

NEWSLETTER

When Relationships Get Sideways

Newsflash... relationships can be hard, but they can also be one of the greatest blessings you can experience. I hear a lot of people talk about relationship goals. This got me thinking about what the Bible has to say about how we should treat one another for our own good and ultimately God's glory. Since we have determined that God gets to define what He creates, including relationships, maybe we should look first to His Word to be challenged and encouraged when times get hard.

Romans 15:5 *"May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus."*

God's ultimate design for marriage is a picture of unity between husband and wife. This is not always easy. Being patient with one another and encouraging each other allows you to work together and be on the same team.

The ones we love the most are often the ones that hurt us the most. While it's tempting to hold a grudge or retaliate back when we've been hurt, we're called to forgive each other. And not just when we feel like our spouse has suffered enough. God is waiting, always ready to forgive our sins when we confess. Our spouses should receive that same forgiveness from us that we've received countless times from Jesus.

Colossians 3:13 *"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."*

Mark 10:45 *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."*

This is a call to take that natural tendency to make it all about you and turn it around. Asking yourself how you can serve your spouse changes your perspective from 'having to do something' to 'getting to do something.' If Jesus came to serve us here on Earth, we should take note and serve the one we have married.

Sometimes, the best thing you can do is close your mouth and open your ears. Give your spouse some credit and don't assume the worst. Instead of blowing up and speaking without thinking, take the time to listen. You may learn something and realize they are not the only problem.

James 1:19 *"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry..."*

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Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”*

It's rare for life to go according to our plans. When God's plan has landed you and your spouse in an unexpected place, comfort each other with the truth that God is in control, He knows what you need, and He loves you more than you can imagine.

There are times when loving your spouse is not a feeling; it's a choice. It's a decision to stay committed to this person, to put their needs and their feelings above your own, and to trust the Lord to show you how to do that. John 13:35 says that Christians should be known by the way we love. The best, or worst, example of God's love for the world around us can be seen in the way we love, or fail to love, our spouse.

1 Peter 4:8 *“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”*

Well... there ya go. May the Holy Spirit plant these verses in our heart that they may grow and produce Christ honoring fruit in our relationships.

In Christ,
Pastor Chris



**Fall Registration
is coming soon**



THANK YOU, LAUREN!

OUR AMAZING CO-OP DIRECTOR HAS FINISHED HER LAST SESSION WITH US. THERE IS NO WAY TO EXPRESS THE ABUNDANCE OF LOVE, GRACE, AND SERVICE GOD POURED THROUGH LAUREN TO BUILD THIS HOMESCHOOL CO-OP. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!

Stay tuned for new dates for
Homeschool Survival 101 &
the Mini-Camp



“And [God’s] words ... teach them diligently to your children” (Deut. 6)

He is not here, for He has risen..

Greetings Mt. Pleasant Church from your Elder team. We hope everyone had a Happy Resurrection Day, celebrating our Lord and Savior, Jesus rising on the third day and conquering death, hell, and the grave for us. We had "The Best Day" ever worshiping together where 880 of us gathered across our services, with five people taking the next step in their faith through baptism. Praise the Lord!

On behalf of the MTP Elder Team, we are excited to announce that BethAnn Starbuck has agreed to be the Interim Director of The Point (MTP Homeschool Co-Op). BethAnn has been a key contributor to the establishment of The Point and part of the team, building the foundation to grow it into what it is today. BethAnn has worked tirelessly in The Point since its beginning and comes with years of homeschooling experience, teaching her own children long before homeschooling was as mainstream as it is now. She is a familiar face and will lead us forward into the next school year.

We would like to thank Lauren Rathbone for her tremendous leadership and dedication to The Point. She has taken the idea of having a homeschool co-op as a ministry of Mt. Pleasant Church and built it up from an idea to a thriving and growing program. God has used Lauren to bless His children in the co-op. We wish her all the best as God continues to use her in future endeavors.

Lastly, we would like to remind you to check out our small groups and visit several to find the right fit for you. We are called as followers of Jesus to study and grow in His Word. One of the ways we do that is in fellowship and community with other believers. In his letters, Paul wrote:

1 Thessalonians 5:11: Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
Hebrews 10:24-25: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

There is additional signage and information about small groups in the lobby and on our website. Please reach out to any Elder or Staff Member for more information. If you are already in a small group, invite someone to join you.

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

YOUTH GROUP | SUNDAY 18TH | 5 – 7:30P

'YOUTH GROUP' is our Sunday evening program. Our students come together for a night filled with team-building games, a delicious meal, high-energy music, a powerful message, and a small group discussion they won't want to miss! These nights are designed for everyone to invite someone!

