



MT. PLEASANT
CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

Why We Do What We Do

Titus 2:11-15 For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. 12 And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, 13 while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. 14 He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds. 15 You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don't let anyone disregard what you say.

I bet you have seen the scene play out in a movie or book. One character saves the other from a potential tragedy, and the saved spends the rest of the story serving the savior. Sometimes this plays out in a funny light as the one who did the saving is overwhelmed by the overflow of gratitude. But one thing is sure: The deeds done are not for show, or because it's the right thing to do, but flow from true awe and thankfulness.

When it comes to your relationship with God, what is the motivation behind your behavior? The Bible clearly calls followers of Jesus to serve people, bear one another's burdens, and keep ourselves from sin. What motivates you to do these things? Do you do the right thing because it's what you're supposed to do? Do you do the right thing because people are looking? Or, do you operate like the character in the movie who serves his savior out of thankfulness?

Titus 2:11-15 speaks to grace being our motivation for living a righteous life. "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope... eager to do what is good."

Grace is getting what we don't deserve. It is forgiveness, freely given and poured on us (1 Corinthians 2:12). It asks nothing and is not earned (Ephesians 2:9). When we understand salvation is nothing we can do for ourselves and definitely nothing we deserve, it brings us to a place of true thankfulness for what Jesus did. In this realization, we want to live godly lives pleasing to the one who saved us from death. Just like the character in the movie, we want to spend our lives serving our savior.

Something to think about:

- Have you experienced the grace of God, so that you can serve Him out of thankfulness?
- Do you do good deeds out of a sense of duty or as an overflow of love for Jesus?
- What is one practical way to daily remind yourself what Jesus has done for you?

In Christ

Chris



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. **Thursday, November 16 | 10am**

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!

- November 5 | 6pm
- November 19 | 6pm



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Connection Group will be heading to Mt. Airy, NC to walk around, eat lunch and fellowship. RSVP online



Connection 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

Blessings to all our Mt. Pleasant brothers and sisters in Christ from your elder team. We are very happy to announce our new Homeschool Co-op Director Lauren Rathbone! The Administrative Council voted on Thursday, October 19th to hire Mrs. Rathbone, based on the elder's recommendation given after interviewing 5 candidates over the past couple months. Please congratulate her and please pray for her as she pursues this new ministry opportunity at our church. We are planning to begin the Co-op in January of 2024, further details will be forthcoming on how to sign up, and the schedule of classes. Please be in prayer for this new ministry at our church, we know this will help to share the word of Jesus to many children and families in our community.

We have elder nomination votes and committee votes coming up this month, please be in prayer for the leadership of our church to lead us in our mission to share unfailing love of Jesus! If you are looking to serve, please contact any of us elders, and we can get you plugged in somewhere you can share your spiritual gifts with others.

Romans 12:11. "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

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

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We know the holidays are a busy time for you and your family, so let's get straight to the point. Here's everything you need to know about our ministry this month!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

YOUTH GROUP | 5 & 12 | 5 - 7:30P

Our Sunday evening programming with games, a shared meal, music, message, and small group time.

YOUTH BREAKFAST | WEDNESDAYS | 7A

Wednesday mornings, when Davidson County Schools have classes. Students 5th-12th grade enjoy breakfast & devotion.

FAMILY NIGHT | WEDNESDAYS | 5:30P - 7:30P

Family Night is a time to enjoy a meal and fellowship as a family before breaking off into classes. This season we'll be digging into *The Chosen Season 2* Bible Study.

TRUNK OR TREAT | OCT 31 | 5:30 - 8P

FREE for the entire community! Enjoy music, tons of candy, free nachos and a free hotdog dinner!

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT | NOV 17 - 19

Head to the tops of the NC mountains in Laurel Springs for a weekend of group devotion times, music, group-building activities, and small groups. \$85 per student. [REGISTER ONLINE](#)



NO PROBLEM: A 4-WEEK STUDY FROM THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENT ON LOVING OTHERS

SERIES OVERVIEW:

Apologies — they're hard to give, but they're sometimes hard to receive, too. When you're the one who has hurt someone else, saying you're sorry (and actually meaning it) takes work and practice. But when you're the one who's been hurt by someone else, things get even more complicated. What if you don't want to forgive them? What if they don't seem sorry? What if they won't even admit they're wrong? What if they've moved on, but you're still not over it? In this 4-week series from the Gospels, we'll find out what it means to truly give (and receive) forgiveness. We'll discover that when you need forgiveness, **it's not enough to just apologize**. And when you've been hurt and need to forgive, we'll explore the importance of **shifting your perspective**, remembering **God forgave first**, and remembering **Jesus knows what it's like to be hurt**.



ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your teen starts their day, ask, "Is there something you would like me to pray about for you this week? Something that is concerning you or something big coming up?"



Their Time

No matter what your teen shares with you, reserve your strong reactions. If possible, give yourself time to process, and discuss your concerns with them, at another time.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone answer this question: "What is something God has changed in your life or the better?"



Bed Time

Pray that both you and your teen will be challenged by God's Word to pursue more of the "full life" Jesus offers and not be held back by shame.

Youth Meal Servers

November: Jescena Sink, Ashley Coons, Ashli Huntsman, Candace Varner, Kelly Kiger

December: Jill Hege, Shirley Johnson, Teresa Harden, Cindy Buckner, Wendy Harper



HELLO NOVEMBER!



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

What's Happening

**11/1-BLAST field trip to Old
Salem**

11/1-Family Night

**11/5-Christmas Play
practice**

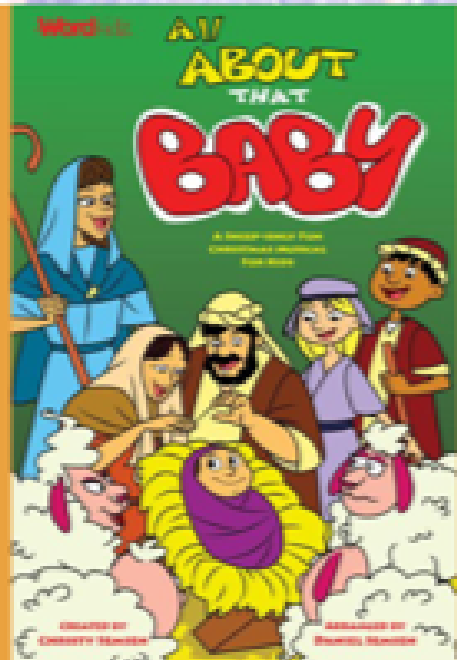
11/8-Family Night

11/12-Lunch with Pastors

11/15-Family Night

**11/19-Christmas Play
Practice**

11/26-Celebration Sunday



Register @ <https://www.mtleasant.church/kids/>



THANKFULNESS CHALLENGE

See how many you can complete over Thanksgiving Break!



Family Discussion

Each day of Thanksgiving break, discuss as a family, one thing you are thankful for. Write them down in a prominent place in your home.



Thankful Habits

Have each family member thank the other family members for something specific they do or have done. Encourage your family to thank one another on daily basis.



Family Thank You Cards

Write thank you cards for immediate or extended family members about why you are thankful for them.



Mission Activity

Collect food for a local food pantry, blankets for a shelter, or find another way for your children to learn to love on their community.




Prayer Exercise

What if you woke up tomorrow with only the things you thanked God for the day before? How does that change how you pray?



Bible Readings

Choose a passage to read and discuss as a family: Luke 17:12-19 (the story of the ten lepers), Psalm 100:1-5, or Ephesians 1:15-19 (Paul thankful for his friends). Each one talks about a different way to give thanks and how thanksgiving to God is more than just once a year.





MTP Women's Group

The October meeting was October 23 at 6:30 pm. The mission project was Items for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes or Staple Food Items for our Thanksgiving Family – canned food, paper products, laundry detergent, etc. We did a Blessing Box.

Some other things to keep in mind:

- The MTP Women will have a Pecan Sale – ORDER NOW, the cost of a bag of pecans will be \$11.00.
- The MTP Women will have the annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale. Stephanie Payne will begin taking orders for cakes, pies, bread and more . . . beginning the 1st Sunday in November. Orders will be picked up Wednesday, November 22 at the church.
- The November Mission Project will be hospital waiting room snacks
- The MTP Women will prepare the meal for Family Night on November 8

Praying for God's Grace, Peace, Love and Strength as we enjoy the very busy Fall Season. Please remember those who are facing medical and financial challenges, or are lonely and in need of a phone call or visit.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY FOR
YOUTH AGED BOYS IN OUR AREA.

STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ON
HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND
UPCOMING EVENTS.



