

#### PROVERBS: PRACTICAL LESSONS & WISE WORDS

The first time you face a tough choice at work or school.

The point in a relationship when you know it isn't going to work.

Making good, positive and Godly friends.

The moment you hold your first child.

The day you realize your parents need you to start caring for them.

In those times when we wish life came with a guide book, Proverbs is the place to go.

Proverbs provides practical help for everyday life. Written by the wisest man to ever live, Proverbs warns us about the people and pitfalls we'd do well to avoid. And, it gives us insight into how to be successful at work, at home, in relationships, and with our resources.

Proverbs is not simply a list of promises, but a list of timeless instructions from God. In each wise saying, we discover how to handle countless situations.

I would like to invite you to join us as we discuss several of these practical and powerful ideas beginning May 28th. My prayer is that by the time summer ends, we will all be wiser and closer to Christ and one another.

In Christ,

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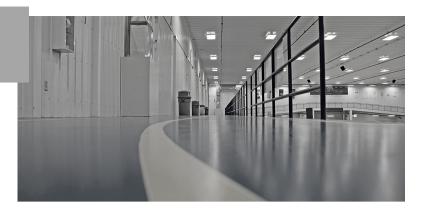
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#### MTP CONNECT

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.





#### 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!

- May 7 | 6pm | Dairi-O's
- May 21 | 6pm



THURSDAY, MAY 4
BOTANICAL GARDENS & LUNCH

COUNCTION GROUP

LUNCHEON

Calling all Retirees! Once a month we will gather for a meal & a chance to chat and "connect". Everyone is welcome!

# Shepherds Staff

Possibility of Smith Grove Church in Advance being our "sister church", we hope to meet with them soon and talk some specifics about what we would want that to look like and what can we do to assist them/branch out from our current church, or send lay speakers or youth to preach, etc.

We are working with Felecia to make a leadership book for members that are voted onto committees and into leadership. This book will contain a current copy of bylaws, a description of our church structure/work flow, current committee members and committees, and vendor information for trustee members. We hope this book will help our future church leaders to be informed of our policies and the different roles of our committees.

We are actively talking about the future of our growing church and what the next step for Mount Pleasant is.

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

John 4:34-35 (NIV)

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#### YOUTH PARENT NEWSLETTER

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### YOUTH LOCK-IN

6 | 6:00P - 6:00A

Join us for an evening of food, games, jumping, and NO SLEEP! Drop off at MTP with parent pick up at Surge in Winston-Salem. ALL STUDENTS need both an MTP waiver and Surge waiver completed online.

#### **YOUTH BREAKFAST**

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 7:00 - 7:30A

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

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

3, 10, 17, 24 | 6 - 7:30P

Students 5th-12th grade are invited to dive deeper into the book of Luke. Through group discussion and study, they will discover the life and teachings of Jesus, as well as the ministry and trials of his early followers.

#### **GRADUATE LUNCH**

#### 21 | Noon

All Graduates and their Parents! Join us for a special lunch and time to honor the 2023 graduates. \*\*Register Online

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

21 | 5 - 7:30P

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

#### **BEACH RETREAT PARENT MEETING**

21 | 5 - 7:30P

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

#### **ADVANCEMENT / TIE DYE PARTY**

June 4 | 5 - 7:30P

Time to celebrate our rising 5th Graders and kids as they advance to the next level. Enjoy an ice cream party followed by tie-dying our Beach Retreat shirts. (Extra shirts can be purchased in the online store.)

#### **MAY YOUTH SERVERS**

Victoria Gaither, Kathryn Perdue

#### YOUTH PARENT NEWSLETTER



Anxiety is one of the top struggles students are facing. But what, if anything, does God do to help? In this one-week standalone talk, students will learn the differences between helpful and unhelpful anxiety and be encouraged to take steps through the difficult feelings that so many of us face. The goal is to raise the bar on conversations about anxiety so that students discover that hope is available even while life gets overwhelming.

#### **Week One**

Psalm 23, John 10:11-14

God makes a way for you to know you'll be ok.\*

\*Ok may not mean cured, without anxiety, or completely healed. But it does mean you can be more "ok" than you may feel right now.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me." Psalm 23:4a, NLT

#### **ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER**



#### MORNING TIME

As your teen starts their day, ask them if you can pray for them about anything they are concerned or worried about.



#### **MEAL TIME**

At a meal this week, ask everyone to share something someone said recently (or not so recently) that impacted them positively and meant a lot to them.



#### THEIR TIME

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



#### **BED TIME**

Pray that both you and your teen will find peace when you are anxious, and that God will help you see things through the lens of His protection, love, and control.

