



MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

RESOLUTIONS... RUINED OR REDEEMED?

Note from the Pastor

Three Ways to Ruin Your Resolutions

1. Focus on yourself and your faults.

Every time I hear about resolutions, this seems to be the common starting point. People take stock of their lives and pick out everything they don't like. What if, instead, we asked God what He wants to do with our lives? When we give our lives to Jesus, God begins to change us from the inside out and He's really good at it (Hebrews 8:10, Ezekiel 36:26). Rather than tackling everything you think should be different, try asking God to show one thing He wants you to start doing or stop doing this year.

2. Compare yourself to everyone around you.

The second resolution ruiner is picking out parts of other people's lives you wish were your own. We've all done it. That actor or actress you wish you resembled a bit more. That friend whose house is always suspiciously clean. That neighbor whose energy and talent seems unending.

It's one thing to look at other people and appreciate what makes them special, but we cross the line when we use those people as our new standard. You are the only you on Earth. God made you unique on purpose and for a purpose (Psalm 139). The apostle Paul says comparing ourselves with other people is "unwise" in 2 Corinthians 10:12. Resolutions built on someone else's life, body, or characteristics are guaranteed to disappoint.

3. Try to fix everything by yourself, all at once.

Probably the biggest reason resolutions fail is because we try to change ourselves by sheer determination rather than operating in the Holy Spirit's power. Wanting to "be a more positive person" is really not motivating when you have a flat tire in the rain. But Jesus' power comes into its own when we're at our weakest (2 Corinthians 12:9).

When our motivation is centered on our own desires, we fall flat as soon as another difficult circumstance gets in the way of our goal. That's why changing is so hard. It's why we can't change ourselves on our own.

How to Redeem Your Resolutions

1. Focus on what Jesus has done for you.

Instead of focusing on all of your faults, focus on what Jesus did for you.

Make a list if you have to - He won't mind!

The Bible encourages us to remember what God has done in our life and how far He has brought us... from darkness to his wonderful light.

Take time to remind yourself of all the blessings you have been given.



2. Make Jesus' goals your goals.

In Colossians 3:2, Paul tells us to be more focused on God's goals than our own. If that thought freaks you out, it shouldn't! God tells us in Romans 8:29 that His ultimate goal for us is that our hearts and lives would look just like Jesus'.

Taking your next steps means setting goals that get you closer to Jesus every day. So whether you call it a New Year's Resolution or your next step, what are you doing to get closer to Jesus today?

Excited To See What God Has In Store For 2023!

Pastor Chris

Thank you!

Dear MTP - thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift to the staff. We all appreciate your love, prayers, support and daily encouragement that you give to each of us. We pray that you had a blessed Christmas and we cannot wait to see what God has in store for 2023 at MTP!

With love - The MTP Staff

Shepherds Staff

Blessings from your elders and our families. We are excited about the new year and what God has in store for our community. One of our first orders of business for 2023 will be to install our new slate of elders: Kelley Cameron, Mark Long and Greg York. Please join us in prayer for these men as they embark on shepherding our church family. Please also be in prayer for Vince Brown, Steve Cranford, and Daniel Rich as they start new endeavors of ministry.

Congratulations to our Associate Pastor Tim Starbuck for being ordained into the MTP family on December 18th. We are thankful for his service to God and our community. It is such a blessing to see how God is using Tim in and around our church. God has truly blessed us with Tim and his family.

Thank you for the support in 2022. We are thankful for our church community and all that God is doing at MTP. Please pray for our community as we start our new year with great expectation for God to work in mighty ways for His glory.

Here is a blessing for you and your family for the new year:

"The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

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MTP CONNECT

Wednesday Mornings at 8am in the FLC we will meet for a devotion and some laps around the gym. Stay tuned for details about our upcoming Group gatherings. Our December lunch was so much fun!



COFFEE WITH STARBUCK



4th Thursday of each month. Our grief group is a gathering of a caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

SINGLES MINISTRY

We meet on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. We encourage all singles in the church and our community to join us! For January - we will only meet on Sunday, January 15 at 6pm in the Banquet Room.



MTP Family, you are one of my life's blessings, and I will forever be grateful that God gave me the opportunity to join this wonderful church. Your kindness to me and my family is like a piece of heaven, and the Starbucks can never thank you enough for all the wonderful things that you do. God has blessed us with your presence and your friendship. May we also be a blessing to you. What a privilege being with you to boldly share the love of Jesus and turn this community upside down for Him!

