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# Pleasant News

## God's Design for Fatherhood



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Raising godly children takes wisdom, effort, and divine guidance. Judging by the scriptural record, successful fathering was not all that common in Biblical times—God's Word lists numerous instances where a son followed a bad example by walking in the way of his father. However, Matthew 4:18-22 introduces one of the Bible's relatively few positive role models for dads: a man named Zebedee. He must have been an outstanding picture of fatherhood, because Scripture repeatedly refers to disciples James and John as the "sons of Zebedee."

From Matthew's gospel, we can learn several things about this man. He was a fisherman by trade and probably successful, since he and his grown sons all earned a living from the business. More than likely, from the time the boys were small, he had taught them about boats, oars, sails, and nets. He certainly shared all that he knew about wind and worms and instructed them about the sea, showing them how to determine the deepest parts and where to locate fish. James and John also undoubtedly observed his patience, persistence, determination, and discernment, which were indispensable traits.

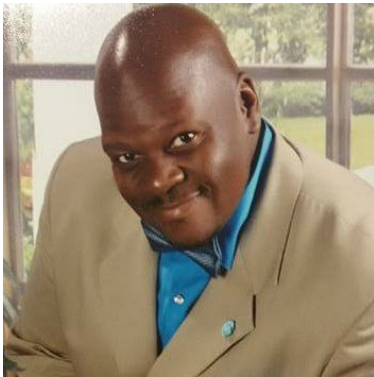
A father is the first authority figure in a child's life; the better his example, the more his children will be predisposed to submit to God's sovereign authority. In sharing his interests and time with his sons, Zebedee was developing a wonderful relationship with them. He didn't realize he was getting James and John ready for a great ministry. But his example and involvement with them was building character qualities that enabled them to respond immediately when they, one day, heard the Jesus call, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19-20)

James and John followed Christ without hesitation or reservation. Zebedee confidently watched them walk away, knowing that he might never see them again. Like successful Christian parents today, this father had raised his sons to be upright, self-confident young men, and his reward was in witnessing them wisely transfer themselves from his authority to that of the Son of God.

*Grace and Peace*

## Focus on Mt. Pleasant's Pastoral Staff

By Laura Blenman



**Minister Eddie J. Armor** is the youngest of five children and grew up in the Laurelton Section of Queens, NY. His grandfather, who was a deacon, began reading the Bible to him when he was just two years old. He planted the seed that is now coming to harvest.

Minister Armor graduated from Drexel University with a Bachelor's degree in Operations Management and a Minor in Marketing & Finance. His specialization is Management Computerized Information Systems. While attending Drexel, he met the love of his life, Leslie. They both developed a strong relationship with Jesus as they were preparing to get married. Not only was the late Rev. Willie Wilson of Fresh Fire Ministries in Philadelphia their pre-marital counselor, but he also became their spiritual counselor. It was during this time that the couple joined Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, got baptized and God began to do a quick work in their lives.

Eddie was a Deacon when he and his bride left Mt. Pleasant. During that time away, he grew in God's calling and, in 2007, he became licensed as a minister. He is the proud father of three beautiful daughters--Alanna, Alyssa and Aliyah.

Minister Armor recently returned to Mt. Pleasant as the Youth Pastor and is responsible for the Youth Ministry for Half-Time (ages 12-18) and Children's Church (ages 3-11). He loves to study, teach and preach the Word of God..

Minister Armor started playing African drums in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and, in

the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the Senegalese Dance Troupe invited him to tour with them. He learned to play various African drums and has quite an extensive collection of them. When he was in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, he performed a Kwanzaa celebration at Rikers Island in New York, the biggest and most dangerous jail complex in America.

Minister Armor's foundational scripture can be found in 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.



**Reverend Jacqueline (Jacquie) Martinez,**

the youngest of six and a native of Philadelphia, PA, fondly recalls church attendance being mandatory. Her grandparents were Pentecostal ministers for over 60 years. She learned at an early age that no matter what you are going through in life, there's nothing that God can't do and, if you read the Bible every day, God will show you what he wants from your life.

