



MT. PLEASANT  
CHURCH

# Newsletter

## Joy Can Be Found In The Moment

In the middle of hard circumstances or anxiety, it can be difficult to see past the problem in front of us, much less present our requests rationally, clearly or with thanksgiving. What is there to be thankful for when you're facing trials? Shouldn't you be anxious when the relationship you thought would last forever suddenly falls apart? What is there to rejoice about when you keep falling into that sin over and over and over again?

In Philippians 4:4-6, *Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.* Paul isn't telling us to ignore what circumstances we have. He's directing us to get perspective on those circumstances. He writes in Philippians 4:8, *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."* Paul isn't saying difficulties don't matter, but that they are parts of a larger picture, a whole world filled with blessings, too.

If you're in the midst of difficult circumstances, two things are true: First, those circumstances are threatening to consume your every thought and waking moment. Maybe they already have. But the second truth is this: In addition to the problems, your life is filled with wonderful blessings you can't see because your focus is elsewhere. When you're tempted to worry, thank God for something different. Maybe you are facing financial hardships, but you are alive and healthy. Maybe that relationship did fall apart, but there is a God who loves you more than that person ever could. Maybe you're in a pattern of sin, but there is a Savior who can and will help you through it.

Trouble and anxiety are real, but when we pause to recognize and thank God for His blessings in the midst of them, He gives us peace. Whatever good thing you think about may seem irrelevant, but even if it is only for a moment, it is a moment of joy. You see... joy is available because Jesus is.

Joy Full,  
Pastor Chris

- New Series: Joy Full begins on April 14th. Join us as we take a walk through the book of Philippians.



## 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, April 25 @ 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!

- April 7 | 6pm
- April 21 | 6pm



THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Going to Pioneer Restaurant in Archdale.

RSVP Online | [MtPleasant.Church/Events](https://MtPleasant.Church/Events)



# Connection Group

## LUNCHEON

**Calling all Retirees!**

# Shepherds Staff

Greetings Mt. Pleasant Church from your Elder team. He is risen! He is risen indeed! I pray that the celebrations of the Easter season serve as a reminder and a time of reflection of the love and sacrifice that Christ poured out for ALL of us on the cross. Also, what great hope was provided that as followers of our risen Savior, we don't have to worry about the struggles of this world; that one day we will spend our days worshipping and praising Jesus for all of eternity!

MTP is excited to be hosting the presentation of Abraham Thomas this month. Abraham is a missionary from India, whom the church has been supporting for the past 15 years. Everyone is encouraged to offer your prayers and support of Mr. Thomas and come listen as he shares the story of his ministries overseas.

This month, we will also be hosting one of our "Lunch With the Pastors" meals. This is a great opportunity for new folks to learn a little more about MTP and hopefully be of encouragement to take the next steps to becoming part of our church family.

To go along with taking the next step. Celebration Sunday is taking place this month as well. It's always an exciting time meeting new members of our church and also to celebrate with new followers of Christ as they boldly profess their faith through the ceremony of baptism.

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,"*  
*1 Peter 1:3-4 NIV*

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We've got a couple of special events happening for you and your teenagers! Keep reading to learn more about them!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Here's what's coming up in our ministry ...

### **YOUTH GROUP | 21 & 28 | 5:00 - 7:30P**

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

### **YOUTH BREAKFAST | WEDNESDAY'S | 7:00A**

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

### **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY | 17 & 24 | 6:00 - 7:30P**

Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Bible, build lasting relationships, and strengthen your faith. Join us on this exciting journey! ALL STUDENTS 5TH - 12TH GRADE are invited.



