



Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church
4136 Mt. Pleasant Road, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673
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July 2025

Here we are, in “dog days of summer” right in the middle of 2025. The excitement of holidays and New Year has long worn off and yet it seems like football season can’t get here quick enough. Maybe you are already longing for some cool fall days and trips to the mountains to see some fall foliage. But here we are in the middle of 2025 trying to stay cool and looking forward to the next holiday. For many of us “being in the middle” can just seem “whole hum”.

Pastor Steve May wrote about “***Making It Through the Middle***”:

Our projects typically begin in a flurry of enthusiasm. As do resolutions: diets, Bible study plans, and miscellaneous renovations. Beginnings are packed with energy. And the ending, of course, when we reach the goal, is always a cause for celebration — a little fanfare and a victory lap.

It's in the middle where we most often struggle, when the out-of-the-gate excitement has faded and still the finish line feels so far away. But this is where we spend most of our time. In the middle. In fact, it's where many of us find ourselves today, as we pursue our various dreams and tasks and ventures. Here's the good news. It's right here in the middle — long though it may be — where our greatest growth takes place, and where the battles are ultimately won. In baseball, what do they say when a runner reaches second? He's in scoring position. Technically, he's only half-way to home plate, but in a sense, he's almost there. Just one base hit away.

SUFFICIENT GRACE

Paul's ministry began in a flash of power: a blinding light and a one-on-one encounter with the risen Christ.

His ministry ended in a triumphant cry: I have fought the fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

But what about the in-between years? The relentless plodding. The setbacks, the opposition, the betrayals. And those Romans 7 years, when he struggled with his own sinfulness, his wretchedness. And then there's the health problems he endured along the way. How did he face those times?

He kept moving forward, day after day, eyes on the prize, fueled by a promise: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

CALLING THE MIDDLE BY ITS OTHER NAME

We rarely find ourselves too weak to begin. Beginning is the easy part.

But too weary to go on? It can happen every day, once you make it to the middle.

So here's what we do. We follow the example of St. Paul. We press on, looking at what lies ahead, not what's left behind.

And we cling to this promise: My grace is sufficient for you.

Sufficient. It means enough. Enough to get you through this day. Enough to remind you that you're not alone. Enough to assure you that it's all worthwhile.

It may feel like the middle lasts forever, but there's another name you can call it: Scoring position.

Stay the course, you'll get there.

I can't agree more with what Pastor Steve wrote!

Keep Christ above all,

Pastor Byron

From the Associate Pastor's Desk

Point to Jesus

What do you think of when you hear the word “witness”? Observing something or testifying to something are possibilities. The idea of being a witness has been on my heart lately and I wonder if the Holy Spirit is leading us in this hot summer season to truly be witnesses for Christ. Of course, we are called to witness to who Jesus is as Christians at all times and places (Acts 1:8), but how do we do this? Well, we do so through our words & actions. I believe it is our highest calling as Christians to point to & indeed witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our calling as disciples of Jesus to be people who testify about his grace and mercy wherever we go. Ephesians 4:29 states, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” In a culture that champions anger and unwholesome language, let us be people of God who witness with our words. Let’s also be people of God who witness to Christ’s love through our actions. Let us obey the great command of loving our neighbor as ourselves. When people see us, they should say, “wow, there’s something different about him/her.” I encourage all of us as followers of Jesus to always think about what we are saying or doing & how it points to Jesus. Think of your witness when you are at the beach, at church, or at the grocery store. A song titled “Only Jesus” by Casting Crowns relates to this biblical theme of being a witness. The chorus goes like this:

And I-I-I, I don't want to leave a legacy, I don't care if they remember me, Only Jesus, And I-I-I, I've only got one life to live I'll let every second point to Him Only Jesus.

Church family, we have only one life on this earth. Therefore, let every second of your life point to Jesus. Amen,

Pastor Kaleb

Soli Deo Gloria

MPMC Music Ministry Happenings

Dawn Broom

I continue to be humbled by your faith in me. Thank you for your support of the music ministry. Together we are serving the Lord with our best efforts.

Our Chancel Choir has been invited to sing for Camp Meetings at both Rock Springs and Balls Creek Campgrounds. At Rock Springs, we sing Monday evening, August 4, 7:00pm, and at Balls Creek, we sing Thursday evening, August 14, 7:30pm. Come on out and support us as we serve the Lord through our singing and represent the name of Mount Pleasant Methodist. It’s always nice to look out at the congregation and see familiar faces.