It was during her struggles through an addiction, homelessness and abuse, that she came to know Jesus personally. The Bible not only informed her salvation, it continues to teach her how to maintain her salvation.

"My work is to teach, preach and empower people to know that with God, all things are possible," she says. Using her own personal testimony, the Bible, and the special soups that she makes, she helps others find hope. "I put love in all of my pots. My own miseries became my ministry. What I thought would take my life, gave me

life, only through the grace and mercies of God!"

Personal trials caused her to move to Harrisburg, PA where she met and married Rev. Juan Martinez. Together they have a blended family of five children. They are also raising their granddaughter, Ashanti.

A product of the Philadelphia school system, Rev. Jacquie has attended several colleges, majoring in Biblical Studies and Christian Education. She retired from the State Employees Retirement System as a Fiduciary Specialist in 2000, and is currently the Site Director for Springboard Education in America, LLC at Rose Tree Elementary School. In 2004, she attained her Master of Divinity and Theology degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University.

At Mt. Pleasant, Rev. Jacquie supports the Missionary Ministry with their visits to Inglis House in Philadelphia by ministering the Word of God. The Sunday School teacher also loves to teach and demonstrate life lessons from the Bible. "All of our stories are in there, we just need to know what Jesus did and we can overcome," she explains.

Her military experiences in the Army and National Guard, including a stint as a Military Police Officer, helped form her life as a Minister. "I learned patience, compassion and empathy, as well as how to survive. It is the same as a civilian. However, I use the Word of God as my marching orders. Jesus helps me to survive the tricks of the enemy of our souls."

Her favorite Scripture is Philipians 3: 13-14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ." (KJV)

## Ministry

### By Brenda Tildon

***Ministry is not a job or a Sunday routine, it is a privilege to be chosen and used by Jesus!***

Over the past few months, I have given a lot of thought to the word *ministry*. I have the privilege of teaching pastors and lay people who want to go into ministry, and we spend a lot of time talking about the word *ministry* and what it means.

The definition tells us that ministry is the service or function of a minister. Since we are all called to be ministers, it means that all must take responsibility for ministry. I wondered how much of my time is spent in service and how much is spent in talking about service to others.

Ministry means being spirit filled; if we act out of the flesh, we are guaranteed to cause more harm than good. Spirit gives us the insight to see things more clearly and to understand

what needs to be done and, most importantly, the grace to do things in a loving caring way. I try to commit my intended action to prayer for a week before taking any action.

When I talk with churches about their ministry and ask what they are doing in ministry, most of what they say is simply church work. We all do it from time to time, *church work*. I think about our Missionary team going out to the nursing homes visiting others, Charles Holloway when he mentored students teaching them how to overcome the obstacle known as math, our pastor standing outside of operating rooms waiting for news, our fearless newsletter leader, Gwen Owens, taking time to care for a loved one--**this is ministry**.

As Mt. Pleasant's Event Planner, I support many ministry leaders planning programs. When I

start a project, I ask how will this initiative help others, what will attendees take away that will minister to them or help them minister to someone else? The hope is that we will lean fully on God's direction, hear his voice, understand His will, and trust His empowering presence to lead us.

Pastor emphasizes much prayer; strategic planning in the local church is a process that God, through His Holy Spirit, must direct. Remember, spirit filled people have developed the habit of doing things that non-spirit filled people don't like to do.

Let's always ask ourselves before engaging in what we call *ministry*, is this glorifying God or am I using this privilege and opportunity to serve my needs? Let's pray about it and, then, let's do REAL GOD GIVEN MINISTRY.

## Mt. Pleasant Around Town

### By Miss Newsy

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Laura Blenman was awarded the Certified International Property Specialist designation by the National Association of Realtors at the Pinning Ceremony in Washington, DC. She is only the second of 4,000 agents within the Fox & Roach Realtors company in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey to receive this distinction.

