed.) Today, no matter what decisions you make, I want those to be the words you hear, telling you who you are."



Meal Time

During dinner, start a conversation about decision-making. Ease into sharing an age-appropriate example of a time you made a regrettable decision and gave into temptation as a teenager. Share about what you learned, the consequences, and what you wish you would have done differently. Use this time to let your teenager know you have been in their shoes and they aren't alone in battling temptation.



Their Time

Ask your teen who their top three favorite influencers, Youtubers, or celebrities are right now. Take some time to learn about these people and what makes them someone your teenager wants to follow. Maybe even watch a video or two together.



Bed Time

Before your teenager goes to bed ask them, "If you had the chance to go back and do today again, is there anything you would change? How did decisions you made today line up with person you want to be? How can you make it so the things you know are true about you are reflected in the decisions you make?" Make sure the conversation ends with them seeing you as a safe place to talk about their mistakes.





**JULY
2022**



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

Sneak Peek!!!

**July 1st- VBS Registration
ends**

**July 12th-Field Trip to Lazy 5
Ranch**

July 24-28- VBS (YAY YAY)

July 31st-VBS Finale



**VBS 2022
July 24-28
5:30-8:00pm**

**Register @
www.mtpleasant.church/kids/**

QUESTION OF THE DAY

FOR KIDS



1. Who made you smile today?
2. Who was kind to you today?
3. What made you laugh?
4. What is the funniest thing you heard today?
5. Did you try something new today?
6. Did you learn something new today?
7. Can you tell me one new fact today?
8. Did you show kindness to anyone today?
9. What are you thankful for today?
10. Is there someone you would like to say sorry to today?
11. Is there someone you would like to say thank you to today?
12. What is the hardest thing you had to do



MTP Women

The Mt. Pleasant Women will meet at 6:30 on June 27. We will have a covered dish meal.

The Mission Project will be Father's Storehouse. They accept new or gently used kitchen, bed and bath linens. They also accept gently used or new item for a kitchen and staple food items. One of the services they provide is assisting individuals or families set up a home when they have to start over. Father's Store House also accepts furniture.

One Blessing Box will be prepared

We continue to collect items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

There are also copies of the latest cookbook available for \$10.00 each. If you are interest in purchasing a cookbook, see a member of the Mt. Pleasant Women.

The Women provided baked goods for the Car Polooza Bake Sale on June 25.

There will be a Yard Sale on August 27. If you would like a table, contact Tracey Ray or Amy Johnson. If you have items that you just want to get rid of and don't want a table you can donate the items to be sold and MTP will get the money.

Hope you are enjoying the summer, and that it is a happy safe one

MTP Men

Greetings from MTP Men. We had our June meeting on the 12th with 27 in attendance. Dick Jones was our speaker and he spoke about Adversity, thanks Mr. Jones. Also at this meeting we had our drawing for the Gun Raffle fundraiser where the winners received a 9mm pistol and a shotgun, congratulations to the winners. At our June meeting every year we vote on the Mt Pleasant man of the year and this year our recipient was Mr. Bo Sink. Bo, thank you for all you do for MTP. Our next meeting is Sunday July 10th at 7 am in the Banquet Room, come on out and enjoy a great time of fellowship along with a good meal.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

ONGOING MISSION PROJECT -

Each One Feed One Food

The Mission Committee will begin collecting coins for the annual Food Packing Event, during VBS this year.

Just 30 cents will purchase a pack of Mac n Cheese, that will serve a family of 6. Last year, we supplied organizations in Wallburg, Thomasville, High Point, Lexington and Jamestown with the 10,000 meals. Thank you for your continued support!

If you would like to help, please donate your money to the jar in the church lobby or see a member of the Mission Committee.

You may also donate directly to the Mission Committee - you can write your check to MTP, just memo "Each 1 Feed 1"



PICKLEBALL [AT]



THURSDAY, JULY 7 | 6 - 8PM

Come watch Pastor Chris & some other MTP VIP's meet at Center Court for the first official Pickleball at MTP match!

