

Messenger



SUMMER 2021

@ the Mount, "We Are Trusting God with Our Future!"

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Theme: "A Time of Praise"

*"¹ O LORD, You are my God.
I will exalt You,
I will praise Your name,
For You have done
wonderful things;
Your counsels of
old are faithfulness and truth.
⁶ Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD!"*

**Isaiah 25:1; Psalm 150:6
(NKJV)**

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .



A Time of Praise (Isaiah 25:1; Psalm 150:6)

Greetings Mount Pleasant Family,

Over the past year, COVID-19 has impacted many families. Some families had relatives to pass as a result of COVID-19 and for other reasons. Some families have dealt with sickness during this time. Some family members lost their jobs and couldn't even rub two nickels together to make a dime. The death of loved ones, sickness and lost jobs impacted the Christian community as well and Mount Pleasant in particular.

Mount Pleasant, what did we do? I believe we continued to give God the praise in spite of it all. We gave God the praise because we had and have breath in our body (Psalm 150:6). We gave God the praise because He continues to do wonderful things (Isaiah 25:1). We gave God the praise because of His faithful promise of the Comforter who comforted and comforts us in our times of need. We did it! We did it! We gave God our praise because He is worthy of it. Take a praise break and praise the Lord!

Be blessed and have a safe summer.

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Inspirations

Nature's Praise

How could my lips be silent
When all nature around me gives praise.
Fields and flowers, the sunlit sky,
All in their own special ways.

The little brook in the meadow
Relentlessly rushes on,
Skipping and splashing over the stones,
Singing a happy song.

A restless wind stirs the tree tops
Weeping willows sway in the breeze,
Birds blend their cheerful voices
In the canopy on the trees.

Patches of blue dot the roadsides
Chicory covets a sunny place,
How beautiful wrought are the petals
of Queen Anne's delicate lace.

My lips cannot be silent
When I look at Nature's display,
Fields and flowers, the little brook
Offer praise in their own special way.

Regina Wiencek

Submitted by: Sister Diahann V. Colbert (MPBC)



Theme: “Ministry on the Move” (Philippians 3:14) →

Dear Ministry Member and Fellow Christian,

Greetings to all!

We pray that all is well. Please know we are here for you. We ask for your continued prayers and support and we need your help because we cannot do it without You! Many of you joined the CCM leadership team in a Zoom planning meeting on Friday, June 25, 2021. Below are a few confirmed and/or suggested ministry events for 2021 and beyond: [CDC and the Commonwealth of Virginia COVID-19 guidance will be adhered to.]

- Outdoor Social/Fellowship (September 2021)
- Zoom Games
- Drive in Movies
- Outreach Project (at a Prince William County Shelter)
- Gospel Shows
- Drive by Visitation (commenced in July 2021)

We want to extend a welcome to our new ministry members and greetings to ministry members who have celebrated and/or are celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary, retirement or any other celebratory event in June, July and August.

God bless you and continue to keep safe.

Deacon Karl Henderson, Deaconess Karin Henderson, Deacon James Cook and
Deaconess Daphne Roach
Ministerial Team: Minister Myra Cook and Minister Angela Sheppard
(Prince William/Stafford/Spotsylvania/Caroline Counties and Lorton (PWSSC&L) CCM)

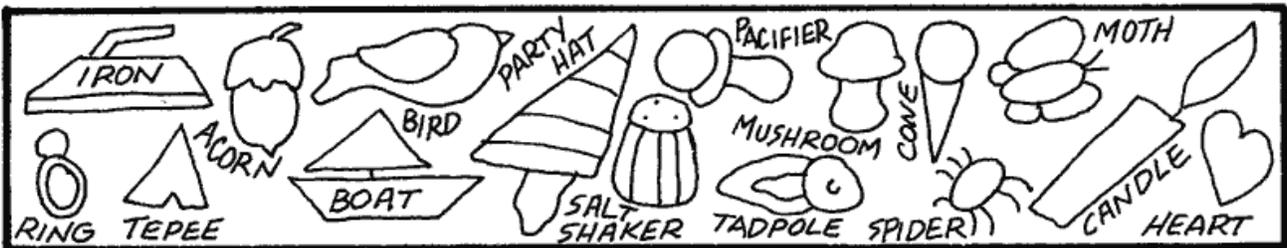
—Thought for the summer—

“Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today.” (Anonymous)



Hidden Picture

Can you find the hidden items?