MT. PLEASANT CHURCH
HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

Hello! I am blessed and privileged to be joining Mt. Pleasant as the Homeschool Co-op Director. There will be more information coming soon about our co-op and registration as well as educational and experiential outings. As we near the beginning of the co-op in January for the Spring 2024 semester, I ask for your prayers. If you have questions or wish to express interest in teaching, please email me at homeschool@mtpleasant.church.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the homeschool community.

Blessings,
Lauren Rathbone



Time is growing short to fill a shoebox with blessings for a child. National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is Nov. 13 to Nov. 20.

As of late October, we are less than a quarter of the way toward meeting the goal of 500 boxes. The Mission Committee set the goal based on our weekly worship attendance of around 500. We are challenging the Mt. Pleasant family to prepare 500 shoeboxes – 500 mission opportunities to share the unfailing love of Jesus around the world.

So, please take a preprinted box (or two or three or 10) from the lobby. Or use those leftover boxes from your shoe purchases. Or purchase plastic shoe boxes at Walmart or the preprinted plastic boxes at Hobby Lobby. Want to help but not shop? Please slip a monetary donation into the Mission box with it designated for Operation Christmas Child.

Return it (them) to the church by Sunday, Nov. 12.

What should I put in my box? A WOW item such as a stuffed animal, school supplies, personal care items, craft activities, toys, and clothing and accessories. You may also include a personal note and photo. You can find more ideas and suggestions on the ministry table in the lobby. And most importantly – pray over your box and the child God has already chosen to receive it.

Please do not include candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

A simple gift – that simply changes lives.



Angel Tree

Our November & December C2 Project will be making sure Thomasville children have a bright Christmas.

Mid November we will have Angels on our tree in the church lobby for you to help sponsor a child.



Joy!
Unspeakable Joy!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DEC 3 | 8:30 & 10 AM

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22	4:00 - 5:00 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31	NO PRACTICE	NO PRACTICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5	4:00 - 5:00 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19	4:00 - 5:00 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21	7:30 - 8:30 PM	ROOM 202
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28	6:45 - 8:30 PM	FLC
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2	9:00 - 10:30 AM	FLC

REGULAR CHOIR PRACTICE | TUESDAY'S | 6:45 - 7:30PM | ROOM 202

***PLEASE ATTEND AS MANY PRACTICES AS POSSIBLE. CONTACT CANDACE GRUBBS WITH QUESTIONS.**

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November Birthdays

2 - Donna Smith
3 - Wendell Cecil
4 - Sarah Brown, Teresa Harden
5 - Christopher Fitzgerald, Allen McKinney
8 - Mark Lane
10 - LuAnn Craven, Amy Sexton
11 - Mazie Nifong
12 - Brandi Zenker, Clay Fowler
16 - Dalton Gardner, Sara Fowler
17 - Daniel Craver, Wendy Harper, Melinda Miller
19 - Vince Brown, Scott Green, Avery Tucker
20 - Morgan Brown, Henry Baldrige
23 - Mason Owens
25 - Jacob Cecil, Phillip James, Sue Ellen McKinney
26 - Ellie Jarosz
29 - Mary Caroline Cridlebaugh, Chet Varner
30 - Nicole Swartz



ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

October 1, 2023

8:30 Worship: 169
9:45 Worship: 261
11:00 Worship: 32
Sunday Small Groups: 462
Total Weekend Worship: 252
General Offering: \$17,894.00
FLC Offering: \$1,455.00
Youth Breakfast (10.4): 112
Family Night (10.4): 310

October 8, 2023

8:30 Worship: 184
9:45 Worship: 282
11:00 Worship: 32
Total Weekend Worship: 498
Sunday Small Groups: 324
General Offering: \$37,642.15
FLC Offering: \$3,130.00
Youth Breakfast (10.11): 113
Family Night (10.11): 300

October 15, 2023

8:30 Worship: 181
9:45 Worship: 277
11:00 Worship: 31
Total Weekend Worship: 489
Sunday Small Groups: 329
General Offering: \$12,344.50
FLC Offering: \$2,100.00
Youth Breakfast (10.18): 99
Family Night (10.18): 285

October 22, 2023

8:30 Worship: 158
9:45 Worship: 280
11:00 Worship: 20
Total Weekend Worship: 458
Sunday Small Groups: 296
General Offering: \$16,368.00
FLC Offering: \$750.00
Youth Breakfast (10.25): 106
Family Night (10.25): 260