Your generosity is absolutely amazing! "Those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed", and your gift to the Starbucks' is very touching and thoughtful. As Paul once said, "We have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in our prayers." Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with peace and joy. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thanks,
Tim



WHAT'S HAPPENING

YOUTH GROUP

8th, 22nd, 29th | 5 – 7:30P

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

YOUTH BREAKFAST

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th | 7:00 – 7:30A

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

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

4th | 6:30 – 7:30P

FAMILY NIGHT

11th, 18th, 25th | 5:30 – 7:30P

YOUTH PRAISE BAND

4, 11, 18, 25 | 7:30 – 8:00P

YOUTH & PARENT MEETING

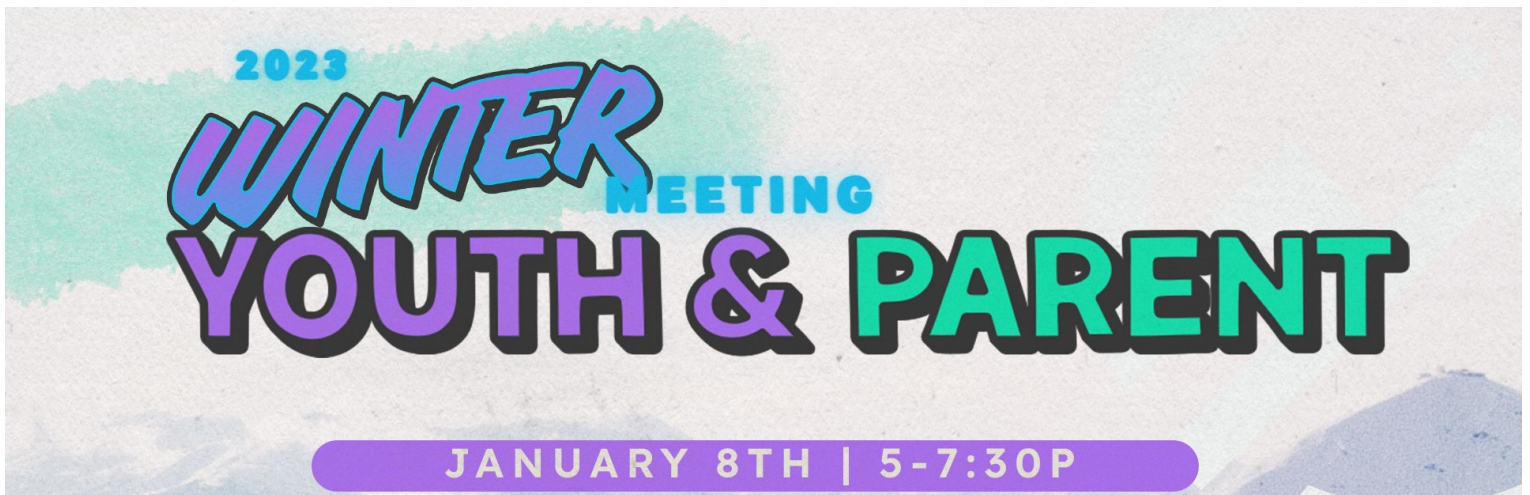
8th | 5:00 – 7:30P

This meeting is for **ALL PARENTS & YOUTH, 5th–12th grade**. We'll review some of our youth and 5th-grade structure along with our Winter/Spring calendar. You don't want to miss this event either new to MTP or old.

YOUTH NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

December 31st | 7:00 – 10:30P

Let's ring in the new year together! Play some Family Trivia, Amazing Race, and Musical Chairs. Bring a dish or dessert to share.



ProTip

the one thing that can make you better at everything

What We're Learning...

Have you ever searched YouTube for advice on how to do...anything? If you have, you know exactly how helpful a pro tip can be. In this series, we'll look to one of the wisest people ever to live for pro tips about life. In the end, students will learn how to develop the wisdom it takes to be better at life now and in the future.

Week One

Proverbs 1:7

Wisdom is the one thing that makes you better at everything.

Week Two

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trusting God is a prove move.

Week Three

Proverbs 22:1, Proverbs 10:9

The decisions no one sees build the reputation everyone remembers.

