

# **MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **WEEK OF FASTING AND PRAYING**

January 5 – 9, 2026

Theme: Reaching the World, One Soul at a Time

Isaiah 6:8



## Day 1 – Monday: A Heart for the Lost

### **Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 9:36–38

Romans 10:1

### **Word of the Day:**

Outreach begins with compassion. Jesus was moved when He saw the crowds because they were harassed and helpless. Outreach starts in the heart before it ever reaches the streets. If we are going to be successful in our outreach efforts in 2026, it must start in our HEARTS.

As we begin this fast, we ask God to awaken compassion and give us His heart for the lost.

### **Prayer Points:**

1. Lord, give us Your heart for the lost and broken.
2. Remove apathy, fear, and judgment from our hearts.
3. Help us see people the way You see them.

## Day 2 – Tuesday: Boldness to Witness

### **Scripture Reading:**

Acts 4:29–31

Romans 1:16

### **Word of the Day:**

The early church prayed for boldness, not comfort. Outreach requires courage empowered by the Holy Spirit. Today we ask God to replace fear with faith and make us confident witnesses of the gospel. A courageous and bold church can change a community. A courageous and bold Church can change lives. A courageous and bold church can do anything. We need to be a courageous and bold church in 2026.

### **Prayer Points:**

1. Holy Spirit fill us with boldness.
2. Open doors for gospel conversations.
3. Remove fear and make us unashamed witness.

## DAY 3 – Wednesday: Empowered by the Holy Spirit

### **Scripture Readings:**

Zechariah 4:6

Acts 4:31

1 Corinthians 2:4–5

### **Word of the Day:**

True outreach cannot be done in human strength alone. The early church did not rely on eloquence or influence; they relied on the power of the Holy Spirit. When they prayed, God filled them—and they spoke the Word with boldness. Fasting today is an act of dependence. We acknowledge that methods may attract attention, but only the Spirit brings transformation. The Holy Spirit gives wisdom, boldness, discernment, and divine appointments. When the Spirit leads, our words carry power and our lives become testimony.

### **Prayer Focus:**

1. Ask for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit
2. Pray for divine opportunities to do outreach and witness.
3. Ask God to remove fear and replace it with courage and boldness.

## DAY 4 – Thursday: Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges

### **Scripture Readings:**

Acts 10:34-35

Galatians 3:28

1 Corinthians 9:22

### **Word of the Day:**

Jesus consistently crossed boundaries to reach people others overlooked. He spoke with Samaritans, touched lepers, and welcomed sinners. Outreach often requires us to step outside of what is comfortable and familiar. As we focus on Outreach in 2026, how uncomfortable are you willing to get? Are you willing to go to places that you would not normally go to, to be a blessing. Are you willing to be around people who you would not normally be around to touch the least of these?

### **Prayer Focus**

1. Ask God to reveal and remove any prejudice or fear.
2. Pray for love that reaches beyond comfort zones.
3. Intercede for communities your church has not yet reached.

## DAY 5 – Friday: Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges

### **Scripture Readings:**

John 4:35-36

Galatians 6:9

Psalm 126:5-6

### **Word of the Day:**

Jesus declared that the fields are already ripe for harvest. Our responsibility is to labor faithfully and trust God for the results. Outreach is not always immediately visible, but every seed planted in faith matters. As we conclude this week of fasting and praying, we do so with expectation. We believe for souls saved, lives transformed, and lasting fruit. Outreach must become a lifestyle. God honors perseverance, and He promises that those who sow in tears will reap in joy. Let us remain faithful to the work God has entrusted to us.

### **Prayer Focus:**

1. Pray for lasting fruit from outreach efforts.
2. Ask God for endurance and consistency.
3. Commit yourself to outreach and being a witness for Christ.