



## Waiting Really Is Hard

Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers were right... "waiting is the hardest part". Waiting to see if you get that job, get into that school, make that team, meet that guy or gal, make that tough decision and I could go on and on.

When you're waiting for something, God's perfect timing can often feel like a torture device or an old saying people resort to when they don't know what else to say. Just because we know God has perfect timing doesn't make it easier to wait on it.

So, what is God's perfect timing, exactly? Paul gives us a picture of it in Titus 1:1-3. Paul reminds us that God "does not lie." Then he reminds readers that God's promises have been set since "before the beginning of time."

In times of waiting, it's important to remind ourselves that the Lord's plans for us have been set since "before the beginning of time." God is not surprised at how long things are taking. And it's not a mistake that things aren't happening as quickly as we'd like. God's plans are perfect, because He is perfect (Psalm 18:30).

Too often, we think we know what's best, and if the Lord would just hurry up and do what we want, this would all be easier. **But what if in our effort to rush through life, we're missing out on something greater than the thing we're waiting for?** Read that last sentence again!

God promises to be our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. He tells us not to fear because He upholds us with His righteous right hand (Psalm 46:1, Isaiah 41:10).

Waiting has its rewards. As we persevere through seasons of waiting, our faith becomes mature and complete, not lacking anything (James 1:2-4).

The best questions we can ask when we're waiting are the ones that help us understand what God wants to show us in the meantime:

- Am I spending time listening to God and for God? Am I spending time with Him in His Word?
- What is the Lord teaching me during this phase of my life?
- What can I do to position myself to be ready for God to move?

**Are you waiting on something? Let's use this waiting time wisely while the Lord finishes His perfect work.**

Pastor Chris

# Shepherds Staff

Greetings Mt. Pleasant Church from your Elder team. As always, God is doing extraordinary things in and through Mt. Pleasant. We are so excited over the announcement of an additional Sunday morning service coming up this Fall and we hope you are as well. Pray for those who are not yet here, that they may find a church family and a home through this service. Also, be in prayer over how you can serve in and support this new service. We anticipate with expectant hearts that this new service will be yet another blessing to our community and to the congregation of MTP.

With summer right around the corner, this means our youth and children activities will be ramping up. What a blessing it is to have such strong youth and children's ministries at Mt. Pleasant. It is also great to see the church being so supportive of these young adults through their encouraging love and prayers. It is our prayer, that through these various trips and activities, that God would receive all the glory and young lives would be forever changed.

The month of June also marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another for many of our young folks. We lift up our graduates, both high school and college, as they transition to the next phase in their walk with Christ. We pray that no matter what path they choose, they would seek the wisdom of God to carry them on their journeys.

*"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it."  
Proverbs 22:6 NLT*

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# SUMMER '24

## JUNE

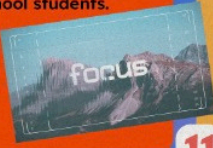


Register for all events here!

**2 TIE DYE SUNDAY | 5:30P - 7P**  
Time to tie-dye and get creative with your Beach Retreat Shirt! Choose from a variety of colors and designs and personalize your Beach Retreat look.  
(Extra shirts can be purchased in the online store.)

**8-15 BEACH RETREAT**  
Join us for an unforgettable experience! The Youth Beach Retreat is June 8-11 for Middle School students and June 11-15 for High School students.

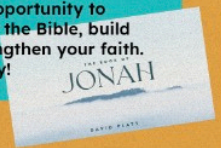
**RETREAT SERIES**  
It's not easy to stay focused. Together, we'll try focusing on what God has said, giving something up, and talking to God.



**23 YOUTH SUNDAY**  
Join us for powerful worship and messages as the MTP Youth lead BOTH 8:30am and 10:00am Sunday services!

## JULY

**10 & 17 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**  
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!



**11 PAINTBALL**  
7:30A - 1:00P | Grab your friends and come for an adrenaline-packed day of paintball and friendly competition. Get ready to have a blast with our youth group, Don't forget to bring your spirit and enthusiasm!  
\$30 per student

**16 CANOE TRIP**  
8:00A - 3:00P | Pack a bag lunch and hop on the New River. Bring a life jacket if you have one you prefer, life jackets will be provided by Zaloo Canoes. \$22 per student

## AUGUST

**7, 14, 28 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**  
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!