YOUTH BREAKFAST | WEDNESDAYS | 7:00A

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

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS 7, 21 | 6:30 – 7:30P

Discover the Bible's inspiring stories and life lessons in a fun, welcoming environment. Connect with friends and build your faith at our engaging Bible study, designed specifically for middle and high school students. Join us for fellowship, discussion, and a deeper understanding of God's word!

GRADUATE LUNCH SUNDAY 18TH | 12P – 2P

Celebrate our amazing high school and college graduates with us at our annual Graduate Lunch! Enjoy a delicious meal and share in the joy of their accomplishments. [Register online today](#) to reserve your spot and join the celebration.

TIE DYE SUNDAY | JUNE 1 | 5:30 – 7:30P

Time to tie-dye party and get creative with your Beach Retreat Shirt! With a variety of colors and designs to choose from, you can create unique and personalized looks that you'll love for the Beach Retreat and beyond. (Past Beach Retreat shirts can be purchased in the online store.)

YOUTH BEACH RETREAT | JUNE 7 - 14

Join us for an unforgettable experience! The Youth Beach Retreat is June 7-10 for Middle School students and June 10-14 for High School students. REGISTRATION CLOSES MAY 1

YOUTH MEAL SERVERS

MAY: Victoria Gaither, Josh Hartley, Laura Hartley, Janie Penry

JUNE: MTP YOUTH



YOUTH LOCK-IN

MAY 3RD ————— 7PM – 6AM

REGISTER ONLINE

YOUTH LOCK-IN | MAY 3 | 7P – 6A

Get ready 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. [SIGN UP ONLINE](#)

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your teen starts their day, acknowledge a way you've seen them grow spiritually, even if it's to be curious and ask questions about something they may not believe yet.



Drive Time

While on the go this week, ask your teen: "Do any of your friends share your same beliefs? If so, who?"



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone answer this question: "What are some things that Jesus has promised us? What are some things He hasn't?"



Their Time

Pray that you and your kid will see that we can have confidence in Jesus and His love for us. He will do what He has promised and what He says He means.

What's up?

Princess Brunch | Saturday, May 17 | 9a-11a

Come and celebrate as the daughter of a King! Eat with your favorite princess and hear a devotion from them. Dance your heart out and enjoy a craft. Dress up in your best princess dress and join us. Registration is \$10 per child.

See you soon!

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MAGNIFIED! VBS | July 20-24

What makes you stand in awe of just how big God is? Is it when you gaze up into the massive limbs of a giant oak tree or when a summer breeze stirs a field of wildflowers into a waves of color? Maybe it's when you pause to take in a spectacular winter sunrise. All those things remind us of the greatness of God.

We will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God.

Please come and join us for a fun week of VBS for ages 2 - 4th grade. Music, story, crafts and games are included every night. Dinner is provided.

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WHAT WE'RE LEARNING



PRESCHOOL



God helps me do big things.

Week One

Noah's Ark
Genesis 6:8–9:17

God helps Noah build a big boat, called an ark, for Noah's family and two of every animal.

Week Two

Aaron and Hur Help Moses
Exodus 17:8–13

Aaron and Hur help Moses hold up his staff so God's people can win a battle.

Week Three

Deborah
Judges 4:1–10, 14; 5:1–31

God helps the prophet Deborah and Barak find 10,000 men to fight a battle.

Week Four

Nehemiah Asks for Help
Nehemiah 1–4; 6:1, 15

Nehemiah leads God's people to work together and fix the broken wall around Jerusalem.

ELEMENTARY

Eye Spy: Get a clue about what to do

Week One

God So Loved the World
John 3:16–17

God took care of our greatest need.

Week Two

Miriam Takes Initiative
Exodus 2:1–10

Look for ways to help the people you love.

Week Three

Parable of the Talents
Matthew 25:14–30

Look for ways to use what you've been given.

Week Four

John's Disciples Follow Jesus
John 1:35–45

Look for ways to tell others about Jesus.





MTP Women's Group

The April meeting will be April 28. At this meeting we will have a plant sale so come buy your flowers for your spring planting. The money earned will help support our mission projects. We will also do a blessing box.

The women provided desserts for the Wildlife Banquet, and cut the desserts used at the meal. Another mission project later in the year will be serving a meal at CCM in October.

Our May Meeting will be on Monday, May 26 at 6:30pm.

You are always invited to join us for a meeting. In addition to our mission projects and other activities, it is a time of a good meal and fellowship. For more information contact Tammy Dyles, or the church office and Felecia will get your information to Tammy.

Continue to praise God for the gift of His son. He died and on the third day, He was raised to life so we can have life eternal with Him. The most amazing gift!

MTP Men's Group

The Men's Club Wildlife Banquet and Auction was a major success. Thanks to all who helped with this event. Because of the effort put forth by our church and community we were able to clear \$16,100. Praise the Lord. All this will go others in our church and community. If you have something and can't share it, what good is it. Thanks again to everyone.

