



Newsletter

THAT HAS TO BE A MISPRINT

Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.

The above can't really be in the Bible and if it is there must have been a mix up between the Holy Spirit and Paul.

No... actually it is in the Bible and this is only one of many times this message is given to followers of Jesus.

The entire Word of God is a constant call to believers to stop worrying. It is over and over forbidden to those who believe in Jesus Christ. In fact, I think one of the most serious areas of unbelief is our failure as Christians to face the problem of worry as sin. Because that is what it is. Worry is not just something everyone does and therefore it must be all right. It is definitely labeled a sin in the scriptures, and the command is: stop it!

Well you say, this is all very well to say don't worry, but how do you stop it? Every time I try to stop worrying I worry all the more. You can't stop it just by the exercise of will power. What is the secret? In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

I love those words *in every situation*. That means there is nothing too small to bring to him. Someone asked, Is it alright to bring small things before the Lord? Is he concerned about the small things in our lives? The answer is: is there anything that looks big to God? Everything is small to him, so take everything to him in prayer.

We try to control, mask, ignore, talk about it over and over and or deny our worry and stress. How's that working for ya? The Bible does not say we will not be anxious... it does tell us what to do with it. Give it to God. Pray about it and hand it over to the only one who has the power to do anything about it. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all he has done. Did you see that? We do half of that and are left feeling empty. Instead of continuing in anxious thoughts we are to give them to God in prayer **and** remember all the ways He has blessed us.

The Bible is clear that when our hearts are full of thankfulness and confidence in Christ... there is no room for worry to fill our hearts and minds.

The peace of Christ is available! Instead of justifying, rationalizing, normalizing and building your identity around your anxious thoughts, take them to Jesus and leave them with him.

I know... I know... many will disagree with this take on worry. I would respond by saying we are all guilty of repeating our anxious thoughts way more than we spend time taking them to Jesus in prayer. How about we at least try this prayer and see what happens.

I confess, Lord, that I so often prefer worry over prayer. Thank you for inviting me to cast all my cares upon you. I pray that I may learn to do that with a heart of continual thanksgiving.

God did not give us this command so that we would have something else to stress about. He tells us this so that we can be certain that peace is available and He is the source.

Learning to give it to Jesus and let Him keep it,

Pastor Chris



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, May 23 @ 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!

- May 5 | 6pm
- May 19 | 6pm



THURSDAY, MAY 2

Going to Buffalo Tavern in West Jefferson
RSVP Online | MtPleasant.Church/Events



Connection Group

LUNCHEON

Calling all Retirees!

Shepherds Staff

Greetings Mt. Pleasant Church from your Elder team. We had a great turnout for our "Lunch With the Pastors". We are excited about where God is leading our church and how He continues to add to the congregation of Mt. Pleasant.

As we draw near to the end of the first semester of "The Point" homeschool co-op, we celebrate the success of this ministry and the hard work put in to make this a reality. We also celebrate the fact that our numbers will nearly triple for the fall semester and with that, the expectation of bringing more young people to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Your elder team is excited to be working on a few projects over the next few months with the expectation of growing spiritually as a team. Also, with the hopes of shepherding the congregation through these projects. We will be prayerfully working on a Bible study for family night coming up in the fall. We are also excited to be going through Body Building 301 as a group at some point as well.

As always, continue to be in prayer for our church and its leadership as we work towards building the Kingdom of God.

*"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."
John 15:8 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 | 5 | 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 | 1, 8, 15, 22 | 6:30 - 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.

BEACH RETREAT PARENT MEETING | 19 | 6 - 7:30P

Meet some of the youth leaders investing in your kids, review some of the details of the retreat, and have the opportunity to ask questions.



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](#)

BRAG ON YOUR GRAD



GRADUATE LUNCH | MAY 19TH NOON

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES & PARENTS

Sunday, May 19th, the MTP Men's Group will honor all Graduates and their Parents. Join them at noon in the Banquet Hall, following the 11 am Sunday service, for a special lunch and time to honor each graduate. **Registration deadline is May 11th! REGISTER NOW!**

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



Morning Time

As your teen starts their day, assure them that whatever they face today, they don't have to do it alone. You have their back!