MPBC Making a Difference

The Deaconess and Women’s Ministries collaborated on an outreach project to support the Northern Virginia Baptist Association, Inc. Women’s Ministry, Incarceration Mission Project. On Saturday, June 19, 2021, Deaconess Averil Tomlinson represented the Deaconess Ministry and Sisters Middie Brooks and Angie Doane represented the Women’s Ministry. They took the collected and donated items: feminine hygiene products, ethnic hair products, twin bedding, suitcases, lunch boxes and totes to the Northern Virginia Baptist Center in Gainesville, VA. See pictures below. The Deaconess and Women’s Ministries extended a special “Thank you” to Trustee Ian Tomlinson and Deacon Robert Brooks for their support.





During this COVID-19 season, we have celebrated the life of many loved ones who have passed. In spite of COVID-19, we also celebrate the arrival of several bundles of joy. Three are noted below. Truly Mount Pleasant is continuing to be blessed.

Miguel Ezekiel Gray — Parents: Marcus and Carolina Gray
Born: June 15, 2020 Grandparent: Sister Margaret Gray



Chloè Mulan Choice — Parents: Mario and Dominic Choice
Born: December 14, 2020 Grandparents: Brother Daryl and Sister Octavia Walker

Chloè is a bright, energetic, loveable baby that loves giving kisses. She adores laughing at her brother Mario. He is an awesome big brother that enjoys making his little sister laugh. They both bring joy to all who come into their presence! This pair is certainly a true blessing from God.





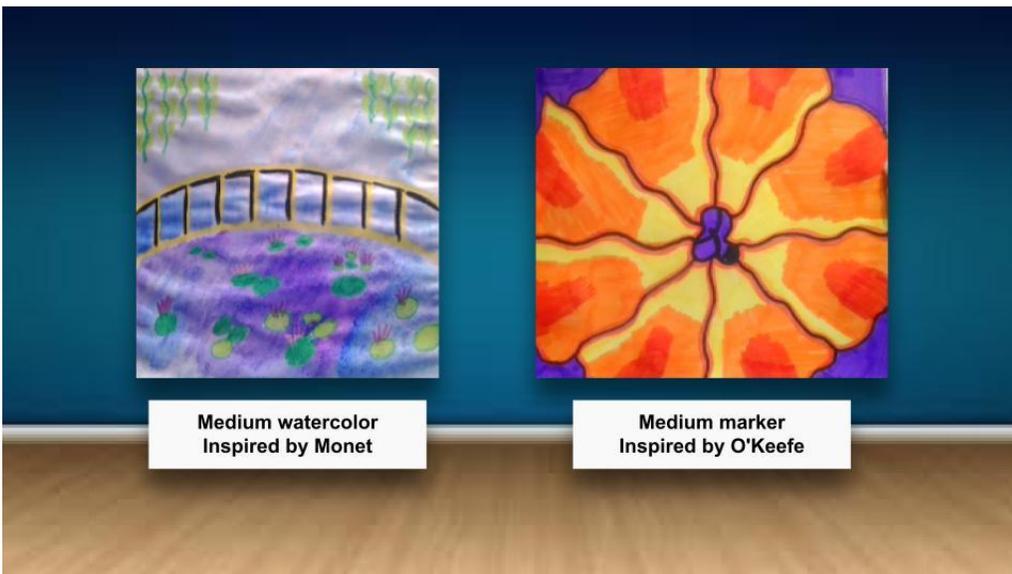
Khori Jaxon Williams — Parents: Karlyn Henderson and Cordarius Williams
Born: March 4, 2021 Grandparents: Deacon Karl and Deaconess Karin Henderson)



Expressions of Joy

Carvel Dixon — Parent: Sister Tasha Brown

Carvel, age 18, was recognized by his Visual Communication Class at Lake Braddock High School. He was recognized for recapturing works inspired by prestige artists Claude Monet and Georgia O'Keefe. Below are the two pieces he submitted.



Medium watercolor
Inspired by Monet

Medium marker
Inspired by O'Keefe

Expressions of Joy – Continued

Very Blessed Parents!

Over the years, my husband Chris and I have experienced the joys of being parents of two amazing children. When we think about the joys of our lives, La’Nia Monae White and Evans Christopher White IV, their existence of just being our children would be enough, but the gifts God has given to them is so exciting, it’s like crafting what the perfect child would be like and God actually blessing you with them.

