

## Welcome To Mt. Pleasant

We are so glad you joined us!

### Our Mission

To boldly share the  
Unfailing Love of Jesus.

### Our Values

Authority of Scripture  
Authentic Relationships  
Obedient Surrender  
Expectant Hearts

### Our Vision

To turn our community  
upside down for Jesus.

## We Believe

1. In essential beliefs – we have unity.

“There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” Ephesians 4:4-6

We believe in the exclusivity of Jesus...because that is what he taught.

We believe the Bible is eternal, true and inspired by God...because that is what Jesus taught.

### Some Essentials

- Inerrancy of Scripture.
- God is triune, Father Son and Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal of the same essence and nature.
- Salvation by Christ alone, no other way to the Father except the Son.
- Salvation by Grace alone through faith alone, good works follow faith.
- Virgin Birth.
- Crucifixion and death of Jesus as the substitutionary atonement for our sin.
- Bodily resurrection of Jesus.
- Return of Christ to judge the earth.

2. In non-essential beliefs – we have liberty.

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgement on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...” Romans 14:1,4,12,22

### Some Non-Essentials

- NIV, ESV or KJV are all OKAY.
- End times beliefs, pre-mil, post-mil, a-mil.
- Convictions on personal disciplines (alcohol not to excess, smoking, fasting).
- Styles of worship and music, as long as it honors and glorifies God.

## **THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE**

Our statement of faith closely aligns with the Apostles Creed.

### **1. About God**

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

(Genesis 1:1,26,27,3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 11 Corinthians 13:14)

### **2. About Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate his power over sin and death. He ascended into heaven and will come again to judge the living and the dead, and to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

(Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14,15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11, 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13)

### **3. About the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father, and the Son. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation providing power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right.

(11 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18)

### **4. About the Bible**

The Bible is God's Word to us and how God speaks to and reveals Himself to His followers. We believe it is eternal and true. It was written by human authors fully inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is the primary source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. All that is essential to salvation is found in the Bible.

(11 Timothy 3:16; 11 Peter 1:20-21; 11 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105; 160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5)

### **5. About Human Beings**

People are created in the image of God. Unfortunately, that image has been marred in all of us by an attitude of disobedience we call sin. This attitude separates us from God. We will reach our full potential only when we allow that image to shine through in our lives. The process of spiritual discovery is life-long.

(Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2)

### **6. About Salvation**

It is impossible for any of us to reach our full potential on our own. In and of ourselves, we lack the power to become better people. God, however, reaches out to us. Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must claim it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from their sin. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved.

(Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1)

## 7. The Sacraments

A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, initiated by God for us. Like other Protestants, we celebrate two sacraments:

--**Baptism:** This is a sacrament of initiation into the church. (Ephesians 4:5-6) When we baptize infants, we are recognizing that, as children of believing parents, they have a place in the covenant community of God's people. (1 Corinthians 1:16, Acts 16:15, Acts 2:39) Infant baptism is a response to prevenient grace. We do not believe that infant baptism alone is sufficient for salvation; the child must one day accept the gift of salvation for himself or herself and then be confirmed as a professing member of the church.

We recognize the baptisms of other Christian denomination as valid (however, there are several religious communities whose baptism we do not recognize). If you were baptized as an infant, then your public profession of faith upon joining the church makes it complete. If you were, or will be, baptized as an adult, then your baptism serves as your public profession of faith in Christ. If you need to be baptized, you may choose between sprinkling, pouring and immersion.

--**Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper):** "Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another." Communion in the United Methodist Church is an open table: one does not have to be a member of this church to participate. The bread of Holy Communion represents the broken body of Jesus Christ, given for us. The cup represents the blood poured out to give us new life. (Mark 14:22-24) We believe that Christ is present in a special way when we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:23-26)

## **Our Staff:**

### **Senior Pastor: Chris Clontz**

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Pastor Chris received the call into ministry in 1995, during his freshman year at Appalachian State University and eleven years later, he made his way to Mt. Pleasant UMC.

