

This month we will begin a new series that will walk us through the entire book of Colossians. The overarching theme will deal with the truth that, Jesus is sufficient to save, restore and guide us in our lives. We need only rely and look to Him instead of all the add-ons we needlessly strive for.

So, Jesus plus nothing... hhhmmm... What am I saying? Well... when we add things to Jesus and his Gospel we actually minimize it and we become a stumbling block between Christ and those seeking Him.

The Gospel is enough and we only take away from it's beauty by adding anything else as essential for salvation and redemption.

When we realize that Jesus is enough... that his grace is sufficient, we are able to look to him and nothing or no one else. He is, "our reason for hope." I think Paul makes it very clear to us in his letter to the Corinthians, when he calls these things of "first importance." He states:

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... 1 Corinthians 15.3-4

Relationship with the resurrected Jesus (through the Holy Spirit) is what matters most! If we can embrace that, then the statement: Jesus + Nothing = Everything, will make sense. When we live out a faith that is empowered by the Spirit of Christ in us, NOTHING else matters... and in doing so, we gain EVERYTHING!

It's not "Jesus + gifts" or "Jesus + blessings" or "Jesus + job" or "Jesus + family" or "Jesus + religion"... It's Jesus + nothing = everything. Yes, for the believer, He really is everything; He really is enough. And I pray that for you today, that Jesus would be more than enough, His grace would be more than sufficient, and that no matter what circumstances life brings us –good or bad–we would be able to confess, "Jesus is everything".

In Christ,

Pastor Chris

Shepherds Staff

The first week in September begins a six-week journey through annual staff reviews and evaluations. This may appear to be an arduous task but, quite frankly, it is more of a blessing than a burden. These meetings allow the elders to connect with each staff member, understand any struggles, celebrate the successes and most of all, recognize the blessings of the past year. As you see around our church and in our community, our staff is a blessing in many ways. The commitment to further God's Kingdom and share the unfailing love of Christ is shown through their love for what each one does day-in and day-out.

With that in mind, one of the challenges that we face as followers of Christ is that work can be viewed as a burden. People look upon work as an affliction and that can lead to an overwhelming amount of stress. So, one question that we like to ask is: What does God have to say about that? I'm glad you asked! Paul has some good insight about work in the third chapter of Colossians. Paul lays it on very thick right out of the gate in verse 1 and 2 by saying, "Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth." With our heart set on Christ, we have a new direction and purpose.

Paul then gets in our business by declaring for us in verses 16 and 17 to "Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father". By working "as a representative of the Lord Jesus," our goals should be redirected to glorify Him in all we say and do; thus, being a light into the dark world. We then exemplify verse 23 that says for us to "work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than people."

Paul's challenge to us is to fix our hearts on Christ, be a representative of Him, and work as if we are working for the Lord. One of the many benefits of having our hearts set on Christ is that our work will take on a whole new purpose and become a true blessing.

As the elders and the staff prepare for these annual reviews, we ask that our congregation pray specifically for our seven awesome staff members by name for the next several weeks. Please pray for Chris Clontz, Donny Baldridge, Jennifer Driggers, Felecia Motsinger, Greg Moore, Carolyn Charette, and Tim Starbuck. Thank you for all you do to share the love of Christ with the people of our community and do it as representatives of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Singles

MINISTRY

C.A.S.T.

Community Adult Singles Together

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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



What's Happening...

Youth Group

18th & 25th | 5-7:30P

“Youth” is our Sunday evening programming comprising games, a shared meal, music, message, and small group discussion time.

Youth Breakfast

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th | 7:00 - 7:30A

Every Wednesday morning, when Davidson County Schools have classes. Students in 5th-12th grade come together for breakfast and devotion.

Youth Bible Study

7th | 5:30 - 6:30P

Youth Praise Band

7th, 21st, 28th | 6:30 - 7:30P

Hero Day

10th | 10:00A - NOON

[**register online**](#)

Grandparents Day Meal

11th | 6:00 - 7:00P

We'll share a meal, conversation, and love that they well deserve. Don't wait, sign your grandparents up today. [**register online](#)

Family Night

21st, 28th | 5:30 - 7:30P



What We're Learning...