As Chris and I celebrate our children, we look at how busy we are as parents to two very active kids, and with that busyness is also an overwhelming abundance of blessings. Of course, doing well academically is something all parents want for their children and we are so proud that La’Nia and Evans do excel in school by being honor roll students, but we also recognize their God given talents. La’Nia has been gifted with the voice of an angel, and she has used this gift from God to share with so many. We look forward to the continued blessings God has in store for her as she goes off to Howard University in the fall. With a goal of becoming a music therapist, she wants to continue to let her gift in music help others in the work that she will do. When I think about the talent that she has singing, I am reminded of Psalm 96:1, “Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.”



Now with our son Evans, he literally has us running here and there with him just as he is running because of the God given gift with which he has been blessed, running track. As an athlete competing in many races, God’s blessing has Evans as one of the top people in his events locally and nationally. One of Evans favorite scriptures is, “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever” (I Corinthians 9:24-25 (NIV)). As he runs this earthly race receiving its prize, he knows that running God’s race gets him an eternal prize!

So as we thank God for the foundation that we have laid forth for our children, we thank Him for his instructions on what it takes to raise children. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

Our prayer is that all children will be able to know their God-given gifts so that they can use them to their fullness and share them to bless the world!

Submitted by Parents: Rev. Chris and Deaconess La’Tonia White (MPBC)

Expressions of Joy – Continued

Dearest La’Nia,

Appreciating and thanking God for such a loving granddaughter. I can still remember the day of your birth. Family and friends were standing around waiting for you to arrive.

As a child when Marshall, your grandfather, and I started taking you and Evans on vacation with us to Myrtle Beach, I can still see you and Evans circling around in the Lazy Susan pool. With you wearing pink floaters and Evans wearing blue I stood on the edge waiting for the two of you to circle back around. Over the years our vacation grew as we made it a true vacation with the rest of the family. We watched you sing karaoke at the pool and realized, “Hey she can sing.” Even at a young age when our families went on a cruise, you sang karaoke, “Man in the Mirror” by MJ.

Fast forward to teen years, what a joy to hang out with you. Me driving and you in the passenger seat singing something by Ariana Grande or Ed Sheeran. Now, it is my turn for you to drive me sitting in the passenger seat singing “A Change is Gonna Come” by Sam Cooke or “It Won’t Be Like This For Long” by Darius Rucker.



I said all of that to say that over the years what a joy to watch you grow and hang out with you and to be your Grammie. What a joy! Words cannot adequately describe how proud I am, so proud of you and all you have accomplished so far especially your education.

Continue to stay focused. There is so much still to be accomplished.

Thank you for being who you are.

God Bless you always. Let your smile be your umbrella. I love you granddaughter. Read the blanket I gave you for your birthday.

PATY aka Please and Thank You.

Blessings Always,

Love, Love Grammie (Grandparent: Sister Gerry Gunter (MPBC)) to Princess

Philippians 4:13; Proverbs 3:5-6

Expressions of Joy – Continued

Dearest Evans,

Appreciating and thanking God for such a loving grandson.

I can still see us standing around in the waiting room waiting for you to make your entrance into the world. Oh how excited we all were waiting for Evans Christopher White, IV.

We were so excited when you finally arrived. Over the years we have watched you grow from a pool baby at Myrtle Beach to a high school student. Time seems to have flown fly by!



You played 🏈 football. I did not attend every game as I could not watch my grandson being tackled without wanting to run out on the field and tackle the person who tackled you. Then you played basketball. You did well. I enjoyed those years.

Then came track in which you really excelled and continue to do very well. I am handling track meets very well and rejoice when someone hands off to you and you continue to run to the finish line. You have mastered this sport beyond our beliefs.

Watching you grow, I recall standing next to you and putting my head on your shoulder. Or sitting down, you would put your head on my shoulder. Then you started to grow and grow! I tried to put my head on your shoulder, no more head to shoulder. No little boy in the blue floaters at Myrtle Beach. You are now running in blue track attire. Your grandfather and I are so proud of you.

Remember the words in the blanket I gave you for your birthday.

Like your sister, we are so very proud of the both of you. And you still have so much to accomplish. The greatest gift you can give yourself is a quality education.

Continue to keep God first in your life.

