

Theme: "A Time to Shout"

*"I Come, everyone! Clap your hands!
Shout to God with joyful praise!"*

(Psalm 47:1) (NLT)

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .



(Psalm 47:1)

Greetings Mount Pleasant Family,

Have there ever been situations in your life where you didn't feel joyful? Have there been times in your life when you didn't want to clap your hands because you weren't experiencing any joy? And probably your shout was not one of joyful praise but of sorrowful pain. How can you turn your pain into praise? I believe you can do this not in your own strength but in the strength of the Lord God. Habakkuk 3:17-19 (AMP/MSG), provides encouraging words to let you know that even though times may look bleak, still praise the Lord God.

17 Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls,

18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord [I will sing joyful praise to God]; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation!

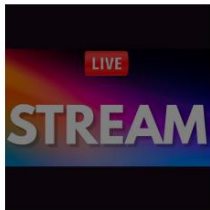
19 The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering or responsibility]!

Be encouraged! Clap your hands and shout to God with joyful praise!

Be blessed and be safe this summer.

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Inspirations

I Take Your Hand Sweet Jesus (Author Unknown)

When my world falls down around me
And the ground is sinking sand
When peace can't be found on this earth
I reach out for your hand

When your hand wraps 'round my own
A strength pours from your soul
It brings me to a quiet calm
Til once again I'm whole

A peace beyond all reason
A rest there in your touch
Something in your quiet words
My heart yearns for so much...

If I but rest my worries
Upon your shoulder there
Strength that pours forth from your soul
Will wash away each care.

Like a cool sweet taste of water
For a tired thirsty man
My heart finds peace, my soul is calm
When I reach out for your hand.



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 thank you for your continued support. We need you! If your address and/or other pertinent information has changed, please send Sister Anita Johnson, MPBC Church Clerk, an email to clerk@mtpleasantbc.org. Our CCM met on Friday, May 20, 2022 to discuss plans for our ministry. The following are planned events for 2022 and beyond. As always, if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

- Movie Night
- Gospel Shows
- Zoom Game Night
- Social Day

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, continue to keep safe.

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

—Thought for the summer—

“What you are is God’s gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.”



Deaconess Ministry

The Deaconess Ministry continues to be fully engaged with the members of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church remotely and virtually. They are still serving MPBC during the pandemic by performing their normal duties that include checking on the congregation via telephone calls, sending cards, emails and texts. The Deaconess Ministry continues to encourage their CCM members to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

They are staying active in the church body by attending Sunday Worship Services (virtually and in-person), Church School, Bible Study and Prayer Call/Meetings.

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, the Deaconess Ministry hosted an in-person event for youth (see pictures below). The event was a huge success. Thirty-three people, of which 11 were youth, attended. The facilitator for the event was Dr. Yalonda N. Smith, a licensed counselor. She gave an excellent presentation titled, 'The Pandemic, Youth Mental Health and the Church'. A question was asked, 'The challenges of youth experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, how can the church help them?' This was Dr. Smith's response: *"The church can help by getting training in Youth Mental Health First Aid or other programs to increase their knowledge, awareness and skills to identify youth who may be in distress. It's also important to form partnerships with mental health professionals in your community so you can refer youth and their families"*.

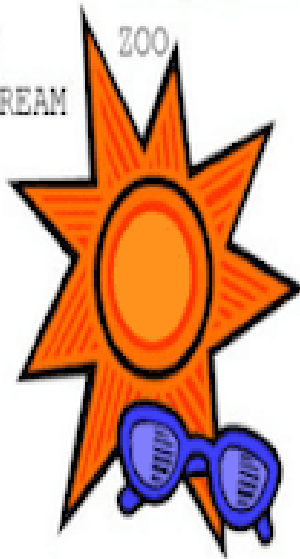
On Friday and Saturday, July 15 and July 16, 2022, the Deaconess Ministry assisted the Emergency Preparedness Committee with the packing and distribution of food for the MPBC Food Drive.

