



MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



Note from Pastor Chris

"You should read your Bible, there's a lot of good stuff in there". I know I say that a lot but I really mean it. We believe that scripture is 'God breathed' and inspired to reveal His will and truth for our lives. As we begin our church-wide study of Luke, I am excited to see how God uses this time to encourage, bless, inform and transform our lives.

There are countless reasons to spend time in God's Word, but here are 10 specific reasons to read the Bible:

1. Reading the Bible shows us God's character. The Bible is our definitive source for the answers to our questions about God.

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven" (Hebrews 1:1-3).

2. Reading the Bible teaches us to imitate God.

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

3. Reading the Bible helps us discover our next step.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" (Psalm 119:105).

4. Reading the Bible keeps us from sin.

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11).

5. Reading the Bible helps us to renew our minds so we can know God's will.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:1-2).

6. Reading the Bible allows us to be certain of what God said. The Bible is our final authority.

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" (John 17:17).

7. Reading the Bible helps us understand the importance of forgiveness.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

8. Reading the Bible is how we learn about the gospel.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." Romans 5:8-11

9. Reading the Bible gives us courage.

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:8-9).

10. Reading the Bible helps us to be fruitful.

"... but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever they do prospers" (Psalm 1:2-3).

MARRIED

4 Better

Marriage Event

APRIL 29 | 9:30AM - 3PM

APRIL 30 | 11:45AM - 3PM

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.



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!

- March 5 | 6pm
- March 19 | 6pm



Connection Groups LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 | THE CLASSIC IN DENTON

RSVP ON THE CHURCH APP



WHAT'S HAPPENING

YOUTH GROUP

5th, 19th, 26th | 5 - 7:30P

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

YOUTH BREAKFAST

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th | 7:00 - 7:30A

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

FAMILY NIGHT

1st | 5:30 - 7:30P

BIBLE STUDY

15th, 22nd, 29th | 6 - 7:30P

YOUTH PRAISE BAND

1st, 15th, 22nd | 7:30 - 8:00P

IT'S COMING

YOUTH BEACH RETREAT REGISTRATION

MARCH 1ST | 9:00AM



**THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO
WITH THE WORST STUFF THAT HAPPENS TO YOU**

What we're learning...

Okay so you've forgiven, but how can you tell if it's even working? The hurt, frustration, or confusion is still very real and "they" never actually said sorry. We know when the worst stuff happens to us it can feel sweet to stay bitter. But maybe there's a better answer. In this series, we'll learn how when you don't forgive, it hurts you, that everybody needs forgiveness, and how it's okay that healing doesn't always happen overnight.

Week One

1 Thessalonians 5:15

The more you hold onto a grudge,
the more it holds onto you.

Week Two

Romans 5:8, Colossians 3:13

Cancel the debt, not the person

Week Three

Genesis 45:4-5, Matthew 18:21-22

Healing takes time.



MEMORY VERSE

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Colossians 3:13, NLT

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

Had a rough start to the day—kids on edge, running late, etc.? Or maybe a heated conversation the night before carried over to a new day? It happens. Make some time today for apologies and reconciliation.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, share about a time when someone said or did something to you that was difficult to forgive, and how you handled it.



Their Time

When your teen wants to talk, be mindful of your facial expression.



Bed Time

Pray for your teen (and for you) to heal from past wounds in healthy ways—spiritually, emotionally, mentally.

MARCH YOUTH MEAL SERVERS:

Jane Payne, Jenny Hagee, Diana Payne, Julie Logan, Beth Meyer



March 2023



**Sharing God's love,
one child at a time!!!**

What's Happening

**3/2-Prayer at
the Pole-
Friendship
Elem.**

**3/11-Daddy
Daughter
Dance**

**3/25- Princess
Day**

July 23-27



Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Sunday, April 2nd

11:00-1:00

**We will enjoy lunch, crafts,
resurrection eggs, sunset slushy,
egg hunts and more!!!**



Register @

<https://www.mtpleasant.church/kids/>

God Hears your prayers!

Who Will you pray For today?



missionaries
around the world

people who do not
have enough food



people who are too
sick to work and play



kids who do not have parents



children around the world who
have never heard about Jesus

Draw a picture or Write the Name of one person you Will pray For today:





MTP Women

The MTP Women will meet on Monday, February 27. We will have a meal at 6:30 pm. We will be collecting Hospice snacks as our mission project.

We will be making plans for the year our mission projects, as well as plans in general.

The next meeting will be March 27 at 6:30 pm.