We are blessed to have had so many young people from Mt. Pleasant participate in the ASCEND program which focuses on Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking and Developmental Skills. This program is repeat-

ed by Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority members around the world.

Our youth who recently participated in the Scholarship Ball and ASCEND program were: Ciani Hodges (won a \$1,000.00 scholarship and a \$750.00 participation stipend), Clarence Armstrong, III, Micah Rice, Alanna Armor, Alyssa Armor, Jemiah Groce, Samahd Laury, Tyler Dennis, Taryn Dennis, Jadyn Williams, and Aaron Scales.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church members of Tau Delta Omega chapter of AKA are: Adrienne Gordy, Mykeah Parker, Jeree Boyd, Rev. Etta Baldwin, Natalie Robinson Brown, and Deaconess Rose M. Robinson.

We celebrate our Mt. Pleasant youth and are so proud to know that they are moving forward and represent the best young people anywhere.





## ADULT SUMMER READING LIST

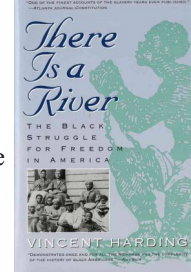


### **SINGLE BUT NOT ALONE** by Catherine Crawford

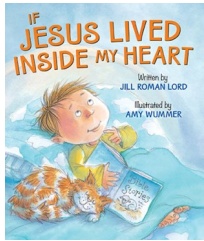
Author Catherine Crawford, founder and director of the Single Parent Fellowship in Morrisville, PA, talks about the challenges in her life and helps the reader understand God's faithfulness and how to grow in their relationship with the Lord. She offers encouragement, truth and hope.

### **THERE IS A RIVER** by Vincent Harding

This is the story of the violation of Black Africa and the bondage of its peoples in another land. In the book, Vincent Harding resurrects forgotten heroes and traces the struggle of their descendants to keep the spirit and dreams of an uprooted people alive.



## CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING LIST

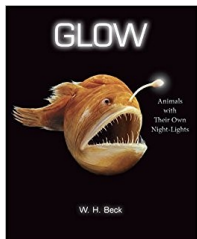
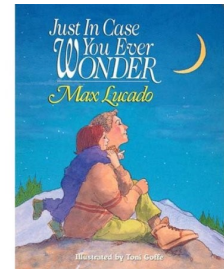


### **IF JESUS LIVED INSIDE MY HEART** by Jill Roman Lord

What would happen if you invited Jesus to live in your heart? Would outsiders know by the way that you act. The toddlers in this book, through whimsical illustrations and gentle text, encourage children to be kind and generous.

### **JUST IN CASE YOU EVER WONDER** by Max Lucado

This book tells of a father's love for his child through its tender message of comfort and protection, assuring children that as they grow and change, their parent(s) will always be there for them.

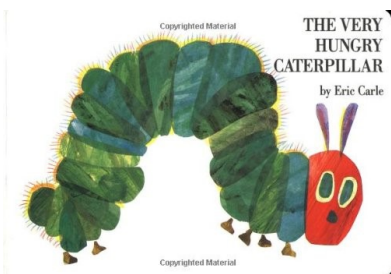


### **GLOW: ANIMALS WITH THEIR OWN NIGHT-LIGHTS** by W.H. Beck

Why be afraid of the dark when there is so much to see? In this fun and fascinating nonfiction picture book, join world-renowned photographers and biologists on their close encounters with the curious creatures that make their own light.

### **WHO WAS? Books: A Series of Non-fiction books for kids**

These books are filled with fascinating tales of historical events and famous people such as Muhammad Ali, Mother Teresa and Michelle Obama.



### **THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR** by Eric Carle

This classic story of a famished caterpillar who eats his way through a week of various foods is a clever introduction to numbers, colors and the life cycle of the caterpillar.