Our Change for Change C2 Event was Awesome!

Thank you to everyone who donated their change, cash & checks! This community connection allows us as a church to support the Salem Crisis Pregnancy Center and help them make a difference for families in our community.

Total Change Collected - \$1,369.23

- **7 Dollar Coins** - \$7.00
- **7 1/2 Dollars** - \$3.50
- **3344 Quarters** - \$836.00
- **3646 Dimes** - \$364.60
- **1695 Nickels** - \$84.75
- **7338 Pennies** - \$73.38

Total Cash Collected - \$416.00

Total Checks Collected - \$455.00

**Total donated to Salem Crisis Pregnancy Center
\$2,240.23**

If you still have your baby bottle - go ahead and turn it in as soon as possible! We will be taking all donations to Salem Pregnancy Center on Thursday, June 30.





July Birthdays

- 1 - Brantley Mayhew, Trina Sprinkle
- 2 - Rebecca Conrad, Jeff Payne, Lance Alphin
- 3 - Zachary Harper, Connie Sands
- 5 - Rebecca Mays, Avery Payne Idol
- 6 - Kevin Conrad, Jason Smith
- 8 - Glenda Bodenheimer, Jerry Hedrick, Carly Plott
- 9 - Michael Kennedy
- 10 - Brian Taylor
- 11 - Dale Baity, Jo Ann Green, Jason Sloan
- 13 - Nicolas Cecil
- 14 - Forrest Lackovic
- 16 - Millie Shelton
- 18 - Tracey Ray
- 20 - Carol Hilton, Brenda Lane, Jay Payne
- 22 - Candace Grubbs, Lindy Leonard
- 23 - Sallie Hagee, Abby Lane, Garrett Rinaldi
- 24 - Bill Baughn, Steve Cranford
- 25 - Lauren Cranford
- 27 - Brenda Hilton, Eric Hilton, Linda Pilkenton
- 29 - Wesley Mayhew, Max Schuler
- 31 - Eli Sands

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

May 22, 2022

8:30 Worship: 145
9:45 Worship: 186
11:00 Worship: 60
Total Weekend Worship: 391
Sunday Small Groups: 283
General Offering: \$7,631.00
FLC Offering: \$375.00

May 29, 2022

8:30 Worship: 152
9:45 Worship: 218
11:00 Worship: 26
Total Weekend Worship: 396
Sunday Small Groups: 283
General Offering: \$15,514.00
FLC Offering: \$2,955.00

June 5, 2022

8:30 Worship: 142
9:45 Worship: 175
11:00 Worship: 38
Total Weekend Worship: 355
Sunday Small Groups: 270
General Offering: \$14,304.00
FLC Offering: \$1,315.00

June 12, 2022

8:30 Worship: 171
9:45 Worship: 274
11:00 Worship: 36
Total Weekend Worship: 481
Sunday Small Groups: Youth Sunday
General Offering: \$14,093.00
FLC Offering: \$2,512.00

June 19, 2022

8:30 Worship: 157
9:45 Worship: 269
11:00 Worship: 26
Total Weekend Worship: 452
Sunday Small Groups: 179
General Offering: \$12,841.00
FLC Offering: \$4,400.00

Memorials & Donations

Given to the Glory of God and in Memory of

- Given to the Family Life Center in Honor of Dr. Betsy English by Stan & Karen Bowen
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Eddie Reid by Performance Specialties

SERVING THE CHURCH IN JULY 2022

Ushers:

July 3: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth
July 10: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray
July 17: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton
July 24: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck
July 31: VBS Sunday

Greeters: 8:30AM

July 3: Doug & Gail Aderhold
July 10: Wendy Harper
July 17: Karen & Stan Bowen
July 24: Lin & Terri Blevins
July 31: Stephanie Payne

9:45AM

John & Kathy Butt
Danny & Denise Roberts
The Shufelt Family
Chet & Lorrie Varner
Jeff Huntsman & Bo Sink