The Deaconess Ministry asks that you continue to pray for them as they continue to serve you.

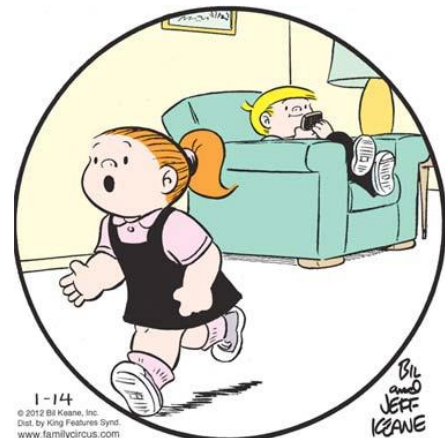


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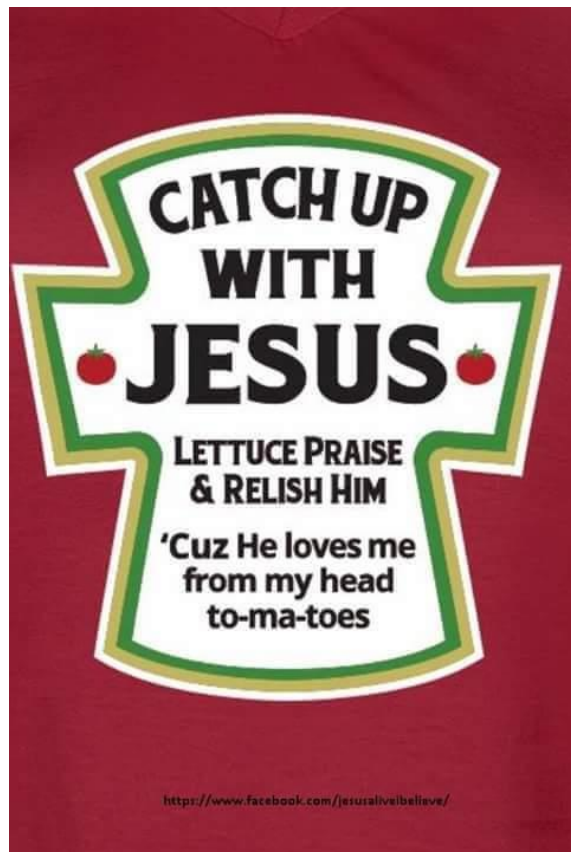
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BEACH BOAT PICNIC
CAR TRIP POOL
CHALK SUNGLASSES
FAMILY SUNSHINE
FIREFLIES SWIM
FIREWORKS TOWEL
FRIENDS VACATION
FUN VOLLEYBALL
GAMES ZOO
ICE CREAM



From the Lighter Side



"Billy says he doesn't hafta go to church anymore 'cause his phone has an app for that!"





Shout Now

¹Everyone, clap your hands. Shout with joy to God! ... ⁹The leaders of the nations have come together with the people of the God of Abraham. All the rulers of the world belong to God. He is over them all! – **Psalm 47: 1; 9 ERV**

Lyrics from the 1971 hit “Inner City Blues” by Marvin Gaye states the following:

Rockets, moon shots; Spend it on the have-not's; Money, we make it; Before we see it, you take it. Oh, make me wanna holler; The way they do my life; Make me wanna holler; The way they do my life; This ain't living, this ain't living; No, no baby, this ain't living; No, no, no, no.

Throughout the entire song, each verse gives a short synopsis on the trials of Black people in the late 60's following with “Make me wanna holler.” Each holler represents the pain and agony he feels with the state of his people and the world at that time. And 50 years ago, Marvin Gaye spoke about poverty, war, inflation, police brutality, increasing prices and the government sending money overseas for war. Sounds familiar?

Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 1:9 (NLT), “History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new.” And as it was 50 years ago, so it is today. We consistently struggle with the powers and principalities and rulers of this world. We still struggle with wars and rumors of wars. We still struggle with poverty and police brutality. We still struggle with inflation, rising prices and the uncertainty of employment. Nothing is new. My struggles, my parent's struggles and their parents' struggles haven't changed. People live and die, but the earth (and its issues) never seem to change.