**29 & 30 LAKE DAYS 1 & 2**  
SESSION 1 7:30 - 3:00P / SESSION 2 1:00 - 8:30P  
Making the most out of the summer days, Join us for a fun-filled day on the lake! It's a great opportunity to hang out with friends, eat good food, and enjoy some exciting water activities! \$15 per student

**8 MTOBIKING TRIP**  
7:00A - 4:30P | Open to all students 6th-12th grade. Come and enjoy the scenic views of the Virginia Creeper Trail. Pack a bag lunch for the trail. \$26 per student

**15 ROCK QUARRY SWIM**  
2:30P - 8:00P | Swimming in a deep, refreshing natural quarry is the perfect way to cool off in the summer. Join us and enjoy The Quarry at Carrigan Farms oasis.  
\$22 per student

**25 END OF SUMMER PARTY**  
5:00 - 7:30P | Hotdogs, S'mores, music, and Redneck Slip and Slide. Join us to say farewell to summer! Bring your own chair.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE END OF THE WEEK POOL PARTY!**

**VBS**  
July 21-25



Register here!

## SEPTEMBER

**15 Parent Meeting**  
5:00 - 7:30P | This meeting is for ALL PARENTS & YOUTH, 5th-12th grade. We'll review some of our youth and fifth-grade structure along with our Fall/Winter calendar. You don't want to miss this event either new to MTP or old.



Save The Date!

**BEACH RETREAT**  
**JUNE 7-14 2025**  
**THE BEST WEEK OF THE YEAR!!**



J U N E



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

**What's  
Happening**  
6/2- Reception for  
Rising 5th graders  
and their families  
11:00am

6/7-6/8- Camping trip  
to river for Rising 5th  
graders

6/11- Field Trip to Dan  
Nicholas Park

6/16- Father's Day

6/24-6/27- Kids Kamp

**Kids Klub**  
**KIDS KAMP**  
June 24-27  
8:00-11:30  
Bible stories,  
crafts, music,  
games,  
special guest,  
snacks, lunch  
and more...  
Ages 4  
year olds-  
rising 4th  
graders  
Younger kids  
may attend with  
parent or  
guardian

The graphic includes images of paint palettes and photos of children at camp.

**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.mtleasant.church/kids/>



# Happy Father's Day

A Dad is a person  
who is loving and kind,  
And often he knows  
what you have on your mind.

He's someone who listens,  
suggests, and defends.  
A dad can be one  
of your very best friends!

He's proud of your triumphs,  
but when things go wrong,  
A dad can be patient  
and helpful and strong

In all that you do,  
a dad's love plays a part.  
There's always a place for him  
deep in your heart.

And each year that passes,  
you're even more glad,  
More grateful and proud  
just to call him your dad!

Thank you, Dad...  
for listening and caring,  
for giving and sharing,  
but, especially, for just being you!

Happy Father's Day.



# the point

MT PLEASANT CHURCH HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

## ***News and Notes***

In May, The Point opened a class offering for our littlest co-op members! Offered to fully potty-trained 3 and 4 year olds, this age group will be exploring typical pre-kindergarten-aged concepts such as colours, shapes, and letters and their sounds while pointing little hearts to Jesus. I am thrilled to introduce Heather Wiles and Leah Brendle as the teachers working with this new class. For more on Heather and Leah, please view their bios on the fall schedule on our website at [www.mtpleasant.church/homeschool](http://www.mtpleasant.church/homeschool).

Thank you for the continued prayers and support of The Point!

## ***Upcoming Events***

*Saturday, June 1st*  
*10 am - 12 noon*

Homeschool Survival 101  
*Register at [mtpleasant.church/homeschool](http://mtpleasant.church/homeschool)  
or via this QR code*



*June 3-July 20,*  
*August 5-11*

Director Summer Hours

*July 21-25*

VBS - Finale July 28

*Tuesday, August 13th*  
*Times TBD*

In-person Late Registration  
Teacher Orientation  
Family Fun Day and Parent/Student  
Orientation

*Tuesday, August 20th*

First Day of Fall Classes







## MTP Men's Group

Join the Mt Pleasant men on June 9 for breakfast and devotion. We will meet at 0700 for a delicious breakfast and a guest speaker. Mark your calendar and join us.