# May 2023 Sharing God's love, one child at a time!!!

## What's Happening

- 5/4-Prayer at the Pole-Friendship Elementary
- 5/7-Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner
   Fundraiser
- 5/14-Mother's Day



Register @

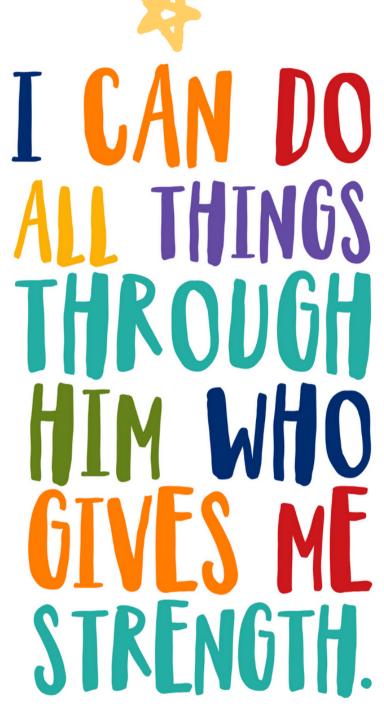
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- 2. Worship Him only.
- Respect God's name.
- 4. Respect God's day of rest.
- 5. Obey and respect your parents.
- 6. Never hurt anyone.
- Be faithful to your promises.
- 8. If it's not yours, don't take it.
- 9. Always tell the truth.
- 10. Be happy with what you have. Don't wish for other people's things.



PHILIPPIANS 4:13



# fellowship

Apout WOW

When:

3rd Saturday each month

Where:

FLC Banquet Room

Guests are welcome!

Need more info? Contact Karen Taylor or Janie Penry. The vision for Mt. Pleasant's Women Offering Worship 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.

Our gatherings are open share to help solidify the calling God has on our life as we go back into the world as his ambassadors.



# May - June C2 - Community Connection

#### **MTP Women**

The Mt. Pleasant Women met on March 27. After the meal we had a speaker – Sarah with Adult Teen Challenge. This organization works with men only, who are facing the challenges of addiction; the ages are teenagers through adults of any age. This is a faith-based way to work with men who face addiction, and they are really making a difference in the lives of the addicted men and their families.

We prepared a Blessing Box to be given to a family as our mission project.

We also met on April 24. We had a meal, and a plant sale to add funds to support mission projects. Our April mission project was Blessing Boxes for two families. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for any meeting.

May meeting will be on Monday, May 22 at 6:30pm.

#### **Mission Committee**

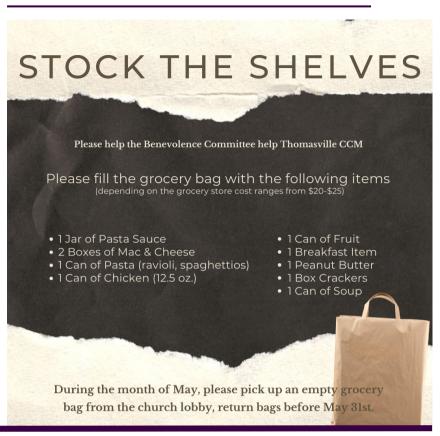
Mt. Pleasant Church's participation in the Cooperative Community Ministry's "Meals of Grace" has gone well with several small groups and individuals preparing take-out meals that are distributed from the CCM's facility in Thomasville.

More volunteers are needed to serve July through November.

Mt. Pleasant is committed to distribute meals on the second Thursday of every month to those in need in Thomasville. Past meals have consisted of a hot sandwich, chips, fruit, snack cake and water. They can be prepared at the church kitchen or at CCM. The number of meals usually is no more than 60.

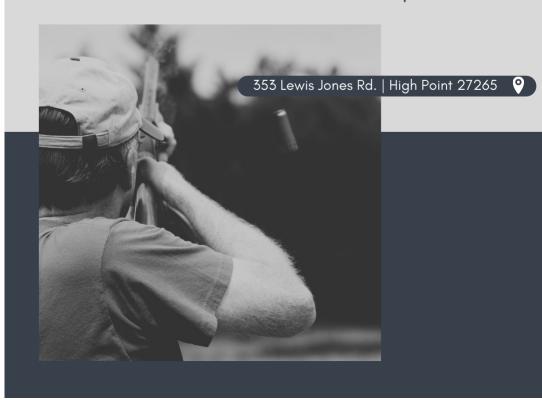
For more information and to sign up, please contact Brenda Flack or Tina Grubbs.

#### **Benevolence Committee**





SATURDAY, MAY 27 | 12 - 4PM



#### **MTP Men**

MTP Men's Group will be having a community outreach project on May 5th and 6th & is looking for folks that would like to help work on this project.

If you would like to help, please reach out to Trent Hayworth - hayworthtrent@gmail.com

Our annual Skeet Shoot will be on Saturday, May 27 from 12 - 4pm. Hotdog Lunch & Competition for all ages with prizes for any Youth Competitions.