## God's Ingredients for Victory

By Sylvia Ficklin

*Do not let this book of the law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do everything written in it, then you will be prosperous and successful (Joshua 1:8)*

This was one of God's instructions to Joshua as he prepared to lead the Children of Israel into the Promised Land; the land God promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob over 700 years ago. The Book of the Law, along with codes and decrees God had given to Moses, was Joshua's Bible. These laws managed every aspect of the Israelites' lives, morally and spiritually. And, under Joshua's leadership, the Israelites obeyed, resulting in prosperity and success.

God's Word provides all of the ingredients to revitalize, fortify and nourish His children.

First ingredient: to be diligent in **Speaking the word**. When you speak the Word, it reinforces your faith. It is confirmation that God's Word is impeccable, righteous and true.

Now, when you blend being diligent in speaking the Word with being devoted in **pondering the word**, you further strengthen and nourish your soul. Focusing on God's Word enables you to renew your commitment to be faithful and obedient.

Finally, when you blend **speaking, pondering, and obeying the word**, these ingredients blend to become spiritual food conducive to prosperity and suc-

cess. However, hearing the Word without any commitment will not lead to growth. James admonishes us to be doers as well as hearers of the Word (James. 1:22).

We know that the Israelites later faltered. However, Joshua accomplished his purpose just as Christ did on the cross. James 2:10 reminds us that if we stumble at just one point, we're guilty of breaking the whole law. Only Jesus was able to keep the law perfectly.

God did a remarkable thing. He not only provided a High Priest who sympathizes with our weakness (Hebrews 4:15), He also sacrificed His only Son for our sins. He paid the full penalty for the broken law.

**PRAISE THE LORD**

## The Kingdom of God Response

By Rev. G. Joyce Bryant

Whether you're just graduating and looking for a job or have been working for years, there comes a time when we all deal with unprofessional, inconsistent, arrogant, narcissistic bosses, who often make unrealistic, conflicting, and difficult demands on us. Whether on the job, at home, at school, or even in the church, there are three ways to deal with antagonistic people.

### OPTION #1 – RETALIATION

Research shows that retaliation is unproductive and does not produce positive change, and you may be fired for insubordination. A more severe form of retaliation is work place violence, which is a category of violence that has been happening with increasing regularity. The outcome is devastating and it's one of the leading causes of job-related deaths.

### OPTION #2 – QUIT

The option to quit is unwise for three reasons –

God may want to use you right there, to be a blessing, to institute positive change.

A new boss may be far worse than the one you left. You've heard the saying, "the grass isn't always greener on the other side."

It looks bad on your resume to con-

tinually go from job to job, unless you're getting promoted.

### OPTION #3 – THE KINGDOM'S RESPONSE

Through the story of Hannah and Peninnah, (1 Samuel 1:1-20), I found that you can accomplish more with prayer, kindness, and a positive attitude.

The biblical account tells of a woman named Hannah, one of two wives of a man named Elkanah. They had been married for 10 years, and she was barren. Elkanah married a second wife, a younger woman named Peninnah, because he wanted an offspring. Peninnah had many children, while Hannah had none. Peninnah was a bitter antagonist to Hannah, possibly because she was not loved as much as Hannah by their husband, even though she had the children.

Without remorse, guilt, or concern, Peninnah relentlessly teased Hannah, reducing her to tears. However, Hannah was prayerful, she trusted God, and did not retaliate evil for evil. God blessed her to be the mother of a son named Samuel, who became a blessing to Israel. The Bible records that he was the last judge, a priest, and the first prophet.

Peninnah had 10 children and

Hannah had five. God punished Peninnah because of her harsh treatment toward Hannah. All of Peninnah's children died, except two. Hannah interceded in prayer for Peninnah, asking God to spare her last two children, and God answered Hannah's prayer. All of Christendom knows that Hannah, the mother of Samuel, was publicly favored, but Peninnah was not mentioned once Hannah had her son.