Philippians 4:13, Proverbs 4:5-6

Love, Love Grammie (Grandparent: Sister Gerry Gunter (MPBC))

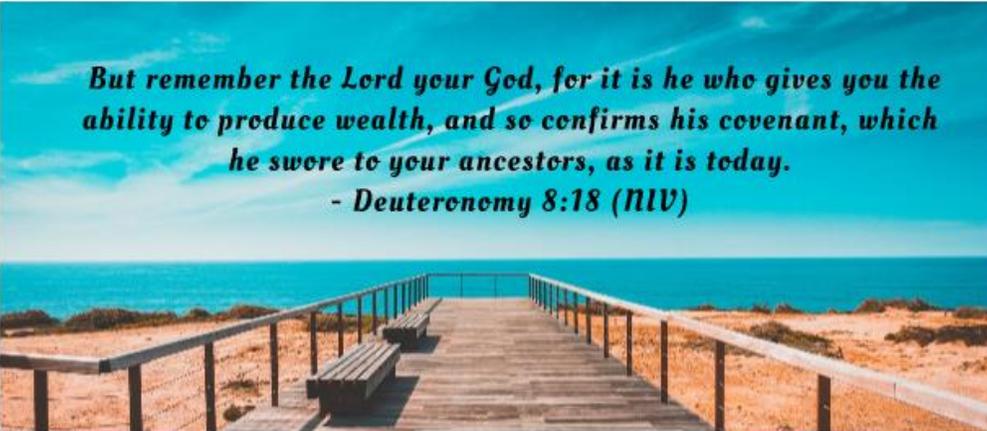
PATY aka always say “Please and Thank You”.

MPBC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Notes & News

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But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.
- Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)



SUMMER SAVINGS STARTS WITH YOU

Summer is a great time to save. Having savings available can come in handy when paying for things such as vacations, a new car, mortgage down payment, unexpected expenses, emergencies and more.

Take some time to run a "savings health check" to make sure your savings are in good standing. Challenge yourself this summer with a personal savings goal to increase the amount you are saving.

Here's a few savings tips to help:

- Budget for your savings - aim to save at least 10-15% of your income.
- Find ways to cut back on your spending and reduce expenses.
- Set savings targets for your long-term and short-term goals.
- Use 'Bill Pay' to automate deposits to your savings account.

Ask us how.

We are YOUR Credit Union.

When it comes to saving, your MPBC FCU has you covered. Give your savings a boost with a deposit to your MPBC FCU savings account. If you don't have a savings account with us, consider signing up for one today!

Visit www.mtpleasantbc.org/mpbcfcu for more information.



SUMMER LOAN SPECIAL

From July 1st -31st, MPBC FCU is offering a Summer Loan Special. Apply today for a signature loan up to \$7,500. Rates start as low as 4.00%. Rates, terms, and conditions may vary based on credit score.

OPERATION STATUS

Your MPBC Federal Credit Union continues to operate under altered conditions. Appointments can be made by request. Due to the altered operations, please allow extra time for a response.

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Thanks for your business.

MPBC Events



Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA
Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson, Pastor

Thursday, July 29, 2021 — 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Mask required.
 Social distancing.
 Bring a chair.
 Tambourines welcomed.

MPBC Parking Lot
 6477 Lincolnia Road
 Alexandria, VA 22312

An Evening of

CANCELED.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

WILL BE RESCHEDULED.

Sponsored by the Prayer Ministry

*"It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
 And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;"
 (Psalm 92:1)*

All are welcome!



Mount Pleasant
 BAPTIST CHURCH

EMERGING

Renewed and Stronger!

2021 HOMECOMING/REVIVAL

Isaiah 40:31 NKJV



HOST PASTOR
 Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson



Homecoming - Revival
Thursday, August 5
 7:00 p.m.
 Dr. Michael Thomas Scott, Sr., Pastor
 Calileo Baptist Church of Kalamazoo
www.gbckazoo.org



Thursday, August 12
 7:00 p.m.
 Rev. Dr. Bankole Akinbinu
 Pastor, Baptist Grove Church
www.baptistgrovechurch.org



Thursday, August 19
 7:00 p.m.
 MPBC Son, Rev. Dr. Isaac Holt Jr.
 Pastor, Royal Missionary Baptist Church
www.royalmbc.org