Now, please allow me to continue sharing with you about the need for and the value of congregational singing. Here are more biblical admonitions, i.e.

- Isaiah 12:5: "Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world."
- Colossians 3:16: "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."
- Psalm 40:9-10: "I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O Lord. I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation."

This is why we sing in the assembly of the faithful. Our joy, our greatest joy, is proclaiming the gospel while being a part of the "great congregation!" My Friends, we should be grateful to sing. God graciously gives us the voices; He gives us the minds; He gives us the purpose. Shouldn't we glorify Him in every way possible, including our singing?!

Soli Deo Gloria, "To God alone be the glory." Amen!

Teach me Your way, Lord,
so that I can walk in Your Truth.
Make my heart focused only
on honoring Your name."
Psalm 86:11 (CEB)

MtP Methodist Men

Next meeting:

July 6th at 7:30am in the CLC

All men of the church are invited & encouraged to attend a great breakfast, special program & time of fellowship.

Cook Team for July: Darrell Farren, Andy Reese, Chris Sherrill, Nathan Sherrill, Johnny Karriker

MtP Methodist Women

Circle Meetings:

Jewel Dierwechter — 1st Monday at 11:00am in the CLC or Parlor

Dana Little — 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Parlor

Janie Killian — 2nd Tuesday at 1:00pm in the Parlor

***Please note that summer meeting dates and times are subject to change.**



ATTENTION KEENAGERS: Mark your calendars for this upcoming event:

- Plan to join us for lunch at the Talley House in Troutman on July 10th. Meet at the church at 11:00am to carpool (and get to ride in the new church van!) for lunch and a visit to Daveste Winery.

Please contact Steve Hodge at (910) 574-8722 or hodgecloud@aol.com with any questions and to let him know if you plan to take a vehicle or go in the van.



Memorials have been received for:

Kaye Bach by: Steve & Frieda Cooper
Elsie Kale
Edsel Lineberger
Russell (Ned) & Betty Setzer
Mike & Letha Owen
Carol Ann Rowe
Wayne & Janie Merchant
Fred & Nancy Setzer
Danny & Frances Sigmon

OR



Please remember, the church office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.



We are excited to announce that giving to Mt Pleasant Methodist Church is about to become easier and more convenient than ever! We now have an online giving platform that offers a seamless way to give.

You can make one-time and recurring gifts, give with a credit/debit card or ACH transaction, and even cover the fees (which will help your gift go even farther!). Here are the ways you can give online to the ministries at Mt. Pleasant!

Option 1: Give with a Text Message.

1. Text "give" to 704-703-7497.
2. Follow the prompts to set up giving via text.

Option 2: Give on Our Website.

1. Go to www.mtpmethodist.org & click "Giving" to access a Giving Form on our church website.

Option 3: Scan the QR Code Below.



Do You Give with Cash or Check?

If you regularly make donations in cash or with a check, you can continue to do so or switch to online giving using the methods above.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the church office at 704-483-3087.



Calling All Veterans

The Vets at Mt Pleasant Methodist Church are having a **Vets Coffee Call**

Wednesday, 16 July 2025 in our Christian Life Center (The big building behind the Church)

0800-1000 (or until the coffee runs out)

No program

No agenda

Just other Vets to talk to, complain to, or “remember when” with and it’s all FREE!

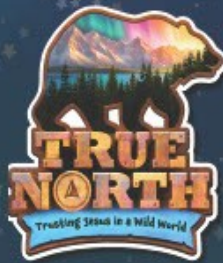
Besides, who else but another Vet is going to understand??

It doesn’t matter where you served or when you served. You served...so did we.

Come have a cup with us

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MT PLEASANT METHODIST
CHURCH PRESENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**JULY 20 (5-8 PM) &
JULY 21-23
9:00 AM- 12 PM**

VBS is for kids ages 3 years old (by August 1st) through 6th Grade.

*Register
Now*



Scan me



LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

**COME JOIN US AS WE HAVE A “MINI
CAMPMEETING” EACH SUNDAY WITH
WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION
(AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31)**

Songs from the Cokesbury
Hymnal. If you have one at
home, bring it to use. The
church's copies will also be
available for your use.