When dealing with difficult people, if you want to be blessed and be a blessing, choose the Kingdom of God's response, which is –

- Pray (1 Thess. 5:16)
- Commit your way to God and trust Him (Prov. 37:5)
- Don't return evil for evil (1 Peter 3:9)

Remember, your **attitude** determines your **altitude**. In the life of Hannah, we see that it was better to control anger and negative feelings; replacing them with mature actions and positive energy will take you far in life.

## Away from the House, but Always at Home

### By Lauren Fain

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path." - Psalm 119:105 (HCSB)*

Summer is a popular time to travel. Many choose familiar locations like the beach or homes of not too distant relatives. Others may opt for exotic locations where customs and languages are foreign. No matter the voyage, our prayer is that the Lord provide you with rest and renewal. And, although we may miss you in our presence, know that you are always in His.

Here are just a few tech tips to help keep your journey light and your stress level to a minimum this summer. No need to worry about additional expenses as they are free and are available on both iPhone and Android platforms.

1. First and foremost, don't forget to pack your "Light". There is no excuse to claim you ran out of room in your suitcase to fit your Bible. **YouVersion**, the Bible app, has been installed on over 200 million smartphones and tablets. You can read or listen to the Word in over 1508 versions in 1,085 languages on your mobile device.

Start your day meditating on the "Verse of the Day" or begin a daily reading plan to provide sustenance for your journey. You can also inspire and be inspired by the sharing of the Gospel by adding friends to your network.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." - John 1:1

2. **WhatsApp** is ideal for international travel, allowing you to stay in touch with loved ones back home as well as your travel companions if you happen to get separated. It uses very little data which allows you to send thousands of messages on a basic data plan, more than what's typically allowed by standard text messaging plans.

3. Are you traveling to a place where you may be concerned that you do not understand the words (language) spoken? Can you answer the following question if you were asked in Spanish? - "Donde en La Biblia puedo encontrar El Señor es mi Pastor?" Yes! You can reply Psalm 23 with confidence using **Google Translate**. This convenient app translates over 100 languages. You can type, speak, or access your camera to

translate instantly by simply pointing at the words.

4. Many sojourners utilize **TripAdvisor** for reviews of hotels, restaurants, and things to do while in any given city. This app provides millions of perspectives from real people who have tread the course on which you are about to embark. This assists you to walk in wisdom, allowing for a safe and pleasant adventure.

5. Finally, a note on the use of social media. If all members of your household will be away, use precaution when posting those pics showcasing your fabulous destination on Facebook, Instagram, etc. Broadcasting your movements far from home could, unfortunately, alert people that you're away and leave your home vulnerable to uninvited guests in your absence.

These are just a few of the many suggestions available to keep you at ease and safe this vacation season. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you throughout your travels.

## Early Head Start Home Visiting Program

### By Kathy Crews-Williams

Oftentimes, when we discuss children and education, we fail to focus on our youngest population of kids which are prenatal to age 3. In addition to receiving early childhood education in the typical center-based or home child care setting, there is another program that is not well known to many. Home visiting is an ever-growing program that offers educational services to pregnant mothers and parents of newborns to youngsters in the home setting.

The goal of home visiting is to promote the parents' involvement and encourage positive parent/child interactions, integrate services into the family setting, assist parents in goal setting and educational development, and assist in transitioning students to preschool. Home visiting is a voluntary program that not only provides social, emotional, health-related parenting support and information to families, it also links them to appropriate resources. Families that participate in home visiting services may receive:

- Referrals for prenatal care for pregnant women
- Early support in their role as a child's first teacher
- Help in creating a safe and healthy environment for a young child to thrive
- Parenting skills that decrease the risk of child abuse

Depending on family goals and developmental and risk assessments, a family has the opportunity to work with a home visitor from the prenatal period up until the child's third birthday. Through consistent and planned home visits, parents and caregivers learn how to improve their family's health and provide better opportunities for their children. Home visiting is open to income eligible teenage parents, mothers, fathers, foster parents, grandparents, or anyone that is a caretaker for an age eligible child or children.