Yet here we have in Psalm 47, a different holler. It's not one of defeat and anguish. Rather, it's one of triumph. It's a shout of victory. It's the jovial noise of happiness before a God who has provided. And as you read the rest of Psalm 47, you find that God has defeated the enemy. God has given His people land. God sits on the throne. Everyone is now subject to God's rule. But isn't that the case now? And if so, why are we subject to the daily atrocities that Marvin Gaye spoke about 50 years ago today?

Psalm 47 is both historical and prophetic. It tells of what God has already done while simultaneously mentioning what he is going to do. God reigns perpetually. Ergo, everything and everyone is subject to His rule. We don't recognize it, but He displays His power in every generation. He shuts down the entire world for two and a half years by a simple microorganism. And look at what He did with just 12 disciples. Imagine what God can do with you right now.

God truly is awesome! There's no need to wait for Him to put His power on display. He has already overcome the world. The victory is already yours. Shout Now!

MPBC Events

JOIN US AS WE RETURN BACK TO

IN-PERSON

WORSHIP

SUNDAY AT 10:00AM
MASK REQUIRED | SOCIAL DISTANCING

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EZEKIEL MISSIONARY MINISTRY

5th Sunday

Worship Service

JULY 31, 2022 | 10:00am

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson

Guest Preacher:
Bishop Carroll A. Baltimore
CAB Outreach International Ministries
Alexandria, VA




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ATTENTION! A New Date!

Virtual Vacation Bible School




For a Howlin' Good Time!

New friends · Amazing experiments · Creative games
Super-fun snacks · Surprising adventures · Incredible music

Classes for Ages 5 - Adult

Location: Virtually at Zoom link to be provided

Save these dates: Monday, August 1 - Friday, August 5, 2022

Each day's fun happens from: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

For more information: carla.miller21@gmail.com

Register online here: www.mtpleasantbc.org

Register Today!
If you have previously registered, please do not submit a new registration.



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MPBC Events – Continued

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

Rev. Dr. Henry P. During, Jr. 8.7.22 | 10AM
Rev. Dr. Vernon Walton 8.9.22 | 7PM
Rev. Dr. Kimberly Ridley 8.10.22 | 7PM
Rev. Dr. Michael Scott 8.11.22 | 7PM

HOME COMING
Revival

A Hybrid Worship Experience
Mask Required | Social Distancing
Doors Open 6:30PM

Zoom ID & Passcode will be provided
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Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Zoom ID and Passcode will be provided after group registration.

Virtual Grief Ministry Session

Sessions held on Monday
May 16, 2022 - August 22, 2022
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(No session 7/4/2022)

Contact:
Denise Mackie-Smith@mtplesantbc.org

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

To register for sessions: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/149679>

GRIEF SHARE

MPBC Events – Continued



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SUNDAY | 9:00 A.M.

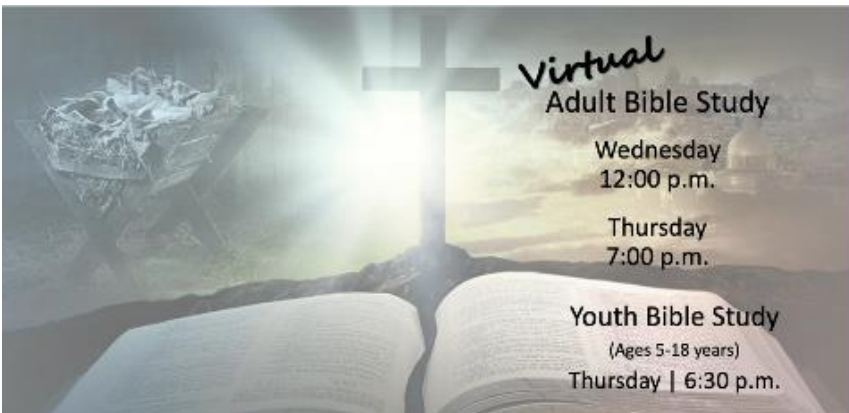
CHURCH SCHOOL
CLASSES FOR AGES 5-ADULT

Virtual adult classes will be held in the Pinkett/Sheppard Memorial Chapel for In-Person worshippers.