Friendships can be completely complicated. Add in the pressures that play a part in today's high school experience, and connecting with other humans can be really overwhelming. In this 3-week series, we'll discover how to navigate some of the most common experiences in our friendships. Whether it's being a friend, finding friends, or working through something tough in a friendship, we'll learn that the work it takes is always worth it.

Week One

John 13:4-5, Luke 6:31

Being a friend means serving your friends.

Week Two

Proverbs 12:26

Being a friend means building the right friendships.

Week Three

Acts 15:36-38, Acts 15:39-41

Being a friend means walking away friendly.



MEMORY VERSE

"Do to others as you would like them to do to you."

Luke 6:31, NLT

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

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



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone mention the name of a friend and what makes them a good friend to you. Talk about a way each of you can help or serve them.



Their Time

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



Bed Time

As you pray, thank God for your child's best influences (friends/adults). And think of some ways to express your gratitude to them this week.





**September
2022**

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

Sneak Peek!!!

September 10-Hero Day

**September 21-Family Night
Starts Back**

**September 24-MTP Fall
Festival**

**MTP First Ever
Fall Festival**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
2:00-5:00**

**ENJOY FOOD TRUCKS, CARNIVAL GAMES, PRIZES,
SUNSET SLUSHY, HAY RIDES,
INFLATABLES AND MORE...**

**THE ONLY THING IT COST YOU IS IF YOU PURCHASE FROM THE
FOOD TRUCKS**

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

Summer Memories





MTP Women

Thank you to everyone who sold items and shopped at the yard sale. The money earned will support our mission projects.

We are getting close to the annual Country Breakfast, which will be held on October 1. Spread the word and invite all your friends. It is a time of good food and fellowship and catching up with people you haven't seen in a while. We will also have people selling Bazaar items. The money earned will go to the Family Life Center.

The Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be packed in early November. If you don't want to pack a box, you can collect items to go in a box and we will pack the boxes with the items donated. Now may be a good time to pick up pencils, crayons, color pencils, pencil sharpeners, note pads, and other school supply items. The shoeboxes and the prayers prayed when you select the items can have a great impact on the child who receives the box.

We will be selling pecans again this year. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for information to place an order. We will order in October and the pecans will arrive around Thanksgiving.

A Thanksgiving Bake Sale will take place in November. You will have an opportunity to place an order for desserts and bread in early November and your order will be available for pick up the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for order information.

The September Women's meeting will be September 26, 6:30 pm. We will do a Blessing Box and the mission project will be pantry food items for Co-Op in Thomasville. Some of the items they need are: mac & cheese, canned fruit – vegetables – and meat, peanut butter, boxed breakfast items, plus other shelf stable food items. They also need personal care items, such as: deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes, shampoo, toilet paper and laundry items. Baby items are always needed, such as: diapers, wipes and baby food.

We always have a time of prayer, sharing and fellowship. We would love for you to join us for our meetings!

MTP Men

Greetings from MTP Men. Our August meeting is the Skeet Shoot on Saturday August 27th from 12pm-3pm. Please register online for this event so we can have a head count of how many to prepare for, hot dog lunch is provided. Come on out for a great time of fellowship and some friendly competition. Our next business meeting will be Sunday Sept. 11th at 7am in the banquet room. Stay tuned for details of our Annual auction.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore

Family Night

MEAL & BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Nights | September 21 - November 9 | 5:30 - 7:30pm

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 BIBLE STUDIES

- **Large Group - (2) 4-week Sessions:**

The Book of Job

Have you been confused by Job? Did Job get treated unfairly? What's up with his friends and some of the strange things they said? Eric Hilton will lead a study on 4 themes in Job. This will be a fast-paced overview of the important themes looking at specific portions of the book. What is the big picture? How does a Christian lament when they suffer for no apparent reason? How should we comfort those who suffer? What did God say about it? Come with questions and we will try to find the answers.

Christians are Too...