### **LOCK-IN | MAY 18 | 7:00P - 6:00A**

Join us for an evening of food, games, music, jumping, and NO SLEEP! open to ALL STUDENTS 5th - 12th grade. Drop-off is at Mt Pleasant with parents picking up their teens at Surge Adventure Park in Winston-Salem. ALL STUDENTS need both an MTP waiver and Surge waiver completed online. \$27 per student for dinner and all night jump pass.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

### **April Youth Meal Servers:**

Kristi Wall, Janie Penry, Josh Hartley, Laura Hartley, Royal Rose, Cole Avant





## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### PLOT TWIST:

A 6-WEEK STUDY FROM  
THE GOSPELS ON **EASTER**

#### SERIES OVERVIEW:

Whether it's your favorite movie, book, or reality show, you know there's nothing like a good plot twist! Those storytelling surprises can keep us entertained, but they can do a lot more than that too. A good plot twist can make us rethink everything we thought we knew, see things in a brand new light, and get excited about what might happen next. That's never more true than in the most surprising and significant plot twist in history — Jesus' death and resurrection. In this six-week series, we'll look at six surprising stories from Jesus' death, resurrection, and last days on earth. These stories will show us that, when life takes unexpected turns, **God gives us help**. And even when we've messed up or are ready to give up, **Jesus never turns away from us**, but **gives us life, gives us hope, is with us**, and **gives us another chance**.

## ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



#### Morning Time

As your teen starts their day, slip a note in their backpack, bag, or lunch telling them that you believe in them.



#### Bed Time

Pray that you and your teen will, to the best of your ability, understand how much God loves us, and how we can operate out of that security.



#### Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone answer this question: "What are some ways Jesus showed us how much God loves us"



#### Their Time

When was the last time you hung out with your teen and did something they enjoy to do? If it's been a while, schedule a time to have fun with them- with no agenda unless they bring something up.

# APRIL



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

## **What's Happening**

**4/7-Lunch with  
Pastors**

**4/14-Celebration  
Sunday**

**4/20-Belle's Ball  
(Princess Day)**

**5/12-Mother's  
Day**

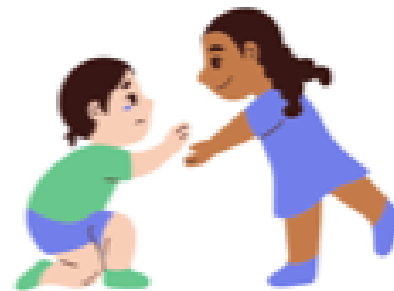


Register @ <https://www.mtleasant.church/kids/>



# ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR KIDS

- Compliment someone
- Smile at everyone
- Hold the door open
- Take over a chore
- Play with someone who's playing alone
- Make a card for a friend
- Tell a teacher you appreciate them
- Hand out positive post-it notes
- Give a friend a hug
- Send thank you cards
- Do a chore without being asked
- Pick a flower bouquet
- Let your sibling choose something first
- Clean up roadside litter
- Say hello to someone new
- Leave nice messages at the bottom of your driveway
- Draw a picture for someone
- Hand out stickers to other kids
- Hide notes around your house for family
- Set up a scavenger hunt for a sibling
- Pick a charity to donate to
- Help someone who's struggling
- Pick up garbage that's not yours
- Allow sibling to pick an activity
- Donate toys or books
- Tell someone you love them
- Make someone else's bed
- Decorate your sibling's room
- Leave a note for a stranger to find
- Let someone go in front of you in line
- Read a book to someone



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MT PLEASANT CHURCH HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

## News and Notes

We have had a blast at the two pizza party fundraiser days held this semester! The first pizza party in February was a Valentine's event while March's party was St. Patrick's Day complete with a lot of green!

So far, fall registration has The Point on target to almost *double* in students and class opportunities. The Lord has blessed us with wonderful families!

## Thank you!

We recently had another donation, and are humbled by the Lord's provision and the generosity. Thank you!

Our teachers, volunteers, and parents have made this first semester absolutely amazing. It is an honor to work and walk alongside you all.