11:00AM

Ester Skiff & Joanne Baughn
Greg Moore
Ronnie & Dot Russell
Nell Ferree, Doris Blair & Patsy Foxworth
VBS Sunday

MTP KIDS KLUB SERVERS:

Nursery: 8:30AM

July 3: Phil & Sue Fitzgerald
July 10: Jescena & Allison Sink
July 17: Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne
July 24: Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden
July 31: Samantha Bruno

9:45AM

Jamie Proctor & The Garlicks
Kim W., Pam H. & Laura G.
Ellen H., Emily C. & Beth M.
Allison Martin & Steve & Mitzi T.
Kristi Burnette & Meggan Nobles

11:00AM

Tricia Anderson
Jennifer Driggers
Courtney Lake
Jennifer Driggers
VBS Sunday

2 Year Old:

July 3: Cameron & Katie Koontz
July 10: Amy Johnson & Christian Craver
July 17: Micah & Jessica Moore
July 24: Amy & Samuel Nifong
July 31: VBS Sunday

3 Year Old:

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail
Megan W., Mae H. & Valerie N.
Tiffany W. & Tammy V.
Michael & Amber B.
VBS Sunday

4 Year Old:

Alex Phillips & Brandy Thomas
Josh & Chelsea Kearns
Janet & Spence Wood
Hyde's & Courtney B.
VBS Sunday

Kindergarten:

July 3: Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary
July 10: Jill Murphy & Brenda Flack
July 17: Tobbie L. & Laura C.
July 24: Keith & Paula Knolmayer
July 31: VBS Sunday

1st Grade:

Tiffany Brister
Leandra Glance
Tess Robertson & Whitney W.
Josh & Heather Beasley
VBS Sunday

2nd Grade:

Eileen Sloan
Dianne Reid
Jane Mendenhall
Emily Sanders
VBS Sunday

3rd Grade:

July 3: Sidnee Bruner
July 10: Bob & Jeanette Beck
July 17: Misty Petree
July 24: Erica Martin
July 31: VBS Sunday

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt
Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt
VBS Sunday

Children's Church:

8:30AM:

July 3: Diana Payne
July 10: Christina Turner
July 17: Clay & Sara Fowler
July 24: : Lisa Lane
July 31: Lisa Lane

11:00AM:

Josh & Chelsea Kearns & Trina Sprinkle
Cindy Buckner & David & Lauren Rathbone
Amy Johnson & Julie Butt
Kristin Hagee
VBS Sunday

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



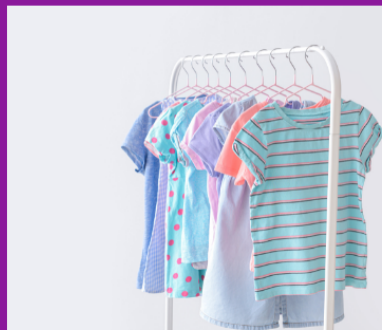
Hygiene Items

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!

JULY EVENTS

Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10 AM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM
Sunday, July 3	Red Cross Blood Drive	11:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday, July 7	Youth Paintball Trip	7:30 AM - 1 PM
Thursday, July 7	Pickleball Grand Opening	6 - 8 PM
Sunday, July 10	MTP Men's Group Meeting	7 AM
Tuesday, July 12	Kids Field Trip - Lazy 5 Ranch	
Saturday, July 16	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11 AM
Sunday, July 17	C.A.S.T. - Singles Ministry	6 PM
Monday, July 18	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 PM
Sunday, July 24	Vacation Bible School	5:30 - 8 PM
Monday, July 25	Vacation Bible School	5:30 - 8 PM
Tuesday, July 26	Vacation Bible School	5:30 - 8 PM
Wednesday, July 27	Vacation Bible School	5:30 - 8 PM
Thursday, July 28	Vacation Bible School	5:30 - 8 PM
Thursday, July 28	Coffee with Pastor Starbuck	10 AM
Sunday, July 31	VBS Finale Sunday	9:45 AM

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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