Since he has been the Senior Pastor at Mt. Pleasant, attendance has grown from approximately 110 to over 390 in average worship attendance so far in 2015. He has started 2 new worship services in the last few years, a 9:45 Sunday morning and a 5:30 Saturday evening service.

Chris and his wife Amanda have 2 wonderful children, Cooper (born in 2005) and Reagan (born in 2008). Chris enjoys coaching both recreation baseball and softball for Friendship Elementary School. He also enjoys fishing, hunting and time at Lake Tillery.

### **Associate Minister of Pastoral Care: Donnie Durham**

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Pastor Donnie began serving in the ministry in June of 1980 as a student pastor. He received his BS Degree in 1984 from Appalachian State and received his Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School in May of 1988.

Donnie is now retired and is excited to serve Mt. Pleasant Church as our part-time Associate Minister of Pastoral Care. Donnie and his wife Deborah have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

**Youth Pastor: Donny Baldrige**

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Born and raised in Durham NC, I graduated from Jordan High School and attended UNCG where I was pulled towards Broadcasting and Cinema.

Combined I have 20 years of experience in Youth Ministry and Worship Leading. I have a passion to serve and care for people. My happy place is with my family, football, or guitar in hand. Most days you will find me behind the camera or computer screen repping a Kentucky shirt - go cats!

Donny and his wife Rachel have 2 young sons, Aiden and Henry.

**Director of Children's Ministry: Jennifer Driggers**

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Jennifer began her ministry with children by volunteering in the Children's program at her church for over 20 years. She has helped direct the Preschool choir and was employed with Davidson County Schools as a tutor, substitute teacher, and assistant for 10 years.

Jennifer and her husband also volunteer with our Youth Ministry each week.

Jennifer and her husband Joey have 3 daughters, Macie, Zhoe and Bella.

**Administrative Assistant: Felecia Motsinger**

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Felecia came to Mt. Pleasant in July of 2014. Felecia and her husband Zac have 2 children, Juli and Hunter who enjoy the MTP Youth program.

## Becoming Part of our Fellowship

### Belonging

Our mission is to make Disciples of Christ. We want you to belong as part of our fellowship as much as we want you as a member. Belonging means you feel that this is your spiritual home, you are built up in Christ through our teaching, preaching and fellowship. We can pray and minister to your family and you can find a place to serve with your spiritual gifts. You should feel like you belong even before you want to join as a member.

### Steps to Belonging

1. Worship. Participate in worship services on a regular basis.  
 \*Refreshments are served in the Banquet Room before each worship service.  
 Sunday – 8:30am – Family Life Center, Breakfast, Contemporary Music, Informal  
 Sunday – 9:45am – Family Life Center, Snacks, Contemporary, Praise Band, Informal  
 Sunday – 11am – Sanctuary, Hymns, Traditional Songs, Choir
2. Join a small group. Connect with a smaller group in addition to the Worship Service.
3. Get a job. Find a way, however large or small, to use your particular gifts and talents to further the overall mission of Mt. Pleasant.

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## Outreach Activities

[MtPleasant.Church/local-outreach](https://MtPleasant.Church/local-outreach)

**Backpack Ministry:** We supply food for Hasty Elementary to send home for children on the free lunch program. Purchase food when you shop, see the menu in the lobby.

**Sports:** We have Softball, Volleyball and Basketball teams. Please see Jared Hall or Christopher Fitzgerald for more information.  
[MtPleasant.Church/sports-and-fitness-ministries](https://MtPleasant.Church/sports-and-fitness-ministries)

**Youth:** Youth meets every Sunday.  
[MtPleasant.Church/MTP-Youth](https://MtPleasant.Church/MTP-Youth)

**Children:** Mt, Pleasant Kids meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 4pm during the school year. They also do various summer activities.  
[MtPleasant.Church/MTP-Kids](https://MtPleasant.Church/MTP-Kids)