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 28th

Co-op Holiday / Reynolda House Homeschool Day

Friday, April 5th

Armstrong Artisan Farm Spring Festival Homeschool Day

Monday, April 8th

Fall 2024 Registration Closes

Tuesday, April 16th

Picture Day

Tuesday, April 30th

Last Day of Spring Semester Classes  
End of Semester Party @ The Mill

Tuesday, May 28th

Kaleidium Field Trip

Monday, June 3rd

Co-op Director Summer Hours Begin - TBD





## MTP Men's Group

The MTP Men had a great Wildlife banquet. Great food and good fellowship. The men will prepare breakfast for Easter Sunday.

We meet the second Sunday of the month for breakfast and fellowship. Please plan to join us .

## MTP Women's Group

The March meeting began with a meal at 6:30 pm. At that meeting we brought items for two Blessing Boxes and the Mission Project was The Cooperative Community Ministry (CCM) in Thomasville. They have so many requests for food.

The program discussed the Love and Grace of God, as it is evident all the time, but at Easter we somehow think about it more.

The Women's group helped with desserts for the Wildlife Banquet.

The next meeting will be April 22 at 6:30 pm, beginning with a meal. We will bring items for two Blessing Box and our Mission Project will be snacks for Hospice and The Hospital Waiting Room.

We will have a plant sale to earn money to support our projects and it is also a lot of fun!

We have space for more women, so if you would like to attend a meeting, we would love to have you come. Come join us for a meeting and see what we are about.

Wishing you God's Guidance, Grace and Blessings during this Easter season, and always!

## Evangelism Committee

The C2 committee April outreach is a "Spring Cleanup" for the Father's Storehouse. We will be collecting cleaning supplies, such as dish soap, laundry detergent, bleach or any type of cleaner, even personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner and body wash. The Dollar Tree has most of these items and it is a perfect place to shop for the sizes needed. There will be boxes in the lobby for you to drop off your donations. Thank you for your support of this spring outreach!



April Spring Clean  
C2

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Dollar Tree is a GREAT spot to pick up some of these items.



# Mission Committee Missionary Update

Greetings from the missions committee! We have lots of exciting ways you can connect and help this month! First of all, another reminder that April 6 is the reception for our missionary from India, Abraham Thomas. We will meet at 7 in the banquet room for light snacks and refreshments. We hope to see you there! RSVP on the MTP website so we know how much food to prepare. He will be speaking at all 3 services April 7, and we are so excited to give him a big, warm welcome! Below is a link to his monthly newsletter that shows all of the amazing things he is doing on the other side of the world.



<https://files.constantcontact.com/5c70f196901/8a75df8f-d947-4d55-bdaa-8bb766613a5c.pdf>

April 7th we will also begin collecting items for Triad Ladder of Hope's fresh start bags. If you're not familiar with the organization, visit their website at: [triadladderofhope.weebly.com](http://triadladderofhope.weebly.com)

They support victims of human trafficking. The fresh start bags help victims get back on their feet after the horrific circumstances they've had to endure. Here is a list of items needed for the bags at this time:

**Girls:** leggings and athletic shorts

**Boys:** Pajamas, athletic shorts, and underwear

**Women/teens:** t-shirts, Leggings, and Hoodies

**Men/teens:** Boxers/boxer briefs, Athletic Shorts, Sweatpants, and t-shirts

These are all sizes small, medium and large, but they must be brand new. You choose the size and they will be packed in a bag for a child, woman or man of that size. Any donations are appreciated! If you are interested in packing a full fresh start bag with all necessary items, here is a link to a video that explains what goes in each bag. <https://triadladderofhope.weebly.com/fresh-start-bags.html>



Other ways to support Triad Ladder of Hope this month: April 6th, 8 am at Gibson Park in Jamestown: 5k run/ walk Race for Hope. <https://runsignup.com/race4hopesignup>

Consider registering or donating money if you're not able to run. Also, MTP is hosting two Pickleball Tournaments on April 12th and 13th at 7 pm: fundraising proceeds will benefit Ladder of Hope.

-Blessings to all and thanks for all you do to support our missions!

