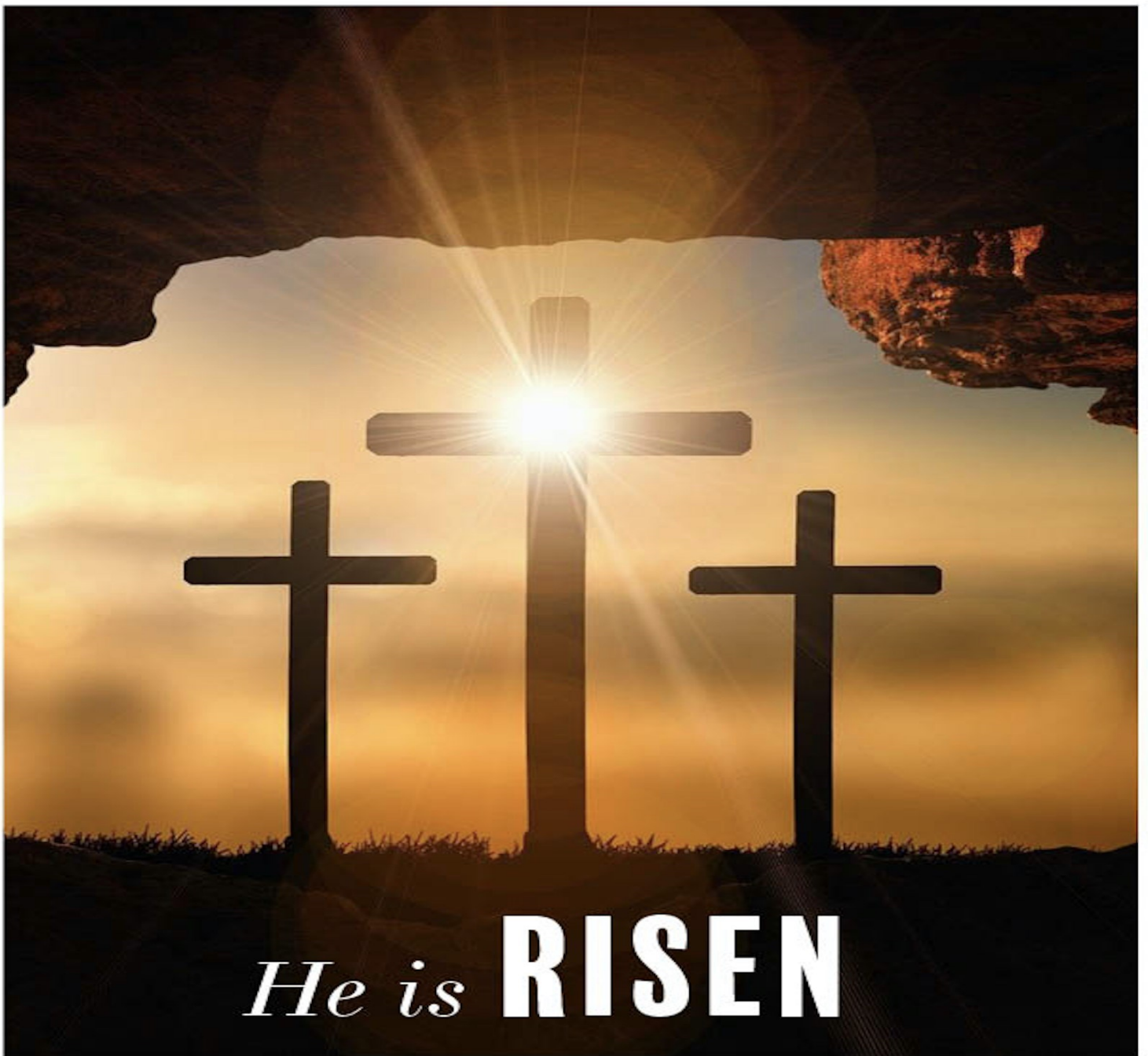


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### MPBC Weekly Learning Opportunities