MTP Men

The wildlife banquet and auction was a huge success. Over 300 people enjoyed a great dinner complete with some wildlife samplers. The auction was a lot of fun auctioning donations from delicious baked goods to a puppy.

Next men's club meeting is Sunday March 12 at 7 am. All men are invited to come out for a great breakfast, guest speaker and update on the MP men's club.

Benevolence Committee Update

The Benevolence Committee has had a busy 1st quarter. Since January, we have helped 2 local families displaced by fire by presenting them with gift cards to help meet their immediate needs. We have helped another local family by assisting with payment of their power bill.

In January we surprised a young mother whose 5 children were all sleeping on pallets on the floor by delivering 5 beds and 5 mattresses to their apartment.

And lastly, with the help of our generous congregation, we were able to present Pam Oast and her family with a check for \$2500 to help cover medical costs of their newborn twin sons.

Mission Committee

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

For more than 40 years missionary Abraham Thomas has focused on fulfilling Jesus' command to take the Gospel to the world. And for more than 15 years Mt. Pleasant Church has supported his efforts with prayers and financial gifts.

Rev. Thomas is the director of Agape Royal Ministries, with a field office in India. The ministry operates in partnership with Global Compassion, based in Valparaiso, Indiana. Rev. Thomas founded the Agape organization in 1993 in part because he recognized more needed to be done to nurture newly saved believers to grow into knowledgeable disciples.

Agape's objective is "to reach the unreached through preaching the gospel, planting churches, and engaging in compassion ministries," he recently said in an email to Tina Grubbs, chairwoman of Mt. Pleasant's Mission Committee.

Rev. Thomas, born in a Christian family in India, heard God's call at an early age.

"[I was] At the age of 9, [when] my mom led me to the Lord," he wrote. "God called me into ministry when I was 15."

He joined a Bible school in 1975, was graduated in 1981 and entered ministry as a Bible college teacher and crusade minister.

"I witnessed the Lord saving souls, but became concerned about if they [were] discipled," he wrote.

That's when he resigned his position and started Agape Royal Ministries.

First came the establishment of children's homes in 1995 to care for orphans and those in need of help. Agape now has 10 homes in India and Nepal caring for 145 children in a family setting.

Next came planting churches beginning in 1997. More than 500 churches have been planted in India, Nepal, Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

All those churches need shepherding, so a Bible college began holding classes in a rented building in 2001. God multiplied that small beginning into the Logos College of Theology in Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of the state of Kerala in India. The college now is six buildings on its own property and went from having eight students in 2001 to 109 today taking undergraduate and graduate courses. The 18th graduation is scheduled for March 4.

Agape has other outreach programs, including the Agape Mission School that is educating 200 village children; Tailoring Schools in which 60 women receive sewing lessons that will enable them to earn an income and a widow support program that gives financial aid to 130 widows.

These programs not only address physical needs but provide a way to spread the Gospel.

That is the ultimate goal: To share the Gospel of Christ with the unevangelized throughout India and Asia.

The need is great since India is a country with more than 1.4 billion people and thousands of villages where the people have not heard of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The challenges are many: logistically covering the country's 1.2 million square miles, sometimes on bicycles and motorcycles; financially supporting students whose families have lost their income after the Covid pandemic, and countering violence directed toward Christians.

"The greatest need after pandemic is that people lost their income," Rev. Thomas wrote to the Mission Committee. "The parents of our students lost their small businesses and other sources of income. Therefore, 72 percent of our students are requesting scholarships which we cannot afford without financial support from other sources."

Agape also gives scholarships to orphans, pastors' children and those who have been disowned by their families because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Sponsorship for one student is \$1,200 a year, which doesn't cover all expenses but helps subsidize the cost.

Support for Logos College of Theology would be an especially welcome blessing, Rev. Thomas wrote, because it would help the college meet its operating expenses and scholarships.

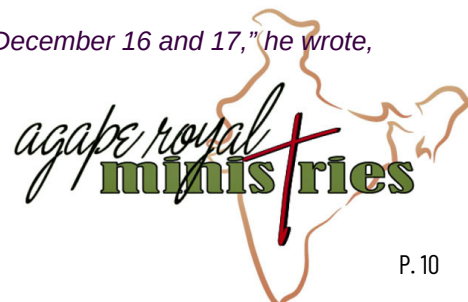
Prayers are reciprocal. Just as Mt. Pleasant prays for Abraham Thomas and Agape Royal Ministries, they pray for us.

"We prayed for the church and the pastors during our 24-hours Day of Prayer that was held on December 16 and 17," he wrote, while also expressing Agape's gratitude for Mt. Pleasant's years of support.