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone answer this question: "When it comes to how people are treated in our community, how do you think God wants us to treat each person?"



Bed Time

Pray that you and your teen will see a wrong and have the courage to do something about it. (It can be really small.)



Their Time

Sometimes the best lessons are learned the hard way. Those are the ones you probably remember best.

MAY YOUTH MEAL SERVERS:

Victoria Gaither, Tim Gaither, Catherine Perdue

MAY



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

What's Happening

5/12- Mother's Day

5/19- Talent Show
and Spaghetti
Fundraiser

6/2- Advancement
Sunday reception
for rising 5th graders
@ 11am

6/7-6/8- Rising 5th
grade river trip



*Talent Show
& Spaghetti Fundraiser*
Sunday, May 19

5pm

Raising money for Miles
Stuckenschneider and his family
<https://www.mtpleasant.church/kids>

**Rising 5th grade family
trip to the New River**

Friday, June 7- Saturday, June 8

Can do overnight or can just come Saturday for the day.

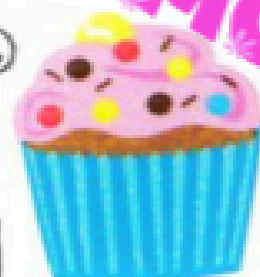
Families join us for camping, fishing,
kayaking, tubing, food, fellowship and
more...

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

MOM



When You Thought I Wasn't Looking



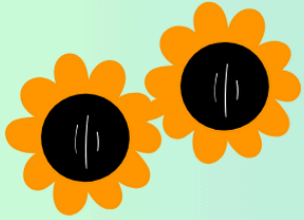
MOM

- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator and I immediately wanted to paint another.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal & take it to a friend who was sick and I learned what it means to serve one another in brotherly love.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you pray over me and kiss me goodnight and I felt loved & safe.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities even when you didn't feel good and I learned what it means to glorify God in all things.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time & money to the church and people in need and I learned that God loves a cheerful giver.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come to your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you praying and reading God's Word and I learned to depend on & trust in Him, too.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you & wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw... when you thought I wasn't looking."



MOM

I ♥ MOM



News and Notes

The Point is *doubling* in families AND enrollment for the fall! We are beyond blessed and thrilled to have a home for our homeschooling community.

It has been a wonderful semester - thank you for your prayers and support!

Upcoming Events



Tuesday, April 30th Last Day of Spring Semester Classes
End of Semester Party @ The Mill

May TBD Cooking Class for Middle/High School Students

May TBD Mom's Night Out

May TBD Picnic Outing



Saturday, June 1st Homeschool Survival 101
10 am - 12 noon

June-July TBD Director Summer Hours




the point
MT PLEASANT CHURCH HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

Homeschool Survival 101

Mapping the Journey for New and Seasoned Families

Saturday, June 1st 10 am - 12 noon

Register here  or at mtpleasant.church/homeschool





MTP Men's Group

The MTP Men will be honoring MTP Graduates and their families on Sunday, May 19 with a lunch and time to recognize each student. This will be our May gathering.

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

MTP Women's Group

The Mt Pleasant Women met on Monday, April 22 at 6:30. We began the meeting with a meal followed by a program, business and a plant sale – to boost our treasury. We were excited to have a large group in attendance. We also provided items for two blessing bags, and snacks for the hospital waiting room.

Because the 4th Monday in May is Memorial Day, we will meet **TUESDAY, MAY 28**. We will begin the meeting with a meal, will provide items for two Blessing Bags and will do snacks for the Family Room at Hospice as the mission project.

Please continue to pray for our country and our world. Praying for God's intervention, discernment for us to know His will for our lives, and His guidance in doing His will.

Enjoy the beautiful springtime and the world God has created for us. You are always invited to come join us for a meeting.

Evangelism Committee

Thank you Mt. Pleasant family for helping the Evangelism Committee (C2) to share the love of Jesus with our community. We are most appreciative of the donations received for our Spring Cleaning initiative to help fill The Father's Storehouse Closet in April!

On May 17th from 5:00-8:00 PM, we will participate in the Wallburg Elementary School Spring Fling.