Eileen Sloan, Brenda Flack, Lori Wilkerson, Christy Hayes, Greg Swaney, Dianne Reid, Karen Taylor, Michel Jarrell

# April Birthdays

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- 1 - Susan Morgan
  - 2 - Tru Joy Starbuck, Jeff Owens
  - 3 - Charlie Graeub, Kristi McDaniel
  - 4 - Jake Johnson
  - 7 - Sally Nifong
  - 8 - Sierra Plott
  - 9 - Kelby Starbuck
  - 10 - Spring Cecil, Reagan Clontz, John Payne
  - 11 - Emma Barnes
  - 12 - Meredith Baucom, Alaina Brown, Barbara Callicut,  
Levi Leonard, Jake Godwin
  - 14 - Corey Knolmayer
  - 15 - Natalie Buckner, Delaney Sexton
  - 17 - Dow Craver, Peggy Shuler
  - 18 - Todd Nifong, Floyd White
  - 20 - Daniel Harper
  - 22 - Kim Walser, Luke Penry
  - 23 - Danny Dyles
  - 24 - Gail Aderhold, Sharon Koontz
  - 25 - Erin Hall, Callie Evans
  - 26 - Angie Hayworth, Brenda Zenker, Caroline Elrod
  - 27 - Suzanne Muller, Joe Hayworth
  - 28 - Peyton Hassell, Roger Waynick
  - 29 - Julie Motsinger, Reginald Shoaf, Tylor White
  - 30 - Brandon Buckner

## ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

### **March 3, 2024**

8:30 Worship: 194  
9:45 Worship: 358  
11:00 Worship: 37  
Total Weekend Worship: 589  
Sunday Small Groups: 341  
General Offering: \$27,312.20  
FLC Offering: \$9,766.00

### **March 10, 2024**

8:30 Worship: 180  
9:45 Worship: 351  
11:00 Worship: 37  
Total Weekend Worship: 568  
Sunday Small Groups: 305  
General Offering: \$9,098.00  
FLC Offering: \$1,115.00

### **March 17, 2024**

8:30 Worship: 206  
9:45 Worship: 343  
11:00 Worship: 33  
Total Weekend Worship: 582  
Sunday Small Groups: 367  
General Offering: \$18,479.00  
FLC Offering: \$720.00

### **March 24, 2024**

8:30 Worship: 160  
10:00 Worship: 435  
Total Weekend Worship: 595  
Sunday Small Groups: Easter Cantata  
General Offering: \$7,765.95  
FLC Offering: \$24,067.47

# SERVING THE CHURCH IN APRIL 2024

## Ushers:

April 7: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth  
April 14: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray  
April 21: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton  
April 28: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck

## Greeters: 8:30AM

April 7: Doug & Gail Aderhold  
April 14: Wendy Harper  
April 21: Karen & Stan Bowen  
April 28: 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

April 7: Jay & Stephanie Payne  
April 14: Sharon Payne  
April 21: \_\_\_\_\_  
April 28: 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

April 7: Gayle Mabe  
April 14: Jeff & Shelby Smith  
April 21: Gail Aderhold  
April 28: Sandy Ellis

## 9:30 - 11:00AM

Danny & Denise Roberts  
Lee Koontz  
Andy & Tamara Plummer  
John & Kathy Butt

## Coffee Bar: 8:15 - 9:45AM

April 7: Debra Casselbury  
April 14: Ryan & Allison Martin  
April 21: Debra Casselbury  
April 28: Emily Campbell

## 9:30 - 11:00AM

Pam D. Hall  
Casey Miller & Beth Meyer  
David & Lauren Rathbone  
Ashley Craven

## Parking Lot: 8:15 - 9:45AM

April 7: \_\_\_\_\_  
April 14: Randy Wilhoit  
April 21: \_\_\_\_\_  
April 28: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9:30 - 11:00AM

Jeff & Rebecca Tussey

## Youth Greeters: 9:30 - 9:45AM

April 7: Katelyn Brann & Brayden Varner  
April 14: Peyton McDevitt & Cooper Clontz  
April 21: Brady Coons & Allison Sink  
April 28: Reagan Clontz & Ellie Kiger

## Youth April Servers

Kristi Wall, Janie Penry, Josh Hartley, Laura Hartley, Royal Rose, Cole Avant





# KIDS KLUB SERVERS - APRIL 2024

## **Nursery: 8:30AM**

April 7: Beth Craver & Janie Penry  
 April 14: Jescena & Allison Sink  
 April 21: Julie M. & Jane P.  
 April 28: Wendy H. & Teresa H.