Christian's are accused, attacked and dismissed by society for being too... you fill in the blank. Pastor Chris will lead the second 4 weeks of family night where we will look at what the world wrongly accuses faithful Christian's of being. Too...Intolerant, Too...Political, Too...Divisive, Too Exclusive

- **Letting Them Go: Prepare Your Heart, Prepare Your Child for Leaving Home**

Encouraging, emotional and sometimes entertaining journey to prepare hearts for the transition to the empty nest phase of life.

- **What Does It Mean to be Chosen? - Volume 1 The Chosen Bible Study Series**

This interactive study guide for the 8-week TV series The Chosen allows you to delve more deeply into each episode as you explore the life of Jesus. You'll come to realize that you are called, cherished, and carried; have been made new and established; are now His witness; and more.

- **BodyBuilding**

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!

- **Starving the Fairytale - A New Model for Self-Discovery**

Illuminating the empty messaging about "self" that is drawing Christian and non-Christian women into a dead-end journey of self-discovery and to hold it against the Light of truth to help them fully follow Jesus.

RSVP Online | MtPleasant.Church/Family-Night

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 or Mission box 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"



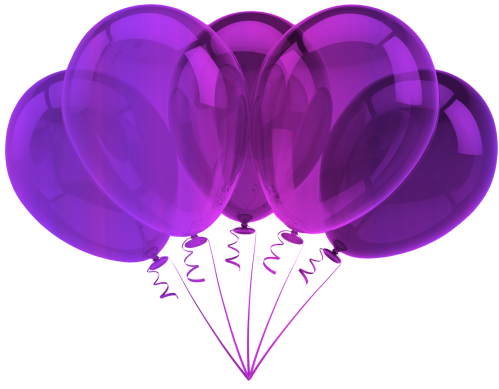
SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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 25



ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

September Birthdays

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, Seth Starbuck
25 - Tammy Dyles, Maya Mendenhall
26 - Karen Boatright, Roger Meredith, Bo Sink
27 - Keith Knolmayer
29 - Kathy Sloan
30 - Jenny Hagee

July 31, 2022

8:30 Worship: 159
9:45 Worship: 513
Total Weekend Worship: 672
Sunday Small Groups: VBS Finale Sunday
General Offering: \$22,218.00
FLC Offering: \$1,805.00

August 7, 2022

8:30 Worship: 127
9:45 Worship: 260
11:00 Worship: 37
Total Weekend Worship: 424
Sunday Small Groups: 210
General Offering: \$16,079.00
FLC Offering: \$2,925.00

August 14, 2022

8:30 Worship: 164
9:45 Worship: 282
11:00 Worship: 35
Total Weekend Worship: 481
Sunday Small Groups: 292
General Offering: \$14,140.00
FLC Offering: \$1,805.00

August 21, 2022

8:30 Worship: 194
9:45 Worship: 365
11:00 Worship: 36
Total Weekend Worship: 595
Sunday Small Groups: Celebration Sunday
General Offering: \$24,422.00
FLC Offering: \$875.00

COUNTRY BREAKFAST & BAZAAR

Saturday, October 1

Breakfast: 7 - 10 AM Bazaar: 7 - 11 AM

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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SERVING THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Ushers:

September 4: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth

September 11: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray

September 18: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton

September 25: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck

Greeters: 8:30AM

September 4: Doug & Gail Aderhold

September 11: Wendy Harper

September 18: Karen & Stan Bowen

September 25: 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 & Patsy Foxworth