Casual Worship
No need to
“dress up”!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00
(REGULAR CLASSROOMS)**

**WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00
(BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS OR SIT
AT A PICNIC TABLE)**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July

2 Doug Hicks
 8 Kinsley MacLeod
 9 Ann Herron
 10 Dawn Broom
 13 Noah Canipe
 15 Olive Sigmon
 16 Jana Alexander
 Alice Dotson
 17 Miles Sherill
 18 Mandy Martin
 20 Madi Trimble
 21 Barbara Sigmon
 23 Linda Little
 24 Andy Reese
 25 Alice Lineberger
 Edsel Lineberger
 26 David Sigmon
 Rita Lail
 Garrett Logan
 Wren Watts
 27 Tony Sigmon
 Debbie White
 Elwanda Wilson
 28 Judy Sigmon
 31 Donna Mauney



July

10 Jay & Karen Thomson
 15 Keith & Margie Lutz
 16 Ben & Jordan Edwards
 18 Mark & Brenda Sigmon
 28 Jonathan & Ann
 Campbell
 31 Danny & Frances
 Sigmon



Remember those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

- Brookdale Charlotte East: Sonja McCarn
- Kingston Residence of Hickory: Pete Crump
- Hickory Village Memory Care: Marilyn Beardslee
- Lincolnnton Rehab: Jimmy Little
- Abernathy Laurels: Joy Howard



Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Margie and Keith Lutz and Family** at the passing of her mother, **Delena Josey**, on June 9th.





If you would be willing to serve in any of these capacities, please contact the church office (704-483-3087). Most require very little time or commitment and are very important contributions in making Sunday mornings run smoothly. We appreciate those who faithfully serve week after week.

Ushers



July	6	8:30am	Jeff Little, Roger Britt
		11:00am	Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Kenny Chester, Branon Cline
13	8:30am	Jeff Little, Kevin Brady	
	11:00am	Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Wayne Merchant, Guy Cline	
20	8:30am	Jeff Little, Kevin Brady, Elwanda Wilson	
	11:00am	Jeff Little, Pete Lail, David Carpenter, Guy Cline	
27	8:30am	Jeff Little, Kevin Brady	
	11:00am	Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Brandon Cline, Guy Cline	



Greeters

July	6	8:30am	Jeff & Wanda Myers
		11:00am	Wayne & Janie Merchant
13	8:30am	David & Pam Dry	
	11:00am	Tony & Barbara Sigmon	
20	8:30am	Robert & Tracy Dick	
	11:00am	Jack & Pat Baumann	
27	8:30am	Amy Howard & Patti Mendiola	
	11:00am	Brett & Terra Canipe	



Sound and AV Techs

July	6	8:30am	Drew Dotson
		11:00am	Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff
13	8:30am	Drew Dotson	
	11:00am	Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff	
20	8:30am	Drew Dotson	
	11:00am	Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff	
27	8:30am	Drew Dotson	
	11:00am	Brandon Cline & Kolton Buff	



Nursery Care Givers

July

Amanda Kochosky will notify nursery workers of the schedule



Children's Time

8:30AM

July	6	Randy Stokes
	13	Alexis Thompson
	20	Pastor Byron
	27	Chet Sigmon



Acolytes & Crucifers

July	6	8:30am	Luke
		11:00am	Nate & Katelyn
13	8:30am	Luke	
	11:00am	Lily & Elliot	
20	8:30am	William	
	11:00am	Nate & Lily	
27	8:30am	William	
	11:00am	Raven & Katelyn	



Communion Stewards

July 6th

8:30am	Jana Alexander & David Dry
11:00am	Kenny Chester & Daisy Vaughan

Camp Meeting Schedules

Rock Spring Camp Meeting

July 27 - August 10

Balls Creek Camp Meeting

August 10 - August 24

Schedules will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office when available.

*Mt. Pleasant Members with tents at Rock Springs:

Lee Killian #65

Gail Sigmon #175

Todd & Jeanna Goodson #243

Ernestine Killian #202

Danny & Frances Sigmon #147

*Mt. Pleasant Members with tents at Balls Creek:

Kay Muender #206

Evelyn Stutts #176

Brian & Sandy Martin #3

Elsie Kale #93

Guy & Christol Cline #188

Sigmon Family #129

Little Family #177

Mike & Alice Lineberger #259

Keith & Aya Gabriel #36



**HELP
NEEDED**
(704) 929-3110
9 am - 12 noon

ROCK SPRING CAMPGROUND

6831 Campground Rd., Denver, NC

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SAT., AUG. 2 10 AM - 2 PM

7TH ANNUAL **IT IS ALL FREE**

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AVAILABLE

PRIZE DRAWING EVERY 15 MINUTES



10:00 AM
Dare Devil Dog Show
Frisbee Performance
Meet & Greet Animals After Show



Striker
10-12

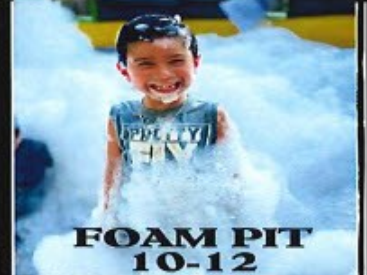
Hydro Water
Balloon Blaster



10-12

**11:45
DRAWING
2 BICYCLES**

**MUST BE
PRESENT
TO WIN**



FOAM PIT
10-12

**10-12
FOOL THE
WEIGHT GUESSER
WIN A PRIZE**

Battle
with the
Bubble
Machine
10-12



**Rev'ed Up
4-Kids**

Car & Truck Show
All makes and models
10 AM - 2 PM

PHOTO PROPS

**BLACKSMITH
SHOP**
10-1

Caged Bee Hive
Lincoln County
Bee Club
10-1

BASS MASTER
10-12

60
GAMES
2,000
PRIZES
10-12



**HUGE
PETTING
ZOO**
10-1

PONY



RIDES
10-12

**SPIN
ART**
10-12



TUBS OF FUN 10-1



SWINGS 10-1

CRAZY MIRROR



Registration
begins at
10AM 12 Noon
**KID'S PEDAL PULL &
TRICYCLE DRAG STRIP**

BOUNCE HOUSE

McCall's Karate
"Come Break A Board"
10-12

**COW MILKING
CONTEST**
10AM-Noon



FUN HOUSE 10-1



ROCK CLIMBING WALL 10-1

CREATE YOUR OWN
SAND ART
10-12



Kiddie Train 10-1



GIANT SLIDE 10-1



**FACE
PAINTING** 10-1



JK CONES
Free Ice Cream 10-1

FIRE MARSHALL'S SAFETY HOUSE

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN FOR A FREE DAY OF FUN

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Held in Conjunction
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Fun Day

7th Annual

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Beautiful
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All makes and models

**FREE
ADMISSION**

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TO BE
AWARDED

**Saturday, August 2, 2025
10 AM - 2 PM**

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ENTRIES
EACH
YEAR

Registration Opens at 8 AM
Awards at 2 PM

Music, Prizes, Food
and
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Dash Plaque for First 100 Entries

For more information please call
(704) 929-3110

Cars with trailer please call to
make arrangements.

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Dare Devil Frisbee Dog Show, Petting Zoo
Kiddie Carnival Rides, Dunking Booth,
Blacksmith Shop, Caged Bee Hive,
Bounce Houses, Spin Art, Bass Master, Face Painting,
Cow Milking Contest, Kid's Pedal Pull and
Dozens More FREE!

FREE

FREE SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT 7:00 PM FEATURING NATIONALLY KNOWN QUARTETS UNDER 1,000 SEAT ARBOR BUILT 1830-1832

Entry #

Will be assigned day of show
SAVE TIME
Complete & bring to
registration table

Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Make of Vehicle _____ Model _____ Year _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Wednesday Music Schedule

6:15pm Bells of Praise

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Sunday Schedule

8:30am Early Worship Service

9:45am Sunday School

10:00am Organist Practice

11:00am Worship Service

4:30pm MtP Youth Group

**Weekday Schedule**

(Unless otherwise noted)

Preschool M-W-F 9am-1pm

T-T 9am-1pm

Study Buddies M-F 3:30pm-6pm

Girl Scouts Mon. 6:30pm

Boy Scouts Tues 6:00pm

Cub Scouts Wed 7:00pm

Ensemble Practice Thurs 6:45pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00pm Church League Softball 7:00pm Boy Scouts Dana Little Circle	2 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	3 6:00pm Church League Softball	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5
	NO PRESCHOOL					
6 See Sunday Schedule 7:30am UMM	7 11:00am JD Circle 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	8 9:00am Summer Preschool 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice 7:00pm Trustees	9 9:00am Summer Preschool Prayer Team 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice Care & Nurture Team	10 9:00am Summer Preschool 11:00am Keenagers Lunch Outing 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	11 6:00pm Travel Ball Practice	12
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