Rev. Thomas is married to Elsie and has a married son and twin daughters.

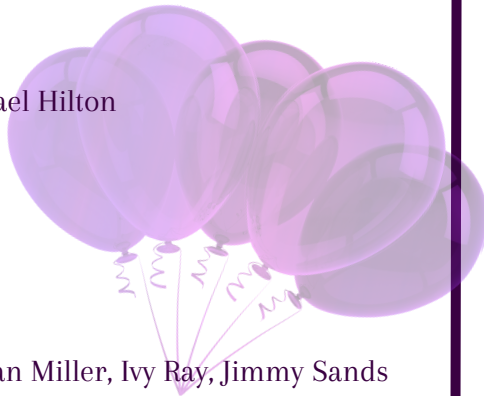
This is the first in a series of articles profiling missionaries Mt. Pleasant Church supports.

You can learn more about Agape Royal Ministries at agaperoyalministries.org.



March Birthdays

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, Josh Kearns, Megan Kearns
10 - Elaine Darr, Maddie Hagee, Helen Hilton, Barb Putnam
11 - Rick Hunt
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



ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

January 29, 2023

8:30 Worship: 221
9:45 Worship: 325
11:00 Worship: 38
Total Weekend Worship: 644
Sunday Small Groups: 270
General Offering: \$21,179.00
FLC Offering: \$2,530.00

February 5, 2023

8:30 Worship: 216
9:45 Worship: 372
11:00 Worship: 39
Total Weekend Worship: 627
Sunday Small Groups: 315
General Offering: \$26,758.30
FLC Offering: \$1,900.00

February 12, 2023

8:30 Worship: 202
9:45 Worship: 306
11:00 Worship: 39
Total Weekend Worship: 547
Sunday Small Groups: 316
General Offering: \$12,896.00
FLC Offering: \$1,590.00

February 19, 2023

8:30 Worship: 201
9:45 Worship: 384
11:00 Worship: 35
Total Weekend Worship: 620
Sunday Small Groups: 370
General Offering: \$10,793.00
FLC Offering: \$325.00

Memorials & Donations

- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery Fund in Memory of Doug Callicutt by Bo & Helen Terry
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Doug Callicutt by Alice Ervin
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Doug Callicutt by Brent Bridges
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Doug Callicutt by Jim & Patricia Bowman
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Doug Callicutt by Mark & Stacy Rowland
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Doug Callicutt by D.L & Lu Ann Thomas
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Doug Callicutt by Michael & Jennifer Tamberella
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Doug Callicutt by Kim Cecil
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of David Hilton by David & Shirley Mendenhall
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- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Doug Callicutt by Ronald & Geraldine Callicutt
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Doug Callicutt by Sandy Ellis
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Gene Briggs by Frank & Kimberly Ingram
- Given to the Family Life Center in Memory of Linda Berrier by Floyd White
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- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Linda Berrier by Kim Cecil
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Linda Berrier by Michael & Margaret Stone
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Linda Berrier by George & Sara Jones
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Linda Berrier by Dr. & Mrs. Harold Mohorn
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Gene Briggs by Triad Semiconductor Inc.
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Honor of Chris Clontz by Donnie Briggs



SERVING THE CHURCH IN MARCH 2023

Ushers:

March 5: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth

March 12: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray

March 19: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton

March 26: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck

Greeters: 8:30AM

March 5: Doug & Gail Aderhold

March 12: Wendy Harper

March 19: Karen & Stan Bowen

March 26: Len & Terrie Blevins

9:45AM

John & Kathy Butt

Danny & Denise Roberts

The Shufelt Family

Chet & Lorrie Varner

11:00AM

Joanne Baughn & Ester Skiff

Greg Moore

Ronnie & Dot Russell

Doris & Patsy

Info Center: 8:15 - 9:45AM

March 5: Jay & Stephanie Payne

March 12: Sharon Payne

March 19: Josh & Chelsea Kearns

March 26: Bill Baughn & Jane Mendenhall

9:30 - 11:00AM

Adam & Sammie Jo Prior

Keith & Paula Knolmayer

Bo & Jescena Sink

Dianne Reid

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

March 5: Gayle Mabe

March 12: Jeff & Shelby Smith

March 19: Gail Aderhold

March 26: _____

9:30 - 11:00AM

Danny & Denise Roberts

Lee Koontz

Peggy Shufelt

John Butt

Coffee Bar: 8:15 - 9:45AM

March 5: Debra Casselbury

March 12: Ryan & Allison Martin

March 19: _____

March 26: Emily Campbell

9:30 - 11:00AM

Pam D. Hall

Casey Miller & Beth Meyer

David & Lauren Rathbone

Ashley Craven

Parking Lot: 8:15 - 9:45AM

March 5: Randy Wilhoit

March 12: _____

March 19: _____

March 26: _____

9:30 - 11:00AM

Jeff & Rebecca Tussey

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

March 5: Ellie Kiger & Peyton McDevitt

March 12: Brady Coons & Melody Murray

March 19: Holly Edwards & Maddie Wall

March 26: Cooper Clontz & Katelyn Brann

March Youth Servers:

Jane Payne, Jenny Hagee, Diana Payne, Julie Logan, Beth Meyer



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

KIDS KLUB SERVERS - MARCH 2023

Nursery: 8:30AM

March 5: Macie & Bryce
 March 12: Jescena & Allison Sink
 March 19: Julie M. & Jane P.
 March 26: Wendy H. & Teresa H.

9:45AM

Garlicks, Charla W., Macie & Bryce
 Kim, Pam, Laura, Tonda & Caitlin
 Maddie, Emily & Beth
 Allison, Mitzi & The Wright's

11:00AM

Tricia Anderson
 Jennifer Driggers
 Courtney Lake
 Jennifer Driggers

2 Year Old:

March 5: Cameron & Katie Koontz
 March 12: Amy Johnson
 March 19: Micah & Jessica Moore
 March 26: Amy & Samuel Nifong

3 Year Old:

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

4 Year Old:

Brandy T., Alex P. & Kalyn S.
 Mae H., Taylor H. & Valerie N.
 Janet & Spence Wood
 Kalyn & The Fritts

Kindergarten:

March 5: Laura C. & Courtney
 March 12: Jill M., Lucas & Mary Kate
 March 19: Misty Carr & Victoria M.
 March 26: Keith & Paula Knolmayer

1st Grade:

Tiffany Brister
 Brandi S. & The Hiatt's
 Tess R. & Whitney W.
 Josh & Heather Beasley

2nd Grade:

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

3rd Grade:

March 5: Sidnee Bruner
 March 12: Bob & Jeannette Beck
 March 19: Misty Petree
 March 26: Erica Martin

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee
 Amy McDevitt
 Jenny Hagee
 Amy McDevitt

Children's Church:

8:30AM:

March 5: Diana Payne
 March 12: Christina Turner
 March 19: Chad & Caite McGuire
 March 26: Lisa Lane

11:00AM:

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



Easter Cantata

Sunday, April 2 | 8:30 & 10am

Practice Schedule

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14	NO PRACTICE	
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19	4:00 - 5:00 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
SUNDAY, MARCH 5	4:00 - 5:00 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, MARCH 7	NO PRACTICE	
TUESDAY, MARCH 14	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
SUNDAY, MARCH 19	4:00 - 5:00 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, MARCH 21	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
SUNDAY, MARCH 26	4:00 - 5:00 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, MARCH 28	7:30 - 8:30 PM	FLC
SATURDAY, APRIL 1	9:00 - 10:30 AM	FLC

REGULAR CHOIR PRACTICE | TUESDAYS | 6:45 - 7:30PM | ROOM 202

Please attend as many practices as possible. Contact Candace Grubbs with any questions. 336-813-1945 | chodgin488@aol.com

Everyone is invited to join us

MARCH EVENTS

Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10 AM
Tuesday's	Choir Practice	6:45 PM
Tuesday's	Cantata Practice	7:30 PM
Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast & Devotion	7 AM
Wednesday's	MTP Connect	8 AM
Thursday's	Pickleball	6 PM
Friday's	Men's Bible Study	6:15 AM

Wednesday, March 1	Family Night Meal & Bible Study	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday, March 2	Connection Group Lunch at The Classic	Leaving MTP at 10:45 AM
Sunday, March 5	Celebration Sunday	
Sunday, March 5	Cantata Practice	4 - 5 PM
Sunday, March 5	Singles Ministry - C.A.S.T.	6 PM
Friday, March 10	Light up the Night	6 - 9 PM
Saturday, March 11	Daddy Daughter Dance	5 - 7 PM
Sunday, March 12	MTP Men's Meeting	7 AM
Saturday, March 18	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11 AM
Sunday, March 19	Cantata Practice	4 - 5 PM
Sunday, March 19	Singles Ministry - C.A.S.T.	6 PM
Thursday, March 23	Coffee with Starbuck	10 AM
Saturday, March 25	Princess Day	
Sunday, March 26	Cantata Practice	4 - 5 PM
Monday, March 27	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 PM

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OUR MISSION

*To Boldly Share The
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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