All are welcome to this great community event!

Please RSVP on the church app or online | MtPleasant.Church/Events

### May Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Finch
- 2 Lillie Sink
- 3 Darwin Parks
- 4 Leah Fleming Perkins
- 8 Brandy Gardner
- 9 Kevin Clark, Jake Fleming
- 10 Robert Grubbs, Austin Knolmayer
- 11 Randy Cecil
- 12 Beth Craver
- 15 Anne Edwards
- 16 Melissa Baity, Eleanor Cameron
- 17 -Chloe Everhart, Jon Sloan
- 18 Doug Aderhold, Cindy Buckner, Riley Green,Chip Jordan, Diana Payne, David Walser, Phil Sloan
- 19 Bo Terry
- 20 Don Davis
- 22 Malinda Cagle, Devin James, Janis Hopkins
- 23 Josh Hall, Donald Kennedy, Ellie Binkley
- 24 Melody Jarosz
- 26 Gregory Johnson
- 27 Adam Buckner, Catherine Mendenhall, Nathan Parks
- 29 Amanda Clontz, Eli Fleming
- 30 AJ Sprinkle
- 31 Sarah Penry Lanning

#### ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

#### March 26, 2023

8:30 Worship: 211 9:45 Worship: 320 11:00 Worship: 52

Total Weekend Worship: 583 Sunday Small Groups: 399 General Offering: \$16,408 FLC Offering: \$3,603.36

#### **April 2, 2023**

8:30 Worship: 163 10:00 Worship: 318

Total Weekend Worship: 481 General Offering: \$14,701 FLC Offering: \$2,070

#### April 9, 2023

Sunrise Service: 338 8:30 Worship: 420 10:00 Worship: 430

Total Weekend Worship: 1,188 General Offering: \$16,960 FLC Offering: \$1,200

#### April 16, 2023

8:30 Worship: 163 9:45 Worship: 284 11:00 Worship: 38

Total Weekend Worship: 485 Sunday Small Groups: 321 General Offering: \$14,564.00 FLC Offering: \$1.000.00

#### **April 23, 2023**

8:30 Worship: 175 9:45 Worship: 300 11:00 Worship: 38

Total Weekend Worship: 513 Sunday Small Groups: 300 General Offering: \$12,294.00 FLC Offering: \$3,525.00

#### Memorials & Donations

- -- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery Fund in Memory of Benny Hilton by Dennis & Frankie Weavil
- -- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Benny Hilton from Larry & Libby Essick
- -- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery Fund in Memory of Benny Hilton by Gary Hilton
- -- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery Fund in Memory of Benny Hilton by Michael & Linda Hilton
- -- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Gene Briggs by Triad Financial Advisors
- -- Given to the Family Life Center in Honor of the Connections / Young at Heart Group by the Young at Heart Group

#### **SERVING THE CHURCH IN MAY 2023**

#### **Ushers:**

May 7: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth

May 14: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray

May 21: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton

May 28: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck

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| Greeters: | 8:30AM | 9:45AM  | 11:00AM |

Joanne Baughn & Ester Skiff May 7: Doug & Gail Aderhold John & Kathy Butt

May 14: Wendy Harper Danny & Denise Roberts Greg Moore

May 21: Karen & Stan Bowen The Shufelt Family Ronnie & Dot Russell

May 28: Len & Terrie Blevins Chet & Lorrie Varner Doris & Patsy

#### Info Center: 8:15 - 9:45AM 9:30 - 11:00AM

May 7: Jay & Stephanie Payne Adam & Sammie Jo Prior

May 14: Sharon Payne Keith & Paula Knolmayer

Bo & Jescena Sink May 21: Josh & Chelsea Kearns

May 28: Bill Baughn & Jane Mendenhall Dianne Reid

#### FLC / Sanctuary Greeter: 8:15 - 9:45AM 9:30 - 11:00AM

May 7: Gayle Mabe Danny & Denise Roberts

May 14: Jeff & Shelby Smith Lee Koontz May 21: Gail Aderhold Peggy Shufelt

May 28: Sandy Ellis John Butt

#### **Coffee Bar:** 8:15 - 9:45AM 9:30 - 11:00AM

Pam D. Hall May 7: Debra Casselbury

May 14: Ryan & Allison Martin Casey Miller & Beth Meyer David & Lauren Rathbone May 21: \_\_\_\_\_