Homecoming Day Celebration
Sunday, August 1
 (SANCTUARY LIVE)
 10:00 a.m.
 MPBC Son, Rev. Nelson Sneed
 Pastor, Little Forest Baptist Church
www.littleforestbaptistchurch.org

  The service will be live streamed with broadcasting on Facebook and YouTube

MPBC Events – Continued

Community Food Give Away

Drive-Up Give Away Only | Must be in Car | ONE Box per Family

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson, Pastor

www.mtpleasantbc.org

9:00 AM Saturday, August 14, 2021

While Supplies Last

A Food Give Away Will Be Held At The Church For All
Members And Community At-Large



Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Alexandria

2021 Pastor and Church Anniversary

(Virtual and In-Person [Limited capacity, **must** register])

Sunday, September 12, 2021

10:00 a.m.

[Arrive by 9:00 a.m. — Doors locked at 10:00 a.m.]

MPBC Events – Continued



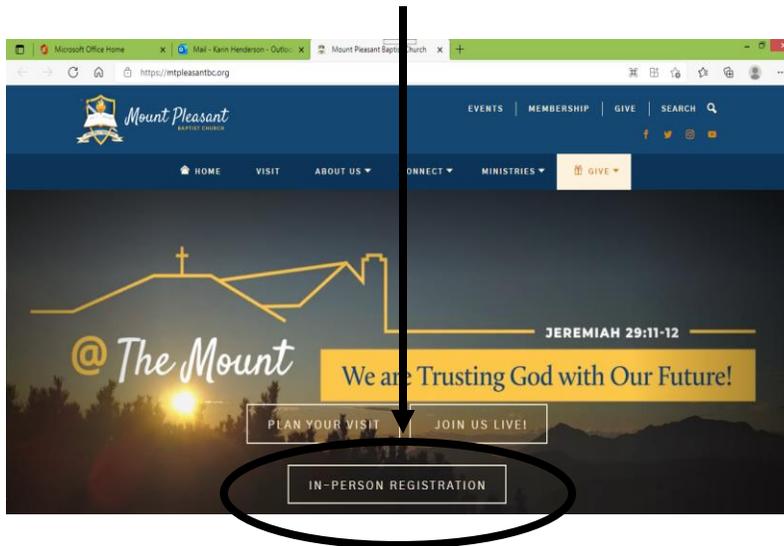
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Alexandria

Sunday In-Person Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

[Arrive by 9:00 a.m. — Doors locked at 10:00 a.m.]

[Limited capacity, **must** register on website at www.mtpleasantbc.org]

To register, click/tap “IN-PERSON REGISTRATION”.



At check-in at **MPBC**, from your mobile device, scan QR Code or tap QR Code (below the in-person registration form) to fill out **mandatory** COVID Liability Release Form.



SCAN ME

All persons will go through screening before entry. Temperatures will be checked and masks **must** be worn. If you or any member of your group have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher and have the following COVID-19 symptoms include but not all: Fever; Fatigue; Dry Cough; Difficulty Breathing; Headache; Chills; Loss of taste or smell or other neurological issues.

Please **do not** register at this time for in-person worship. **Consult your physician.**

Ministry Opportunities

[There are still ministry opportunities to consider.]

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand ...”

Ephesians 2:10

Homeless Ministry — Cooks — contact Sister Shirley Thomas

Youth Ministry — Director/Assistants — 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays during 11:00 a.m. Worship Service; Thursday Nite Takeover (TNT) Workers/Teachers/Helpers — contact Reverend E. Chris White, III

Nursery Ministry — Assistants — contact Sister Allie Hollister

Nurses Ministry — Nurses — contact Sister Phyllis Jordan

Audio/Visual — Assistants — contact Church Office

Grief Ministry — Members — contact Sister Denise Mackie-Smith

Church School — Van Drivers/Teachers — contact Sister Yvonne Bush

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY (CCM) by DEACON, DEACONESS, MINISTERIAL STAFF and ZIP CODE

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CHURCH CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON JULY 24, 2021.

Vision Statement

A Church "Growing by Grace." (2 Peter 3:18)

Mission Statement

"To grow a congregation of believers committed to the ministry of Worship, Evangelism, Missions, Discipleship, Service, and Fellowship with a heart for Prayer, Bible Study, and the Great Commission." (Matthew 28:19–20)

Theme

@ the Mount, "We Are Trusting God with Our Future!" (Jeremiah 29:11–12)

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