## MTP Women's Group

The Mt Pleasant Women will meet on **TUESDAY, May 28 at 6:30** because a Monday meeting would be on Memorial Day. We will begin the meeting with a meal followed by a program. We will provide items for two blessing bags, and snacks for the Hospice House Family Room.

The **June meeting will be June 24**. We will begin the meeting with a meal and will provide items for a Blessing Bag. Our Mission Project will be personal hygiene items for Father's Store House.

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 being out in the beautiful world God has created for us. You are always invited to come join us for a meeting.

## Evangelism Committee

Thank you MtP for supporting our April Spring clean out for the Father's Storehouse. We collected over 160 hygiene items to support our local community! We are grateful for your support of this event! ❤️

Our May/June Community Connections (Evangelism Committee) project is to fill up the Baby Bottles in support of the Salem Pregnancy Center. Please pick up your baby bottle in the lobby of the FLC.

Fill up your Baby Bottle with coins or cash, checks are welcome too if you prefer that option!

We are so appreciative for such a supportive community at Mt. Pleasant!



# Change 4 Change

MAY - JUNE C2 - COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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

## CHECK OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Donations for Mallorie Dennis' missions team to take to Nicaragua this summer.

### Requests

- Crayons
- Markers
- Eyeglass Readers (*non prescription*)
- Pens
- Journals (for men & women)

**MAY / JUNE  
MISSION  
PROJECT**



ANHELO MISSIONS

SHARING THE GOSPEL THROUGH SUSTAINABLE FARMING

Find out more about Mallorie in the MTP May Newsletter!

Please drop off donations on the missions table in the lobby or place money in the Missions box!



# Mission Committee Missionary Update

Meet the Mabe family! Ryan and Lena Mabe and their children Hannah, Josiah and Sarah just moved to Nicaragua to start their journey as foreign missionaries! Their call to missions began from the early days of when they first began dating at Liberty University. They talked about children and the potential of one day adopting, specifically a child with special needs. As they got married and began their family, God began showing them even more of His plan for their lives. It was then that God placed a burden on their hearts for the people of Nicaragua.



As they made many mission trips over the years to different places, their church began a ministry in Nicaragua. They saw that ministry continue to grow, and slowly began to see the great things God was doing among His people there.

## **Their Ministry**

They are helping churches in different communities serve the children through food kitchens and sharing the Gospel. They are working with teams coming in for short term missions, where they can witness in the schools, provide medical clinics, do construction projects, as well as door to door evangelism among other things. Their main responsibilities will center around the Special Needs Ministry in Nicaragua, working with those professionals to serve children with special needs and their families.

## **Their Vision**

1. Learn the Spanish language and Nicaraguan culture for 1 to 2 years in Matagalpa, Nicaragua. Work alongside churches in the surrounding communities to establish food kitchens to serve the children.
2. Move to El Crucero and work with the other members of the Special Needs Ministry team.
3. Work with the Special Needs Ministry, the Children's Kitchens, and international mission teams to spread the Gospel all across Nicaragua through the various ministries.

Please pray for them and visit their site to learn more about what they are doing!

[www.mabefamilymissions.com](http://www.mabefamilymissions.com)



## June Birthdays

- 2 - Brooks Bray, David Varner, Dana Evans  
4 - Julie Waynick  
5 - Michael Hoffman, Craig Peacock  
6 - Paula Knolmayer  
7 - Jackson Palmer, Amber Rinaldi  
8 - Cooper Clontz, Bonnie Darr, Donald Palmer, Logan Alphin  
9 - Everly Hartley, Jason Jarosz  
10 - Joe Jarosz, Samantha Miller  
12 - Bobby Green  
13 - Quinn Miller  
14 - Macy Green, Landon Lassiter  
16 - Amy Johnson  
17 - Sarah Craver  
18 - Max Graeub, Renee Low, Bryson Long  
20 - Ansley Owens  
21 - Brandi Jordan  
22 - Jane Payne  
24 - Adam Swartz  
25 - Madison Carroll  
26 - T Gardner, Brandon Harden, Casey Miller  
27 - Byron Low, Kady Jarosz  
28 - Dan Taylor  
29 - Bryson Conrad, Shirley Johnson  
30 - Amy Schuler, Renee Woempner, Scott Woempner
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## ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP

### **April 28, 2024**

8:30 Worship: 190  
9:45 Worship: 316  
11:00 Worship: 28  
Total Weekend Worship: 534  
Sunday Small Groups: 264  
General Offering: \$21,593.00  
FLC Offering: \$925.00

### **May 5, 2024**

8:30 Worship: 174  
9:45 Worship: 353  
11:00 Worship: 29  
Total Weekend Worship: 556  
Sunday Small Groups: 333  
General Offering: \$27,921.91  
FLC Offering: \$7,476.00


### **May 12, 2024**

8:30 Worship: 198  
9:45 Worship: 469  
11:00 Worship: 19  
Total Weekend Worship: 686  
Sunday Small Groups: 220  
General Offering: \$15,205.65  
FLC Offering: \$1,710.00

### **May 19, 2024**

8:30 Worship: 159  
9:45 Worship: 317  
11:00 Worship: 31  
Total Weekend Worship: 507  
Sunday Small Groups: 233  
General Offering: \$12,674.60  
FLC Offering: \$1,950.00

## Memorials & Donations

- Given to Mt. Pleasant Youth in Memory of Bennie & JoAnne Rich by Lora Dunbar
  - Given to Mt. Pleasant Youth in Memory of Bennie & JoAnne Rich by Larry and Sharon Sink
  - Given to Mt. Pleasant Youth in Memory of Bennie & JoAnne Rich by Chris & Jenny Hagee
  - Given to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Fund in Memory of Este Payne by Ruth Hedgecock, Mary Kathryn Hedgecock, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
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# SERVING THE CHURCH IN JUNE 2024

## **Ushers:**

June 2: Adam Buckner & Joe Hayworth  
June 9: Greg Moore & Bryan Bray  
June 16: Ronnie Russell & Gary Hilton  
June 23: Gary Craven & Tim Starbuck  
June 30: Joe Hayworth & Greg Moore

## **Greeters: 8:30 AM**

June 2: Doug & Gail Aderhold  
June 9: Wendy Harper  
June 16: Stan & Karen Bowen  
June 23: Len & Terrie Blevins  
June 30: Stephanie Payne

## **9:45 AM**

John & Kathy Butt  
Danny & Denise Roberts  
The Shufelt Family  
Chet & Lorrie Varner  
Jeff Huntsman & Bo Sink

## **11:00 AM**

Joanne Baughn & Ester Skiff  
Greg Moore  
Ronnie & Dot Russell  
Doris & Patsy  
Joe Hayworth

## **Info Center: 8:15 - 9:45 AM**

June 2: Jay & Stephanie Payne  
June 9: Sharon Payne  
June 16: \_\_\_\_\_  
June 23: Bill Baughn & Jane Mendenhall  
June 30: Len & Terrie Blevins

## **9:30 - 11:00 AM**

Adam & Sammie Jo Prior  
Keith & Paula Knolmayer  
Bo & Jescena Sink  
Dianne Reid  
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## **FLC/Sanctuary Greeter: 8:15 - 9:45 AM**

June 2: Gayle Mabe  
June 9: Jeff & Shelby Smith  
June 16: Gail Aderhold  
June 23: Sandy Ellis  
June 30: \_\_\_\_\_

## **9:30 - 11:00 AM**

Danny & Denise Roberts  
Lee Koontz  
Andy & Tamara Plummer  
John & Kathy Butt  
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## **Coffee Bar: 8:15 - 9:45 AM**

June 2: Deb Casselbury  
June 9: Ryan & Allison Martin  
June 16: Deb Casselbury & Doug Edgerton  
June 23: Emily Campbell  
June 30: \_\_\_\_\_

## **9:30 - 11:00 AM**

Pam D. Hall  
Casey Miller & Beth Meyer  
David & Laura Rathbone  
Ashley Craven  
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## **Parking Lot: 8:15 - 9:45 AM**

June 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
June 9: Randy Wilhoit  
June 16: \_\_\_\_\_  
June 23: \_\_\_\_\_  
June 30: \_\_\_\_\_

## **9:30 - 11:00 AM**

Jeff & Rebecca Tussey  
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## **Youth Greeters: 9:30 - 9:45 AM**