**Vacation Bible School:** Mid-summer each year  
[MtPleasant.Church/MTP-Kids](https://MtPleasant.Church/MTP-Kids)

## Small Groups and Sunday School

### 8:30 Small Groups:

Gospel Class: Room 205

### 9:45 Small Groups:

Open Hearts Class: Room 101

Christian Seekers: Room 206

Kerygma: Room 207

Friendship Class: Room 204

New Horizons: Room 205

Willing Workers: Room 202

College/Young Adults: Room 104 (lower level)

### 11 Small Groups:

LIFT Class: Room 202

Starting Points: Banquet Room

Renewed: Room 207

## Study and Worship during the Week

**Wednesday Adult Bible Study:** meal at 5:30pm and lesson at 6:30pm

**Youth Bible Study:** Wednesday nights at 6:30pm

**Children's Education**

**8:30am**

Nursery	Upstairs – off of lobby
Children's Church	Room 112

**9:45am**

Nursery	Upstairs – off of lobby
2 Year Old	Downstairs - Nusery
3 Year Old	Room 111
4 Year Old	Room 115
Kindergarten	Room 117
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Room 113
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Room 112
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Room 114
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Room 116
X-Change (5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Room 101
Vertical (7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Room 103
Summit (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Youth Center

**11am**

Children's Church	Room 112
Youth Worship Service	Youth Center

## Overview of Children and Youth Ministries

Mt. Pleasant Church has a strong focus on our children and youth ministries. The top priority in both areas is to teach the Bible and help kids develop a strong relationship with Jesus Christ.

### **MTP Kids**

Our children's ministry has a Children's church for 3 years old through 3rd grade during the 8:30 and 11:00 services. During the 9:45 service we offer a Sunday School class for all age groups. During parts of the year in the fall and spring we have a Family Night on Wednesday nights that includes a meal and Bible studies for all ages. MTP Kids also meets during the school year on the 1st Sunday of the month for *First Sunday Fun Day!* This is a time of games and activities for the kids run by the MTP Youth CREW.

There are various ministry opportunities for children throughout the year. We have special events during the Christmas season including Dinner with Santa and a children's drama performance. During the Easter time we have a special time together for a meal and an Easter egg hunt. During the summer we have Princess Day, Hero Day, Vacation Bible School, Thursday field trips, and Summer KAMP!

### **MTP Youth CREW**

Our ministry to the youth focuses on grades 5-12. We have several events that are a part of our ministry. Every Wednesday during the school year we have a breakfast for our youth on Wednesday mornings at 7am. Our church provides a meal for our youth each Sunday evening at 5:00pm followed by a game/activity and Bible Study classes.

There are many other activities that our youth ministry participates in annually. There is a Beach Retreat and a mission's trip in the summer as well as a Winter Retreat during which the youth get to enjoy fun, fellowship, and faith. Please check out the monthly youth newsletter, the Youth Prophet, that comes out every month.

The best explanation for our youth and children's ministries is to say we deeply care about your kids. We care about their protection. We care about communication with you. We care deeply about them knowing the Bible and living their life the way God desires.

## **Helpful Links**

### **Follow Us On Social Media**

[Facebook.com/MtPleasantUMC](https://www.facebook.com/MtPleasantUMC)

[Twitter.com/MTPUMC](https://twitter.com/MTPUMC)

### **Sermon, Newsletter & Bulletin Archives, Blogs & Resources**

[MtPleasant.Church/Learn](https://MtPleasant.Church/Learn)

### **Membership Information**

[MtPleasant.Church/Membership](https://MtPleasant.Church/Membership)

### **Ready To Take A Next Step In Your Spiritual Journey**

[MtPleasant.Church/Grow](https://MtPleasant.Church/Grow)

### **Sign Up to receive important announcements via text and/or email**

[MtPleasant.Church/SignUp.aspx](https://MtPleasant.Church/SignUp.aspx)

### **Upcoming Events**

[MtPleasant.Church/Events](https://MtPleasant.Church/Events)

### **Family Life Center Information**

[MtPleasant.Church /Family-Life-Center](https://MtPleasant.Church/Family-Life-Center)

### **Giving Options**

[MtPleasant.Church/Give](https://MtPleasant.Church/Give)