We will be serving hotdogs, chips, and condiments for the families who come to participate. We will also provide a wristband and information about Mt. Pleasant. This is a special evening that allows us to share the unfailing love of Jesus with the community!

We welcome any and all who would like to come and help cook and wrap hotdogs or hand out hotdogs at the event.

RSVP online at www.MtPleasant.Church/Events

Our May/June Outreach will be "Fill the Baby Bottle" for Salem Pregnancy Center. We are extending this for two months, to include both Mother's Day and Father's Day. Bottles will be available in the lobby for families to pick up, fill and return during those two months. We are excited to partner again with this great organization!

Thank you for continuing to share your blessings with our community!

Benevolence

The Benevolence Committee will be collecting donations through May for the Murdoch Developmental Center Campership Fund.

The Campership Fund was started to help all residents of the Murdoch Center experience the joys of summer adventures.

Some of the activities planned for 2024 include trips to nearby museums, the North Carolina zoo, and Special Olympic Events.

Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or on our website at: www.mtpleasant.church/donate.

Please make sure to designate all donations as "Benevolence".

Mission Committee Missionary Update

The missions committee is excited to highlight one of our missionaries this month! Her name is Mallorie Dennis. She has been serving in Nicaragua for six years now. She is originally from Thomasville, but after several mission trips to Nicaragua, she met her husband there, and they now have a two year old daughter named Audrey.



Their ministry focuses mostly on sustainable farming in Nicaragua. Food insecurity is extremely high, Nicaragua is ranked one of the poorest countries in Central America. When she was in high school, she worked at Cooperative Community Ministries in Thomasville. A pastor once told her that it is hard to feed the body spiritually, when the body is physically hungry. They have started many small farming projects with members in their communities. These include projects with chickens, goats, and their most recent turkeys. They are helping families reproduce their own food, while sharing the gospel. They are now fundraising to have their own farm on the property where they live.



She is also involved in women's outreach, started a children's feeding center and conducts bible distribution.

Here are some recent prayer requests (from Mallorie):

- We have received an increase in giving by \$500 per month, which has helped us gain the support we lost moving into the new year! We praise God for this and are always reminded that he never stops taking care of our family.
- Audrey and I will be home in April, pray with our family for opportunities to share with churches, businesses, and mutual friends about our ministry! Please pray with us, that the Lord would open doors for support.
- We will begin partnering with Discipulando a las Naciones Para Cristo Church in El Menco every Friday. This church is more than one hour from our house. Pray that the Lord would use our time there to share the Gospel with this community, as well as teach instruments to the youth.

We already financially support Mallorie through our foreign mission funds, but if you feel led to give in other ways, she has listed several specific donations they are in need of. To give by CHECK, please mail gifts to:

**Commission Ministers Network,
P.O. Box 291002 Kerrville, TX 78029-1002.**

Please write Mallorie Dennis in the Memo Line.

Adults Bibles: \$5 each Children's Bibles: \$8 each
Chicken Program: \$50 per month for one family
Feeding Center Program: \$50 per month
General Donation to Farm Project: (Funds lacking \$17,000)

May Birthdays

- 1 - Sarah Finch
- 2 - Lillie Sink
- 3 - Darwin Parks
- 4 - Leah Fleming
- 8 - Brandy Gardner
- 9 - Kevin Clark, Jake Fleming
- 10 - Robert Grubbs, Austin Knolmayer
- 12 - Beth Craver
- 15 - Anne Edwards
- 16 - Melissa Baity, Eleanor Cameron
- 17 - Chloe Everhart, Jon Sloan
- 18 - Doug Aderhold, Cindy Buckner, Riley Green, Chip Jordan,
Diana Payne, Phil Sloan, David Walser
- 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 31, 2024

Sunrise Service: 362
8:30 Worship: 505
10:00 Worship: 495
Total Weekend Worship: 1,362
General Offering: \$19,364.00
FLC Offering: \$1,495.00

April 7, 2024

8:30 Worship: 177
9:45 Worship: 315
11:00 Worship: 27
Total Weekend Worship: 519
Sunday Small Groups: 192
General Offering: \$22,997.00
FLC Offering: \$2,345.00