An acronym is defined as "an abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word". We recently completed a series of devotions during our "Time Out" at Pickleball, using the word...Pickleball.

P - Persevere in faith (James 1:12)

I - Inspire others with love (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

C - Confess your sins (1 John 1:9)

K - Kindness in all things (Ephesians 4:32)

L - Light Jesus is the light (John 12:46) John 8:12

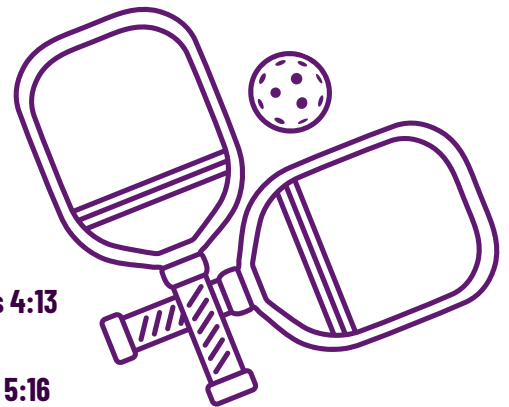
E - Eating & Fellowship Acts 2:42

B - Believe in God's promises (Mark 9:23) Believe in God's strength - Philippians 4:13

A - Armor Putting on the Armor of God Ephesians 6:11

L - Leadership - with Christ's example (John 13:15) Lead by example - Matthew 5:16

L - Love unconditionally (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)



If you would like to play at the church, please feel free to come out on Thursday's from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Our courts are open to everyone in our community, church members and non-members alike. Join us on the TeamReach App. Our Group code is: 27360 If you have any questions, please email them to: office@mtpleasant.church



THURSDAY, MAY 8 | 5:30 PM

High Point Rockers Game | \$10 per ticket

RSVP Online | MtPleasant.Church/Events

Mission Committee

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our April collection for the Human Trafficking Resource Center. Your donations of essential supplies will go a long way in supporting individuals affected by human trafficking. Because of your kindness and willingness to give, we were able to provide much-needed assistance to this important ministry. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community.



**COOPERATIVE
COMMUNITY
MINISTRY**

- May 8
- June 12
- August 14
- September 11
- November 13

The Mission Committee is inviting families, Sunday School classes, and small groups to serve meals at CCM on the second Thursday of each month. It's a simple but powerful way to share Christ's love with those experiencing homelessness. Several dates remain open this year. To sign up, use the sheet on the bulletin board in the church lobby or contact Brenda Flack or any committee member.

May - June C2 - Community Connection

Evangelism Committee

Change
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Change

Every bottle filled with change, cash or a check provides funds for education and practical support for mothers and families in need.



Mother's Day - Father's Day

Happy Birthday

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- 1 - Sarah Finch
 - 2 - Lillie Loggins
 - 4 - Leah Fleming
 - 8 - Brandy Gardner
 - 9 - Kevin Clark, Jake Fleming
 - 10 - Robert Grubbs, Austin Knolmayer
 - 12 - Beth Craver
 - 15 - Anne Edwards
 - 16 - Melissa Batiy, Eleanor Cameron
 - 17 - Chloe Everhart, Jon Sloan
 - 18 - Doug Aderhold, Cindy Buckner, Riley Green, Chip Jordan,
Diana Payne, David Walser, Phil Sloan
 - 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

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

March 30, 2025

8:30 Worship: 208
9:45 Worship: 439
11:00 Contemporary: 43
11:00 Worship: 24
Total Weekend Worship: 714
General Offering: \$20,931.00
FLC Offering: \$1,925.00

April 6, 2025

8:30 Worship: 162
9:45 Worship: 394
Total Weekend Worship: 556
General Offering: \$10,104.00
FLC Offering: \$1,680.00

April 13, 2025

8:30 Worship: 169
9:45 Worship: 490
11:00 Worship: 58
Total Weekend Worship: 717
General Offering: \$16,075.00
FLC Offering: \$1,740.00

April 20, 2025

Sunrise Service: 385
8:30 Worship: 471
10:00 Worship: 412
Total Weekend Worship: 1,268
General Offering: \$20,595.58
FLC Offering: \$475.00

SERVING THE CHURCH IN MAY 2025

Ushers:

May 4: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth
 May 11: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray
 May 18: _____
 May 25: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck



Greeters:	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	11:00 AM
May 4:	Doug & Gail Aderhold	_____	Joanne Baughn & Ester Skiff
May 11:	Wendy Harper	Danny & Denise Roberts	Greg Moore
May 18:	Stan & Karen Bowen	The Shufelt Family	_____
May 25:	Len & Terrie Blevins	Chet & Lorrie Varner	Doris & Patsy