Memorials & Donations

- Given to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund in Memory of Reverend Bill Dingus by Michael & Linda Hilton
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund in Memory of Bill, Barbara and Derek Dingus by Jo Ann Green
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund in Memory of Reverend Bill Dingus by Glenda Bodenheimer
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund in Memory of Reverend Bill Dingus by Reginald Shoaf
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund in Memory of Reverend Bill Dingus by Gary Hilton
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund in Memory of Reverend Bill Dingus by Lee & Janie Penry
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund in Memory of Helen Hilton by Richard & Mickey Creel
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Kids Wing in Honor of Jennifer Driggers & Felecia Motsinger by Floyd White

SERVING THE CHURCH IN NOVEMBER 2023

Ushers:

November 5: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth

November 12: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray

November 19: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton

November 26: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck

Greeters: 8:30AM

November 5: Doug & Gail Aderhold

November 12: Wendy Harper

November 19: Karen & Stan Bowen

November 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

November 5: Jay & Stephanie Payne

November 12: Sharon Payne

November 19: _____

November 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

November 5: Gayle Mabe

November 12: Jeff & Shelby Smith

November 19: Gail Aderhold

November 26: Sandy Ellis

9:30 - 11:00AM

Danny & Denise Roberts

Lee Koontz

Peggy Shufelt

John & Kathy Butt

Coffee Bar: 8:15 - 9:45AM

November 5: Debra Casselbury

November 12: Ryan & Allison Martin

November 19: _____

November 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

November 5: Randy Wilhoit

November 12: _____

November 19: _____

November 26: _____

9:30 - 11:00AM

Jeff & Rebecca Tussey

Youth Greeters: 9:30 - 9:45AM

November 5: Katelyn Brann & Brayden Varner

November 12: Peyton McDevitt & Cooper Clontz

November 19: Brady Coons & Allison Sink

November 26: Reagan Clontz & Ellie Kiger



KIDS KLUB SERVERS - NOVEMBER 2023

Nursery: 8:30AM

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

9:45AM

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

11:00AM

Tricia Anderson
Jennifer Driggers
Courtney Lake
Jennifer Driggers

2 Year Old:

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

3 Year Old:

Melissa Swaney & Alura Trail
Mae H., Taylor H. & Valerie N.
Tiffany W. & Tammy V.
Michael & Amber Bridges

4 Year Old:

The Hedrick's & Alex Phillips
Megan W., Morgan M. & Allison H.
Janet & Spence Wood
Chad & Courtney Fritts

Kindergarten:

November 5: Laura C. & Courtney
November 12: Jill M., Lucas & Mary Kate
November 19: Misty Carr & Victoria M.
November 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:

November 5: Sidnee Bruner
November 12: Bob & Jeanette Beck
November 19: Misty Petree
November 26: Erica Martin

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt
Jenny Hagee
Amy McDevitt

Children's Church:

8:30AM:

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

11:00AM:

Jeff & Shelby Smith & Leandra Glance
Cindy Buckner & The Rathbone's
Amy Johnson & Julie Butt
Mike & Kristin Hagee





Light UP THE Night

Special Needs Prom

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.

FRIDAY
MARCH

8th

AT MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

Doors open at: 6:00pm

SCAN ME



Deadline to Register | Monday, February 19
Guests & Volunteers

Master
PIECE

EPHESIANS 2:10

To Register & for more information:

www.mtpleasant.church

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NOVEMBER 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
Wednesday's	Family Night Meal & Bible Study (through 11.15)	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday's	Pickleball	6 PM

Thursday, November 2	Connection Group goes to Mt. Airy	9:30 AM
Friday, November 3	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Sunday, November 5	Pickleball Clinic	1 - 3 PM
Sunday, November 5	Cantata Practice	4 PM
Friday, November 10	Pickleball Tournament	
Saturday, November 11	Pickleball Tournament	
Sunday, November 12	Lunch with the Pastors	12 PM
Thursday, November 16	Coffee with Starbuck	10 AM
Friday, November 17	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Saturday, November 18	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11 AM
Sunday, November 19	Kids Play Practice	3 PM
Sunday, November 19	Cantata Practice	4 PM
Sunday, November 26	Celebration Sunday	
Monday, November 27	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 28	Cantata Practice	6:45 - 8 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