Info Center: 8:15 - 9:45AM

September 4: Jay & Stephanie Payne

September 11: Sharon Payne

September 18: Josh & Chelsea Kearns

September 25: Bill Baughn & Jane Mendenhall

9:30 - 11:00AM

Adam & Sammie Jo Prior

Keith & Paula Knolmayer

Bo & Jescena Sink

FLC / Sanctuary Greeter: 8:15 - 9:45AM

September 4: Gayle Mabe

September 11: Jeff & Shelby Smith

September 18: Gail Aderhold

September 25: _____

9:30 - 11:00AM

Danny & Denise Roberts

Lee Koontz

Peggy Shufelt

John Butt

Coffee Bar: 8:15 - 9:45AM

September 4: Debra Casselbury

September 11: Ryan & Allison Martin

September 18: Kalyn Staton

September 25: Emily Campbell

9:30 - 11:00AM

Pam D. Hall

Casey Miller & Beth Meyer

David & Lauren Rathbone

Ashley Craven

Parking Lot: 8:15 - 9:45AM

September 4: Randy Wilhoit

September 11: _____

September 18: _____

September 25: _____

9:30 - 11:00AM

Jeff & Rebecca Tussey

Youth & Kids: 9:15 - 10:00AM

September 4: Ellie Kiger & Peyton McDevitt

September 11: Brady Coons & Melody Murray

September 18: Holly Edwards & Maddie Wall

September 25: Cooper Clontz & Katelyn Brann

Sign up online to help out!
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KIDS KLUB SERVERS - SEPTEMBER 2022

Nursery:	8:30AM	9:45AM	11:00AM
September 4:	Phil & Sue Fitzgerald	The Garlicks	Tricia Anderson
September 11:	Jescena & Allison Sink	Kim W., Pam H. & Laura G.	Jennifer Driggers
September 18:	Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne	Maddie W., Emily C. & Beth M.	Courtney Lake
September 25:	Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden	Allison Martin & Steve & Mitzi T.	Jennifer Driggers

2 Year Old:	3 Year Old:	4 Year Old:
September 4: Cameron & Katie Koontz	Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail	Alex Phillips & Brandy Thomas
September 11: Amy Johnson & Christian C.	Megan W., Mae H. & Valerie N.	Josh & Chelsea Kearns
September 18: Micah & Jessica Moore	Tiffany W. & Tammy V.	Janet & Spence Wood
September 25: Amy & Samuel Nifong	Michael & Amber B.	Hyde's & Courtney B.

Kindergarten:	1st Grade:	2nd Grade:
September 4: Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary	Tiffany Brister	Eileen Sloan
September 11: Jill Murphy & Brenda Flack	Leandra Glance	Dianne Reid
September 18: Tobbie L. & Laura C.	Tess Robertson & Whitney W.	Jane Mendenhall
September 25: Keith & Paula Knolmayer	Josh & Heather Beasley	Emily Sanders

3rd Grade:	4th Grade:
September 4: Sidnee Bruner	Jenny Hagee
September 11: Bob & Jeanette Beck	Amy McDevitt
September 18: Misty Petree	Jenny Hagee
September 25: Erica Martin	Amy McDevitt

Children's Church:

8:30AM:	11:00AM:
September 4: Diana Payne	Josh & Chelsea Kearns & Trina Sprinkle
September 11: Christina Turner	Cindy Buckner & David & Lauren Rathbone
September 18: Clay & Sara Fowler	Amy Johnson & Julie Butt
September 25: Lisa Lane	Kristin Hagee



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



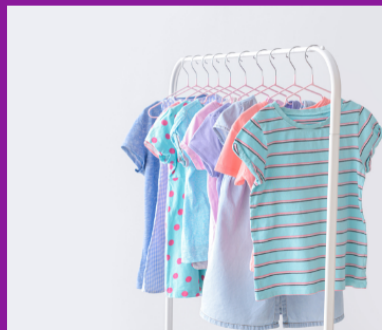
Hygiene Items

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!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10 AM
Tuesday's	Choir Practice	6:45 PM
Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast & Devotion	7 AM
Thursday's	Pickleball	6 PM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

Sunday, September 4	Red Cross Blood Drive	11:30 AM - 4 PM
Saturday, September 10	Hero Day	10 AM - 12 PM
Sunday, September 11	MTP Men's Breakfast Meeting	7 AM
Sunday, September 11	Grandparent's Day Meal	6 - 7 PM
Monday, September 12	Pickleball - Ladies Night	6 - 8:30 PM
Sunday, September 18	Lunch with the Pastor	12 PM
Sunday, September 18	CAST - Singles Ministry	6 PM
Monday, September 19	Pickleball - Mens Night	6 - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, September 21	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday, September 22	Coffee with Starbuck	10 AM
Saturday, September 24	Fall Festival	2 - 5 PM
Monday, September 26	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, September 28	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 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 STEPS

Worship - Grow - Serve - Connect

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