## **9:45AM**

Garlicks & Charla Williams  
 Laura, Caitlin & Carrie  
 Emily, Rachel & Jamie  
 Allison, Mitzi & Casey

## **11:00AM**

Tricia Anderson  
 Jennifer Driggers  
 Courtney Lake  
 Jennifer Driggers

## **1 Year Old:**

April 7: Ashley J., Kimberly H. & Maddie W.  
 April 14: Amelia S., Erin T. & Kim W.  
 April 21: Macie O., Bryce M. & Jaclyn G.  
 April 28: Amy N. & Abigail M.

## **2 Year Old:**

Cameron & Katie Koontz  
 Amy J., Mitzie M. & Bella D.  
 Micah, Jessica, Reagan & Allison  
 Beth C., Janie P. & Holly E.

## **3 Year Old:**

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

## **4 Year Old:**

April 7: Brittany, Caroline & Alex  
 April 14: Megan W., Morgan M. & Allison H.  
 April 21: Janet & Spence Wood  
 April 28: Chad & Courtney Fritts

## **Kindergarten:**

Laura Cameron & Melony Tice  
 Jill M., Lucas & Mary Kate B.  
 Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary  
 Keith & Paula Knolmayer

## **1st Grade:**

Tiffany Brister  
 Courtney B. & Brandi S.  
 Tess R. & Whitney W.  
 Josh & Heather Beasley

## **2nd Grade:**

April 7: Eileen Sloan  
 April 14: Dianne Reid  
 April 21: Jane Mendenhall  
 April 28: Christina T. & Tina M.

## **3rd Grade:**

Sidnee Bruner  
 Bob & Jeanette Beck  
 Misty Petree  
 Erica Martin

## **4th Grade:**

Jenny Hagee  
 Amy McDevitt  
 Jenny Hagee  
 Amy McDevitt

## **Children's Church:**

### **8:30AM:**

April 7: Diana Payne  
 April 14: Eric & Emily Campbell  
 April 21: Chad & Caite McGuire  
 April 28: Lisa Lane

### **11:00AM:**

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



# APRIL EVENTS

Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10 AM
Tuesday's	Homeschool Co-op	8:30 - 11:30 AM
Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast & Devotion	7 AM
Thursday's	Homeschool Co-op	8:30 - 11:30 AM
Thursday's	Pickleball	6 - 8 PM
Thursday, April 4	Connection Group Lunch at Pioneer Restaurant	11 AM
Saturday, April 6	Reception for Abraham Thomas	7 PM
Sunday, April 7	Abraham Thomas Speaking	8:30   9:45   11 AM
Sunday, April 7	Lunch with the Pastors	12 PM
Friday, April 12	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Friday, April 12	Pickleball Tournament	8 AM - 12:30 PM
Saturday, April 13	Pickleball Tournament	8 AM - 1 PM
Sunday, April 14	MTP Men's Group Meeting	7 AM
Saturday, April 20	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11 AM
Saturday, April 20	Belle's Ball	10 AM - 12 PM
Sunday, April 21	Celebration Sunday	8:30   9:45   11 AM
Sunday, April 21	Administrative Council Meeting	3 PM
Monday, April 22	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 PM
Friday, April 26	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Sunday, April 28	Red Cross Blood Drive	12 - 4:30 PM

Sunrise Service - 7AM | Breakfast - 7:30 | Worship - 8:30 AM | Worship - 10 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*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: 8:30AM | 9:45AM | 11:00AM