Week Four

Proverbs 15:1

If you want to be heard, use gentle words.

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



As your teen starts their day, point out a recent choice they made that showed wisdom.



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



At a meal this week, ask everyone: "What is the wisest thing anyone has said to you? And how have you applied that wisdom?"



Pray that God will grow wisdom in both you and your teen.

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track."

Proverbs 3:5-6





January 2023

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

Sneak Peek!!!

**1/11-Family Night starts
back**

1/18-Family Night

1/22-Family Fun Day

1/25-Family Night

Thank You!!!

Thank you so much to all my amazing volunteers and everyone that helps make our kids klub so amazing. Thank you to our wonderful church for my very kind Christmas gift. I am so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family. I can't wait to see what the new year has in store for us here at Mt. Pleasant. God has truly blessed us and I am so thankful and honored to get to help share God's unfailing love.

I pray you all have a very Happy New Year and a blessed 2023.

Love, Mrs Jennifer Driggers

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

MY YEAR IN REVIEW

year

Name **Age**

My Favorite Memory

Best Book
I Read

This Year I Learned

My Favorite Song

My Funniest Memory

My Favorite Movie

My Biggest Accomplishment

Next year I want to

Favorite Food

My Best Friend

teachbesideme.com

Ask your kids about their 2022 year. This is a great way to learn more about your children. Also ask them something they want to do for someone in the new year. I hope you all have a wonderful New Year!!!



MTP Women

We provided food for a family at Thanksgiving and gifts for the children and more food items for the family for Christmas. Additionally, a donation was made to four different organizations in December. With our treasury mostly empty, we will begin to do projects to add funds to support our monthly mission projects.

The January meeting will be held on January 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm. We will have a soup and sandwich meal and will discuss plans for the 2023 year.

Anyone who would like to join us for a meeting is encouraged to come.

We wish you a very merry Christmas as we celebrate Christ birth with our church, family and friends. Also, wishing you a blessed New Year where Christ can be central to the decisions we make. Remember, every decision we make has consequences, some good and some not so good.

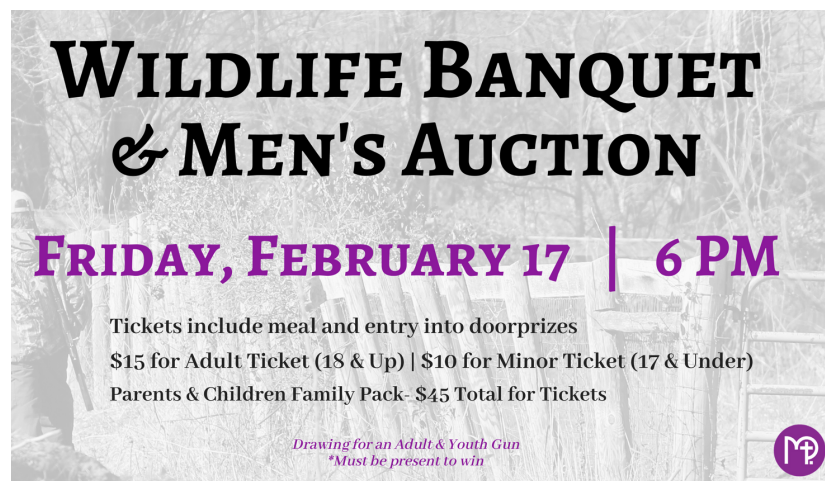
MTP Men

Greetings from MTP Men. We did things a little different for our December meeting, we had a Saturday night spaghetti dinner with wives invited. Our speaker was Bradley Guyn, he is the director for Adult & Teen Challenge. Bradley brought a great message and was enjoyed by everyone.

Our Wildlife Banquet will be on February 17 at 6pm - tickets will go on sale in January.

MTP Men would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, we are looking forward to 2023 and the opportunities that the new year brings.

Respectfully submitted, Greg Moore



Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will be collecting all ages and sizes of sweat clothes, hoodies, hats, toboggans, gloves, mittens and shoes for several organizations for the winter. All must be new, with tags on them.

*Triad Ladder of Hope and Thomasville Hospital need sweat clothes and hoodies.

*Lexington Homeless needs hats, toboggans, gloves, mittens.