May 28: Emily Campbell Ashley Craven

#### Parking Lot: 8:15 - 9:45AM 9:30 - 11:00AM

May 7: Randy Wilhoit Jeff & Rebecca Tussey

May 14: \_\_\_\_\_

May 21: \_\_\_\_\_

May 28: \_\_\_\_\_

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

May 7: Ellie Kiger & Peyton McDevitt

May 14: Brady Coons & Melody Murray

May 21: Holly Edwards & Maddie Wall

May 28: Cooper Clontz & Katelyn Brann

#### **May Youth Servers:**



#### **KIDS KLUB SERVERS - MAY 2023**

| Nursery: 8:30AM                    | 9:45AM                                | 11:00AM                        |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| May 7: Macie & Bryce               | Garlicks, Charla W., Macie & Bryce    | Tricia Anderson                |  |  |  |
| May 14: Jescena & Allison Sink     | Kim, Pam, Laura, Caitlin & Maddie     | Jennifer Driggers              |  |  |  |
| May 21: Julie M. & Jane P.         | Emily, Beth, Rachel & Tonda           | Courtney Lake                  |  |  |  |
| May 28: Wendy H. & Teresa H.       | Allison, Mitzi & The Wright's         | Jennifer Driggers              |  |  |  |
|                                    |                                       |                                |  |  |  |
| 2 Year Old:                        | 3 Year Old:                           | 4 Year Old:                    |  |  |  |
| May 7: Cameron & Katie Koontz      | Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail          | Brandy T., Alex P. & Kalyn S.  |  |  |  |
| May 14: Amy Johnson                | Megan W., & Morgan M.                 | Mae H., Taylor H. & Valerie N. |  |  |  |
| May 21: Micah & Jessica Moore      | Tiffany W. & Tammy V.                 | Janet & Spence Wood            |  |  |  |
| May 28: Amy & Samuel Nifong        | Michael & Amber Bridges               | Kalyn & The Fritts             |  |  |  |
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| Kindergarten:                      | 1st Grade:                            | 2nd Grade:                     |  |  |  |
| May 7: Laura C. & Courtney         | Tiffany Brister                       | Eileen Sloan                   |  |  |  |
| May 14: Jill M., Lucas & Mary Kate |                                       | Dianne Reid                    |  |  |  |
| May 21: Misty Carr & Victoria M.   | Tess R. & Whitney W.                  | Jane Mendenhall                |  |  |  |
| May 28: Keith & Paula Knolmayer    | Josh & Heather Beasley                | Emily S. & Brandi S.           |  |  |  |
| 3rd Grade:                         | 4th Grade:                            |                                |  |  |  |
| May 7: Sidnee Bruner               | Jenny Hagee                           |                                |  |  |  |
| May 14: Bob & Jeannette Beck       | Amy McDevitt                          |                                |  |  |  |
| May 21: Misty Petree               | Jenny Hagee                           |                                |  |  |  |
| May 28: Erica Martin               | Amy McDevitt                          |                                |  |  |  |
| Children's Church:                 |                                       |                                |  |  |  |
| 8:30AM:                            |                                       |                                |  |  |  |
| May 7: Diana Payne                 | 11:00AM: Trina Sprinkle & The Smith's |                                |  |  |  |
| May 14: Christina Turner           | Cindy Buckner & The Rathbone'         | S                              |  |  |  |
| May 21: Chad & Caite McGuire       | Amy Johnson & Julie Butt              |                                |  |  |  |

Mike & Kristin Hagee

May 28: Lisa Lane



#### MAY EVENTS

| Tuesday's        | Prayer Group Meeting                     | 10 AM          |  |
|------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Tuesday's        | Choir Practice                           | 6:45 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        |  |
| Monday, May 1    | Pickleball                               | 6 - 8 PM       |  |
| Thursday, May 4  | Connection Group Outing                  | 9:30 AM - 1 PM |  |
| Saturday, May 6  | Youth Lock In                            | 6 PM - 6 AM    |  |
| Sunday, May 7    | Church Vote                              | 8 AM - 11 AM   |  |
| Sunday, May 7    | Kids Talent Show & Spaghetti Dinner      | 5 PM           |  |
| Sunday, May 7    | Singles Ministry - CAST going to Dairi-O | 6 PM           |  |
| Monday, May 15   | VBS Committee Meeting                    | 6 PM           |  |
| Saturday, May 20 | Women Offering Worship                   | 9:30 - 11 AM   |  |
| Sunday, May 21   | Graduate Lunch                           | 12 PM          |  |
| Sunday, May 21   | Beach Retreat Meeting                    | 5 - 7:30 PM    |  |
| Sunday, May 21   | Singles Ministry   CAST                  | 6 PM           |  |
| Monday, May 22   | MTP Women's Meeting                      | 6:30 PM        |  |
| Thursday, May 25 | Coffee with Starbuck                     | 10 AM          |  |
| Saturday, May 27 | Skeet Shoot                              | 12 - 4 PM      |  |
| Sunday, May 28   | Memorial Sunday                          | 11 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