Home Visiting services are offered through the following:

- **Delaware County Intermediate Unit** in nearly a dozen locations—610-623-3696
- **Crozer Keystone Nurse Family Partnership** in Chester, PA—610-497-7399
- **Maternity Care Coalition** in Philadelphia, PA—215-972-0700

## Trust In The Lord

By Sylvia Ficklin

There is a relatively new movement taking shape in America today denying God. This movement, "Humanist Clergy Collaboratory", has attracted our future generation (Millennial). Their faith is in the power of humanity and the human spirit. They ignore God and reject supernatural intervention. They are known as "Nones", constituting 23% of the U.S. population. They view themselves as spiritual but not religious. They have a socially, liberal viewpoint and gather on Sunday mornings for what they describe as a "moral purpose".

Satan will always come up with creative ways to deceive man. But, any movement that puts faith in humanity and the human spirit is doomed to fail.

The Israelites' rejection of God's rule and His warning (1 Samuel 8:7-9) led to

their captivity by the Assyrians in 722 BC and the Babylonians in 586 BC. In Revelations 9:1-21, sin has such control over people that they would rather die than repent and turn to God.

God never changes. He is steady, trustworthy, reliable and faithful; man, however, is unpredictable. Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalms 112 assure us of God's blessings when we trust Him. God is a God of order (1 Cor. 14: 33), but man is a creature of disorder and confusion. A glimpse at the erratic and unpredictable behavior of our nation's leaders is unsettling. Man's love and glorification of himself is destructive. However, in John 3:16-17 and the third chapter of Lamentations, we see the kind of love that God has. We, as believers, are in spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6: 10-18), so we must

be on guard, rooted and grounded in the Lord, His Word and His Spirit.

Remember, man is powerless against God (Ecclesiastics 8:8).

***But true wisdom and power are found in God; counsel and understanding are His. What He destroys cannot be rebuilt. When He puts someone in prison, there is no escape. If He holds back the rain the earth becomes desert. If He releases the water, they flood the earth. Yes, strength and wisdom are His. Deceivers and deceived are both in His power. (Job 12:13-16 NLT)***

## PRAISE THE LORD

## The Power Behind Praise

By Jonathan Lee Walker

*"Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!" Psalm 150:2*

Many times, we forget that God gives us the breath in our lungs daily, provides a meal for us, protects us as we drive on the highway, or ride on the subway. The deeds that the Lord does are far too many to name, but if you just look around, you can see them. And, through His work and sacrifice, we can have praise on our lips daily. One thing that I do to make sure that I praise God even in tough times is to write in my Gratitude Journal, listing at least five things. "Lord I am thankful for my mother, the lights being on in my house, the food in my fridge, I still have a job, I have a couple dollars left in the bank, and you woke me up today. Have your way today!"

*"And my tongue shall speak of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long." Psalm 35:28*

Too often Christians get tired, weary, and frustrated. We live in a world where people complain and want every-

thing to happen instantly. We were not created to worry or complain, we were created to worship God. Years ago, in Leadership Training, Rev. Gloria Voltz taught me to use prayer to transport me from where I was to where I needed to be in relation to the Lord. I began to pray throughout the day in my head, praising God for the small stuff. "Thank you for the water, thank you for my students all being here today, thank you that I can smile right now, thank you for lunch, for protecting me, for giving me the strength to just keep going." It got to the point where I started to have my students praise with me. If a kid got the answer right in class after struggling, I'd say, "Praise the Lord on two," and when I said 'two' the whole class would say, "Praise the Lord!"