*A local shoe ministry will be giving the shoes to Thomasville City school children, elementary to High School.

There will be a drop off box in the lobby. Thank you for supporting these ministries!

Evangelism Committee

Our first C2 event of 2023 will be to honor and bless local teachers and staff with water, fruit, and muffins. The delivery will take place on Monday January 30th.

Please consider helping by donating supplies or writing MTP cards of encouragement and thanks to our local school teachers and staff.

More details will be available after the first Evangelism Committee meeting is held in early January. Please check the church website and social media page for details to come.

January Birthdays

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- 2 - Taylor Parks
3 - Danielle Cecil, Kathryn Binkley, Chase Owens
4 - Sean Taylor, Ken Woempner
5 - Bobby Miller, Greg Moore
6 - Diannah Kearns, Kevan Hedgecock
7 - Anna Kennedy
9 - Stacey Blackwood, J Mark Hilton, Ryan Hilton
10 - Benny Hilton, Kaci Hedgecock
11 - Colson Sink
12 - Brynlee Hall, Bill Miller
13 - Kameron Conrad
14 - Brenda Moore
15 - Phil Fitzgerald, Gary Hinkle
16 - Brooke Clark
17 - Julie Peacock, Emily Elrod
18 - Tim Swaim
19 - Charlotte Hall, Lee Koontz, Glen Morgan, Josh Hartley
21 - Meredith McDaniel, Morgan McDaniel, Courtney Swartz
23 - Roger Black
25 - Tim Swicegood
26 - Holly Ferree
27 - Paul Edwards, Wesley Sink
28 - Cam Clark, Briana Sanders, Ian Shively
29 - Jacob Edwards, Davy Owens, Lauren Putnam
30 - Sierra White
31 - Evan Ayers, Alyssa James, Caleb Starbuck

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

November 27, 2022

8:30 Worship: 164
9:45 Worship: 256
11:00 Worship: 28
Total Weekend Worship: 448
Sunday Small Groups: 260
General Offering: \$13,700.67
FLC Offering: \$3,500.00

December 4, 2022

8:30 Worship: 199
10:00 Worship: 278
Total Weekend Worship: 477
Sunday Small Groups: Cantata
General Offering: \$10,475.00
FLC Offering: \$2,250.00

December 11, 2022

8:30 Worship: 168
9:45 Worship: 503
11:00 Worship: 38
Total Weekend Worship: 704
Sunday Small Groups: Kids Christmas Program
General Offering: \$7,580.00
FLC Offering: \$750.00

December 18, 2022

8:30 Worship: 180
9:45 Worship: 344
11:00 Worship: 40
Total Weekend Worship: 564
Sunday Small Groups: Celebration Sunday
General Offering: \$15,459.00
FLC Offering: \$7,235.00

Memorials & Donations

- Given to MTP Youth in Memory of Jack Hartley by Larry & Betty Nifong
- Given to MTP Light up the Night in Memory of Jack Lyndon by William & Jennifer Starsick
- Given to MTP Light up the Night in Memory of Jack Lyndon by Timmy & Jill Hege

SERVING THE CHURCH IN JANUARY 2023

Ushers:

January 1: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth

January 8: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray

January 15: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton

January 22: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck

January 29: Joe Hayworth & Greg Moore

Greeters: 8:30AM

January 1: Doug & Gail Aderhold

January 8: Wendy Harper

January 15: Karen & Stan Bowen

January 22: Len & Terrie Blevins

January 29: Stephanie Payne

9:45AM

John & Kathy Butt

Danny & Denise Roberts

The Shufelt Family

Chet & Lorrie Varner

Jeff Huntsman & Bo Sink

11:00AM

Joanne Baugh & Ester Skiff

Greg Moore

Ronnie & Dot Russell

Nell, Doris & Blair

Joe Hayworth

Info Center: 8:15 - 9:45AM

January 1: Jay & Stephanie Payne

January 8: Sharon Payne

January 15: Josh & Chelsea Kearns

January 22: Bill Baughn & Jane Mendenhall

January 29: Len & Terrie Blevins

9:30 - 11:00AM

Adam & Sammie Jo Prior

Keith & Paula Knolmayer

Bo & Jescena Sink

Dianne Reid

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

January 1: Gayle Mabe

January 8: Jeff & Shelby Smith

January 15: Gail Aderhold

January 22: _____

January 29: _____

9:30 - 11:00AM

Danny & Denise Roberts

Lee Koontz

Peggy Shufelt

John Butt

Coffee Bar: 8:15 - 9:45AM

January 1: Debra Casselbury

January 8: Ryan & Allison Martin

January 15: Kalyn Staton

January 22: Emily Campbell

January 29: _____

9:30 - 11:00AM

Pam D. Hall

Casey Miller & Beth Meyer

David & Lauren Rathbone

Ashley Craven

Parking Lot: 8:15 - 9:45AM

January 1: Randy Wilhoit

January 8: _____

January 15: _____

January 22: _____

January 29: _____

9:30 - 11:00AM

Jeff & Rebecca Tussey

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

January 1: Ellie Kiger & Peyton McDevitt

January 8: Brady Coons & Melody Murray

January 15: Holly Edwards & Maddie Wall

January 22: Cooper Clontz & Katelyn Brann

January 29: Youth



Sign up online to join the hospitality team! - MtPleasant.Church/Volunteer

KIDS KLUB SERVERS - JANUARY 2023

Nursery: 8:30AM

January 1: Macie & Bryce
January 8: Jescena & Allison Sink
January 15: Julie M. & Jane P.
January 22: Wendy H. & Teresa H.
January 29: Samantha Bruno

9:45AM

Garlicks, Charla W., Macie & Bryce
Kim W., Pam H., Laura G. & Caitlin
Maddie, Emily & Beth
Allison Martin & The Turner's
Kristi Burnette & Meggan Nobles

11:00AM

Tricia Anderson
Jennifer Driggers
Courtney Lake
Jeff & Shelby Smith
Kailey Swaim

2 Year Old:

January 1: Cameron & Katie Koontz
January 8: Amy Johnson
January 15: Micah & Jessica Moore
January 22: Amy & Samuel Nifong
January 29: _____

3 Year Old:

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail
Megan W., Morgan M. & Valerie N.
Tiffany W. & Tammy V.
Michael & Amber Bridges

4 Year Old:

Brandy T., Alex P. & Kalyn S.
Mae Holler & Taylor Hayworth
Janet & Spence Wood
Kalyn, Courtney & Hannah

Kindergarten:

January 1: Misty Carr & Victoria M.
January 8: Jill M., Lucas & Mary Kate
January 15: Laura C. & Leandra G.
January 22: Keith & Paula Knolmayer
January 29: Youth

1st Grade:

Tiffany Brister
Leandra G. & Brandi S.
Tess R. & Whitney W.
Josh & Heather Beasley
Youth

2nd Grade:

Eileen Sloan
Dianne Reid
Jane Mendenhall
Emily S. & Brandi S.
Youth

3rd Grade:

January 1: Sidnee Bruner
January 8: Bob & Jeannette Beck
January 15: Misty Petree
January 22: Erica Martin
January 29: Youth

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt
Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt
Youth

Children's Church:

8:30AM:

January 1: Diana Payne
January 8: Christina Turner
January 15: Clay & Sara Fowler
January 22: Lisa Lane
January 29: Lisa Lane

11:00AM:

Trina Sprinkle & The Kearns'
Cindy Buckner & The Rathbone's
Amy Johnson & Julie Butt
Mike & Kristin Hagee
Melissa Moser



Light up the Night

Special Needs Prom

**FRIDAY
MARCH**

AT MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

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SCAN ME



Doors open at: 6:00pm

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.

**Deadline to Register | Monday, February 20
Guests & Volunteers**

To Register & for more information:

www.mtpleasant.church

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JANUARY EVENTS

Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10 AM
Tuesday's - <i>starting January 10</i>	Choir Practice	6:45 PM
Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast & Devotion	7 AM
Wednesday's	MTP Connect	8 AM
Wednesday's - <i>starting January 11</i>	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday's	Pickleball	6 PM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

Sunday, January 8	MTP Men's Meeting	7 AM
Sunday, January 8	Youth & Parent Meeting	5 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, January 11	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Sunday, January 15	Singles Ministry Meeting	6 PM
Wednesday, January 18	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Saturday, January 21	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11 AM
Sunday, January 22	Administrative Council Meeting	3 PM
Sunday, January 22	Family Fun Day	
Monday, January 23	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, January 25	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