April 14, 2024

8:30 Worship: 195
9:45 Worship: 379
11:00 Worship: 31
Total Weekend Worship: 605
Sunday Small Groups: 367
General Offering: \$14,272.29
FLC Offering: \$1,650.00

April 21, 2024

8:30 Worship: 215
9:45 Worship: 372
11:00 Worship: 30
Total Weekend Worship: 667
Sunday Small Groups: Celebration Sunday
General Offering: \$13,998.96
FLC Offering: \$2,865.00

Memorials & Donations

- Given to Mt. Pleasant Youth in Memory of Bennie & JoAnne Rich by Dow & Beth Craver
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Youth in Memory of Bennie & JoAnne Rich by Robert & Teresa Harden
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Youth in Memory of Bennie & JoAnne Rich by Timmy & Jill Hege
- Given to Mt. Pleasant Church in Memory of Bennie Rich by Melanie Trado



SERVING THE CHURCH IN MAY 2024

Ushers:

May 5: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth
May 12: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray
May 19: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton
May 26: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck

Greeters: 8:30AM

May 5: Doug & Gail Aderhold
May 12: Wendy Harper
May 19: Karen & Stan Bowen
May 26: 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

May 5: Jay & Stephanie Payne
May 12: Sharon Payne
May 19: _____
May 26: 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

May 5: Gayle Mabe
May 12: Jeff & Shelby Smith
May 19: Gail Aderhold
May 26: Sandy Ellis

9:30 - 11:00AM

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

Coffee Bar: 8:15 - 9:45AM

May 5: Debra Casselbury
May 12: Ryan & Allison Martin
May 19: Debra Casselbury & Doug Edgerton
May 26: Emily Campbell

9:30 - 11:00AM

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

Parking Lot: 8:15 - 9:45AM

May 5: _____
May 12: Randy Wilhoit
May 19: _____
May 26: _____

9:30 - 11:00AM

Jeff & Rebecca Tussey

Youth Greeters: 9:30 - 9:45AM

May 5: Katelyn Brann & Brayden Varner
May 12: Peyton McDevitt & Cooper Clontz
May 19: Brady Coons & Allison Sink
May 26: Reagan Clontz & Ellie Kiger

Youth May Servers

Victoria Gaither, Tim Gaither, Catherine Perdue



KIDS KLUB SERVERS - MAY 2024

Nursery: 8:30AM

May 5: Beth Craver & Janie Penry
May 12: Jescena & Allison Sink
May 19: Julie M. & Jane P.
May 26: 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:

May 5: Ashley J., Kimberly H. & Maddie W.
May 12: Amelia S., Erin T. & Kim W.
May 19: Macie O., Bryce M. & Jaclyn G.
May 26: 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:

May 5: Brittany, Caroline & Alex
May 12: Megan W., Morgan M. & Allison H.
May 19: Janet & Spence Wood
May 26: 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:

May 5: Eileen Sloan
May 12: Dianne Reid
May 19: Jane Mendenhall
May 26: 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:

May 5: Diana Payne
May 12: Eric & Emily Campbell
May 19: Chad & Caite McGuire
May 26: Lisa Lane

11:00AM:

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



MAY EVENTS

Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10 AM
Tuesday's	Choir Practice	6:45 PM
Wednesday's	Youth Breakfast & Devotion	7 AM
Thursday's	Pickleball	6 - 8 PM

Thursday, May 2	Connection Group Lunch at Buffalo Tavern in West Jefferson	<i>leaving church at 9:30 AM</i>
Friday, May 10	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Friday, May 17	C2 - Wallburg Spring Fling	5 - 8 PM
Saturday, May 18	Women Offering Worship	9:30 - 11 AM
Saturday, May 18	Youth Lock-In	7 PM - 6 AM
Sunday, May 19	Graduate Lunch	12 PM
Sunday, May 19	Kids Talent Show & Spaghetti Dinner	5 PM
Thursday, May 23	Coffee with Starbuck	10 AM
Friday, May 24	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Sunday, May 26	Memorial Sunday	11 AM
Tuesday, May 28	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