*"By him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." Hebrews 13:15*

When we acknowledge that God is worthy, above all else, of our worship and praise, he blesses us in our now moments with answered prayer

that we don't have to wait another second, minute, or day to receive. Praise brings us miracles. We have to fix our eyes on Him daily, apply the word to our everyday lives, and know that God is working directly on our behalf every step of our day. No matter what seems to be in our way, because of the praise we send up, rather than fear-filled, doubtful complaints that we utter, God can move mountains. Praise leaves us no room for complaining and negativity. The Lord God knows our hearts, and cares about all that concerns us. It's through our praise that we focus on Him and allow him to handle the things that burden us.

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy." Psalm 103:2-4*



## Mt. Pleasant's Class of 2017 Scholars



Clarence (Tre) Alexander Armstrong, III  
 Appoquinimink High School  
 Headed to Case Western Reserve University  
 for Pre-med/Business



J'avier Rhone  
 Brandywine High School  
 Headed to Lincoln University  
 for Mass Communication

"For I know the **PLANS**  
 I have for **you**"  
 declares the **LORD**  
 "plans to **PROSPER** you  
 and not to harm you,  
 plans to give you  
**HOPE** and a  
**FUTURE.**"  
Jeremiah 29:11



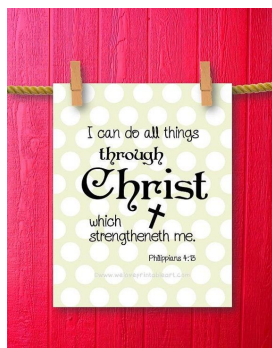
Asha Kierra Morris  
 Ridley High School  
 Headed to Lincoln University  
 for Nursing



Tyanna Futch  
 Howard High School Of Technology  
 Headed to Keystone College  
 for Nursing/Cytotechnology



## Mt. Pleasant's Class of 2017 Scholars



Darria R. Brooks  
Chester STEM High School  
Headed to Penn State University (Abington)  
for Biomedical Engineering



Ciani Hodges  
Archbishop John Carroll High School  
Headed to Neumann University  
for English



Jemiah Groce  
Christiana High School  
Headed to Lincoln University



Devvyn Holloway  
Chester High School  
Headed to Moody Bible Institute  
for Theological Studies/Music Ministry

**Mt. Pleasant's Class of 2017 Scholars**

Aaron Robinson  
Mount Pleasant High School  
Headed to Delaware Tech



Malcolm J. Yates  
Neumann University  
Master of Science  
Strategic & Organizational Leadership

**GUESS WHO**

No one guessed who this 'dressed to the nines' guy was from the February newsletter. Take a good look again. Can't you see it? It's Deacon Cliff Isaac. Either he was someone's ring bearer or he was someone's nursery school prom date. Either way, he's a winner!



Now, who do you think this smiling beauty is? If you think you know, email [glonews@aol.com](mailto:glonews@aol.com). And, if you'd like to submit a "guess who" picture, please submit to the same email address.





# BEACH WORD SEARCH

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Sailboat  
Sandals  
Sand Castle

Scuba  
Seagull  
Seashell  
Sunglasses

Surfboard  
Tropical  
Vacation  
Waves





## *Save the Dates*

There are a lot of exciting things coming up at Mt. Pleasant. Check out the dates below and mark your calendars!

July 24-28	Vacation Bible School
August 26-27	Family & Friends Weekend
September 15	A Special Kingdom Woman's workshop
October 21-22	Kingdom Women's Onsite Conference – Special Guest Preacher: Rev. Elaine Saunders
October 28-29	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Conference – special guest preacher and workshops
November 18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Kingdom Women's Harvest Festival



Grab your parkas and snow boots and get ready to explore the breathtakingly beautiful Arctic region with us at Vacation Bible School 2017. On our thrilling expedition, we'll uncover the coolest book on the planet – the Bible! Come join us as we plunge into this cold world and God's wonderful Word. You are sure to have a lot of fun and excitement at Operation Arctic!

**July 24, 2017 – July 28, 2017**

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Ages 3 – 103 (the youngest ones must be **potty trained**)

**NEEDED:**

Volunteers

Water and juice donations

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