Info Center:	8:15 - 9:45 AM	9:30 - 11:00 AM	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
May 4:	Jay & Stephanie Payne	Adam & Sammie Jo Prior	Volunteers needed
May 11:	Sharon Payne	Keith & Paula Knolmayer	_____
May 18:	_____	Bo & Jescena Sink	_____
May 25:	Jane Mendenhall	Dianne Reid	_____

FLC/Sanctuary Greeter:	8:15 - 9:45 AM	9:30 - 11:00 AM	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
May 4:	Gayle Mabe	Danny & Denise Roberts	Felecia & Vicki Motsinger
May 11:	Jeff & Shelby Smith	Lee Koontz	Glenda Bodenheimer
May 18:	Gail Aderhold	Andy & Tamara Plummer	Stan & Karen Bowen
May 25:	Sandy Ellis	John & Kathy Butt	Len & Terrie Blevins

Coffee Bar:	8:15 - 9:45 AM	9:30 - 11:00 AM	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
May 4:	Deb Casselbury	Pam D. Hall	Volunteers needed
May 11:	Ryan & Allison Martin	Casey Miller & Beth Meyer	_____
May 18:	Doug Edgerton	David & Laura Rathbone	_____
May 25:	Emily Campbell	Ashley Craven	_____

Parking Lot:	8:15 - 9:45 AM	9:30 - 11:00 AM	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
May 4:	_____	Jeff & Rebecca Tussey	Volunteers needed
May 11:	Randy Wilhoit	_____	_____
May 18:	_____	_____	_____
May 25:	_____	_____	_____

Youth Greeters:	9:30 - 9:45 AM	10:45 - 11 AM
May 4:	Katelyn Brann & Brayden Varner	Volunteers needed
May 11:	Zhoe Driggers & Lily Phillips	_____
May 18:	Holly Edwards & Emeline Rich	_____
May 25:	Reagan Clontz & Ellie Kiger	_____



MAY

ARK-KIDS SERVERS

Nursery:

8:30 AM

May 4: Beth Craver & Janie Penry
 May 11: Jescena Sink & Katrina Darr
 May 18: Julie Motsinger
 May 25: Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden

9:45 AM

The Garlick's & Charla Williams
 Laura Gregg & Caitlin
 Emily, Rachel & Jamie
 Allison & Casey

11:00 AM

Laura Cameron
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9:45 Sunday School:

1 Year Old:

May 4: Kimberly H. & Maddie W.
 May 11: Amelia S. & Erin T.
 May 18: Jaclyn Atkinson & Ashley J.
 May 25: Amy N., Megan W. & Abigail M.

2 Year Old:

Cameron & Katie K. & Jenna Wheeler
 Cenda W. & Kaylee B.
 Micah, Jessica, Reagan & Allison
 Beth C., Janie P., Holly E. & Bella D.

3 Year Old:

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

4/5 Year Old:

May 4: Brittany James & Caroline James
 May 11: Donna W., Holly E. & Allyson L.
 May 18: Janet & Spence Wood
 May 25: Chad & Courtney Fritts

Kindergarten:

Phil & Kathy Sloan
 Lucas & Mary Kate Brewer
 Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary
 Keith & Paula Knolmayer & Zhoe D.

1st Grade:

Tiffany Brister
 Leandra Glance
 Tess Robertson & Alex Phillips
 Josh & Heather Beasley

2nd Grade:

May 4: Eileen Sloan & Gabrielle Trull
 May 11: Courtney Breeden
 May 18: Jane Mendenhall & Leah Brendle
 May 25: Christina Turner

3rd Grade:

Sidnee Bruner
 Bob & Jeanette Beck
 Beth Phillips
 Amy Phaup & Carrie Sharpe

4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee
 Jill Murphy
 Jenny Hagee
 Julie Butt

Childrens Church:

8:30 AM

May 4: Diana Payne & Adriana & Bobby Cassell
 May 11: Eric & Emily Campbell
 May 18: Wes & Megan Payne
 May 25: Lisa Lane

11:00 AM

Leandra Glance & The Smith's
 Julie Butt
 Mike & Kristin Hague
 Melissa Moser



MAY EVENTS

Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10:00 AM
Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast & Devotion	7:00 AM
Thursday's	Pickleball	6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, May 3	Youth Lock In	
Sunday, May 4	Celebration Sunday	8:30 9:45 11 AM
Sunday, May 4	Red Cross Blood Drive	1 - 5:30 PM
Thursday, May 8	Connection Group Trip to HP Rocker's Game	5:30 PM
Friday, May 9	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Sunday, May 11	Happy Mother's Day	
Saturday, May 17	Princess Brunch	9 - 11 AM
Saturday, May 17	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11 AM
Sunday, May 18	Graduate Lunch	12 PM
Thursday, May 22	Coffee with Starbuck	10 AM
Friday, May 23	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Monday, May 26	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS | MONDAY - THURSDAY | 8AM - 2PM

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