Online classes are available for adults, children, youth and young adults.

Zoom conference ID's and passwords will be provided prior to the event via email and mobile app notifications.

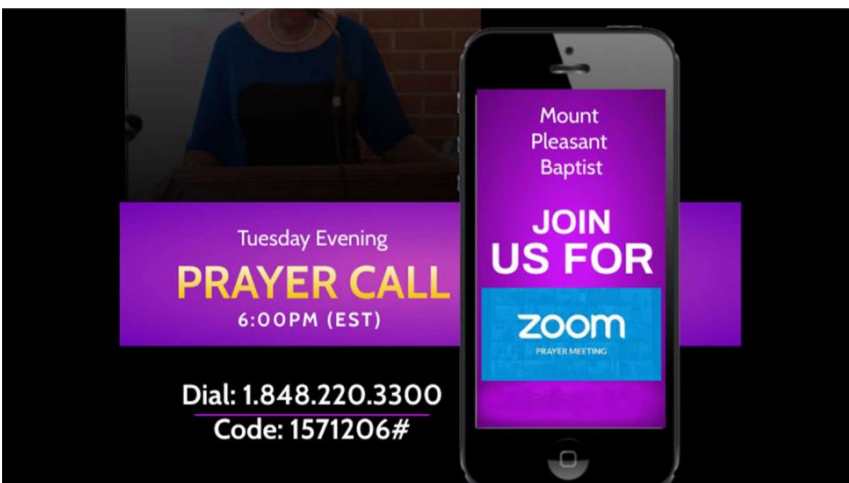
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Virtual
Adult Bible Study
Wednesday
12:00 p.m.
Thursday
7:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Study
(Ages 5-18 years)
Thursday | 6:30 p.m.

Visit www.mtpleasantbc.org
For more information on topics, passcodes and handouts.



Tuesday Evening
PRAYER CALL
6:00PM (EST)

Dial: 1.848.220.3300
Code: 1571206#

Mount Pleasant Baptist
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PRAYER MEETING

Celebrating our Youth and Children for School Year 21-22



Celebrating our Youth and Children for School Year 21-22 - Continued



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MPBC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Notes & News

SUMMER 2022 EDITION



HELLO SUMMER!

Summer has arrived!

Having savings available can come in handy for such things as a vacation, mortgage or new car down payment, unexpected expenses, emergencies and more.

Are your savings in good standing?

Take some time to assess your current financial situation and make the adjustments to improve your financial well-being.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer.



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!

We are YOUR Credit Union.

COMING SOON: BACK TO SCHOOL LOAN SPECIAL



Be on the look out for MPBC FCU's Back to School Loan special. This special will be available soon for a limited-time with a discounted rate to assist with education expenses for the upcoming school year.

In need of a loan now?

Don't delay - apply today for a signature loan up to \$7,500. Rates, terms, and conditions may vary based on credit score.

OPERATION STATUS

The Credit Union is open for business on Sunday mornings! Operating hours are from 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM.

Church entry protocol must be followed and masks are required. For more information, please contact the Credit Union.

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mpbcfcu@mtpleasantbc.org

www.mtpleasantbc.org/credit-union



Thanks for your business.

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

Youth Ministry — Teachers — Youth Bible Study — contact Reverend E. Chris White, III

Nurses Ministry — Nurses — contact Sister Phyllis Jordan

Audio/Visual — Assistants — contact Church Office

Grief Ministry — Members — contact Sister Denise Mackie-Smith

Church School — Teachers — contact Sister Yvonne Bush

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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, "Expanding For A Greater Work" (Isaiah 54:2)

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