

# THE INSPIRATION

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## Upcoming and Ongoing Events

Road to Health - each Sunday immediately following  
worship service  
March 22 - May 3

Willing warriors Retreat Day of Service  
April 18

Starved—Women's Ministry Study  
Mondays through April 20

CDC Virtual Presentation on Power of Attorney and  
Health Directives  
April 28

National Day of Prayer

## MPBC Weekly Learning Opportunities



**Noon Day Prayer**  
Via Free Conference Call  
Dial Number  
(712) 832-7000

Access Code 7928416#  
*Please make sure your phone is on  
mute. There is no need to announce  
yourself.*

**Sunday Morning Word Fuel**  
(2 classes, in-Person and  
Zoom  
Time Change 8:30 AM

**Monday Night Bible Study via  
Zoom 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday Seniors Prayer  
& Conversation  
10:30 AM**

**Wednesday Night  
Word Fuel  
With The Pastor**

*\* Check Realm for Zoom  
Information*

**MPBC Scholarship Applications are due  
no later than April 26**

**Exercise your right  
to vote in Virginia  
by April 21**



Rev, Dr. Kevin Donalson, Sr.

## *From The Pastor's Desk*

**W**ell, it's that time again. The highest of holidays on the Christian calendar. Easter Sunday. Resurrection Sunday, the day where we celebrate the fact that our Lord and Savior rose from the grave. If you can't get excited about this day, then nothing can excite you. Paul said that if the resurrection is not real, our entire faith is nothing.

Thank God, we believe in the resurrection. We believe on the third day morning he got up again. We believe he's sitting at the right hand of the father making intercession on our behalf and that's why we celebrate the way we do.

As we reflect on the resurrection of Jesus, let us consider that God gave his only son who died for our sins. Not only did Jesus save us, but he gave us direction and guidance on how to be his followers. As we continue this year of outreach, let us never forget why we do what we do. The one who died for us and rose for us, has challenged and charged us to care for the least of these.

As the Roman's writer said because of what he has done for us, "... present your bodies as a living, sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." God wants your reasonable service and He will be pleased.

Happy Holy Week and happy Resurrection Sunday! May God bless you and all that you do.

# Installation of Officers

On February 1, 2026, the Installation of Officers was held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Scripture passages from Romans 12:9-13 and Ephesians 4:1-4 were read by our Assistant Pastor, Rev. Samuel Massenburg, followed by the reading of our Church Covenant by Deacon Ross Simms and Deaconess Cherise Simms. Our Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kevin Donalson led the Litany of Commitment followed by prayer from Deacon Antonio Clemons. The sermon for the morning was preached by Pastor Donalson and titled "Serving With Humility". Scripture focus was Phillippians 2:1-9 NKJV.



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## Inclement Weather - We Still Worship

On January 25, 2026 a winter storm threatened the Northern Virginia area, making in-person Sunday worship unavailable for many. Our building was closed, however, that did not stop us. At Mt. Pleasant we were able to pivot, thanks to God and technology. The Worship Service was experienced through interaction with Zoom, Facebook and YouTube. Rev. Lisa Howard did opening remarks and music was provided via choir videos. Pastor Donalson preached from the subject "Learn to Pivot". Scripture was taken from Genesis 12:1 (NKJV).

On Wednesday night, January 28th, we continued using technology for Word Fuel as Pastor Donalson continued with Part 2 of his series on "Personal Vision". Using scripture from Nehemiah 2:2-20, the discussion focused on "Walking Out the Vision".



# Baptisms



Gamika Thompson  
02-15-2026



Malaika N., Naomi R., Marie S., Ryan Rucker  
03-15-2026

# Right Hand of Fellowship



Candace Person  
02-01-2026



Joshua Joseph, Sallee Joseph, Ann Brown, Joy Slight  
03-01-2026

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# Congratulations!

Sister **Shirnesha Simpkins Church** delivered her Trial Sermon on Wednesday night March 11, 2026, in front of MPBC members, friends and her family. She was introduced by Pastor Michael Chandler of African Baptist Church in Cheriton, VA. She delivered a dynamic sermon entitled "Anointed For the Assignment", with scripture coming from the book of Isaiah. Well done, thy good and faithful servant!

Minister Church was presented with her Certificate of License to Preach the Gospel from Pastor Donalson, along with a Bible. After shaking hands with those who came to worship, there was a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



Congratulations to our MPBC Director of Music and Arts, Brother **Rafeal Ross**. Under his direction, the Oxon Hill High School Choir (Maryland) walked away from the Prince Georges Public Schools (PGPS) Choral Assessments with a Superior rating and a 99/100 in Sight Reading. They also received a Superior rating in 2025. Brother Ross is also the composer of our Welcome Song, which the Mt. Pleasant choirs began singing in February, as we welcome visitors during worship service.

Stop by and say welcome to the newest member of the MPBC band, Brother Aharon Prater, on drums.



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# Get Your Article In The Next Newsletter. Deadline for the May-June issue is May 15th

## The Inspiration Newsletter

The Inspiration newsletter is a bi-monthly publication for Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (MPBC) family, friends and the community. The goal for this publication is to provide our readers with timely and relevant information about what MPBC is doing to spread God's word.

Articles and questions may be submitted to Shellia McKan. Deadline to submit articles for the next issue is **May 15, 2026**.

We pray and hope that everyone will find the information in this issue informative and inspiring.  
- God Bless.

### Guidelines for submitting articles are:

1. All articles must be approved by your Ministry Director before submission.
2. Each article must be in a separate MS Word document, Arial font, 12 point is preferred.
3. Each article must contain a working title at the beginning of the document. The article itself should be **no more than 400 words**.
4. Articles should be written with correct spelling and grammar.
5. Articles should answer the following: Who, What, When, Where, and Why.
6. Be sure to include your contact information.
7. **Do not** embed photos, graphics or charts in the Word document. **Send each photo, graphic or chart as a separate attachment. Photos should be full size (do not reduce) in jpg or png format.** Contact Shellia McKan regarding photos being sent by cell phone.



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