June 2: Katelyn Brann & Brayden Varner  
June 9: Peyton McDevitt & Cooper Clontz  
June 16: Brady Coons & Allison Sink  
June 23: Reagan Clontz & Ellie Kiger  
June 30: Holly Edwards & Emeline Rich



# KIDS KLUB SERVERS - JUNE 2024

## Nursery:

	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
June 2:	Beth Craver & Janie Penry	The Garlick's & Charla Williams	Tricia Anderson
June 9:	Jescena Sink & Katrina Darr	Laura, Caitlin & Carrie	Jennifer Driggers
June 16:	Julie Motsinger & Jane Payne	Emily, Rachel & Jamie	Courtney Lae
June 23:	Wendy Harper & Teresa Harden	Allison, Mitzi & Casey	Jennifer Driggers
June 30:	Samantha Bruno	Kristi Burnette & Meggan Nobles	Jennifer Driggers

### 1 Year Old:

June 2: Ashley J., Kimberly H. & Maddie W.  
 June 9: Amelia S., Erin T. & Kim W.  
 June 16: Macie, Bryce, Jaclyn G. & Samantha P.  
 June 23: Amy N., Megan W. & Abigail M.  
 June 30: -----

### 2 Year Old:

Cameron & Katie Koontz  
 Amy J., Mitzie M., Cenda W. & Bella D.  
 Micah, Jessica, Reagan & Allison  
 Beth C., Janie P. & Holly E.  
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### 3 Year Old:

Melissa Swaney & Alura T.  
 Mae H., Taylor H. & Valerie N.  
 Tiffany W. & Tammy V.  
 Michael & Amber Bridges  
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### 4 Year Old:

June 2: Brittany James & Caroline James  
 June 9: Donna W., Morgan M. & Allison H.  
 June 16: Janet & Spence Wood & Zhoe D.  
 June 23: Chad & Courtney Fritts  
 June 30: -----

### Kindergarten:

Phil & Kathy Sloan & Melony Tice  
 Jill Murphy & Lucas & Mary Kate Brewer  
 Misty Carr & Victoria McCrary  
 Keith & Paula Knolmayer  
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### 1st Grade:

Tiffany Brister  
 Leandra Glance  
 Tess Robertson & Alex Phillips  
 Josh & Heather Beasley  
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### 2nd Grade:

June 2: Eileen Sloan  
 June 9: Courtney Breeden  
 June 16: Jane Mendenhall  
 June 23: Christina Turner & Tina Grubbs  
 June 30: -----

### 3rd Grade:

Sidnee Bruner  
 Bob & Jeannette Beck  
 Misty Petree  
 Erica Martin  
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### 4th Grade:

Jenny Hagee  
 Amy McDevitt  
 Jenny Hagee  
 Amy McDevitt  
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## Childrens Church:

	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
June 2:	Diana Payne & Adriana & Bobby Cassell	Leandra Glance, Jeff & Shelby Smith
June 9:	Eric & Emily Campbell	Cindy Buckner & The Rathbone's
June 16:	Chad & Caite McGuire	Julie Butt
June 23:	Lisa Lane	Mike & Kristin Hague
June 30:	Lisa Lane	Melissa Moser



# JUNE EVENTS

Tuesday's	Prayer Group Meeting	10 AM
Thursday's	Pickleball	6 - 8 PM
Saturday, June 1	Homeschool Survival 101	10 AM - 12 PM
Sunday, June 2	Lunch with the Pastors	12 PM
Sunday, June 2	Youth Tie-Dye Party	5:30 - 7 PM
Thursday, June 6	Connection Group trip to the Farmer's Market	11 AM
Saturday, June 8	Youth Leave for Beach Retreat	
Sunday, June 9	MTP Men's Group	7 AM
Friday, June 14	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Saturday, June 15	Youth Return from Beach Retreat	
Sunday, June 23	Youth Sunday	8:30 & 10 AM
Monday, June 24 - Thursday, June 27	Kids Kamp	8 - 11:30 AM
Monday, June 24	MTP Women's Meeting	6:30 PM
Friday, June 28	Men's Bible Study	5:30 AM
Sunday, June 30	Celebration Sunday	

**INTERESTED IN RECEIVING CHURCH EMAILS AND TEXT MESSAGES?**




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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*