**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 an-  
nounce yourself.*

**Sunday Morning Word Fuel**  
(2 classes, in-Person and  
Zoom

9:00 AM until 9:55 AM

**Monday Night Bible Study**  
via Zoom 7:00 PM  
And 7:30 PM

**Tuesday Night Bible Study**  
Via Zoom 7:00 PM

**Wednesday Night**  
Word Fuel with the Pastor  
In-Person and Virtual 7pm  
Facebook and YouTube

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

*\* Check Realm for Zoom  
Information*

## Upcoming Events

We Grow Here Church Conference: Leadership Training-April 9 thru 11

Estate Planning Seminar-April 27

National Day of Prayer-May 2

Scholarship Applications Due-May 5

S.E.E. Ministry Clothing Drive



Rev, Dr. Kevin Donalson, Sr.

## *From The Pastor's Desk*

Once again it is that time of year where we celebrate Holy Week.

Holy Week is that week that starts with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday morning where we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

No matter how old I get, this week never loses its significance for me. Whether its Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Sunday; there is just something special about the week where we celebrate what Jesus did for us.

The world will tell us that this week is about new clothes and the Easter Bunny but as believers we know better than that. We know that if it wasn't for calvary and the resurrection of Jesus, we would still be most miserable according to Paul.

But because He did get up from the grave, I have joy knowing that the Savior lives and because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

Have a Blessed Holy Week.

## Water Well Project in Nigeria

Deacon Tony Aghayere travelled to Nigeria in January, as MPBC sponsored the building of another water well.



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# Missions Directorate

The Missions Directorate's 'Inspiring Hope' and 'Feed the Hungry' ministries, asked the congregation to support the **Keeping Them Warm Coats Drive** during the months of November 2023 – February 2024. The drive was an absolute success!! The drive was held to assist the local schools and social organizations in the area.

The coat drive collected not just coats but also hats, scarves, gloves, and socks. It was with the warm hearts of the congregation that allowed us to donate over 360 winter items to the schools, Embry Rucker Shelter, as well as the Dulles Neighborhood Coat Closet. Blessings to the Mount Pleasant congregation, volunteers, and the Inspiring Hope and Feed the Hungry ministries. We can't thank you



# Feed The Hungry

Blessings to God and Minister Nikky, Deaconess Carolyn, Bros. James B., James W., and Sis. Shavonne on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter. They served breakfast from 8am - 9:30am to nearly 150 people. We were able to speak, laugh, and joke with the residents. We were blessed by serving and look forward to serving again on Saturday, April 6th.

If the Lord touches your heart to serve the residents, please go to the Sign Up Genius link at <https://signupgenius.com>, click the search icon, then "Search for a Sign Up", type "[Twisterwebbing0g@icould.com](mailto:Twisterwebbing0g@icould.com)". Locate a slot and sign up to bless those Jesus said in Matthew 25:35 "...I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."



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# Baptisms



February 18, 2024  
McKayla LeAnn Hill  
Tristen Jules Smith  
James Whiting Sr.



March 17, 2024  
Jasmin Colon  
Leah MacKinzie  
Jaelyn Sanai Bearyman

# Big Sunday



The first Sunday in March (03/03/2024) was observed as BIG Sunday. The Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to five new members.



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# Voices of Mt. Pleasant Toastmasters

On September 28, 2023, a remarkable milestone was achieved as the Voices of Mount Pleasant Toastmasters officially came into existence. This newly formed Toastmasters group embarked on its journey with immense enthusiasm, and it was an endeavor that required a dedicated team effort. In particular, the relentless commitment of Tanya White-Devo shone through as she played a pivotal role in bringing together the twenty confirmed new members necessary to charter the group.

Voices of Mount Pleasant Toastmasters, a branch of Toastmasters of District 29, is poised to provide its members with a platform to enhance their public speaking and leadership skills. With a shared vision and Tanya's tireless efforts, this Toastmasters club promises to be a hub of personal and professional development in the MPBC and surrounding community. Our mission is to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

It's a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together to support self-improvement and effective communication. The Voices of Mount Pleasant Toastmaster meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in person (at Mt. Pleasant) and virtually. Please come on out and consider joining today! Additional information is available by phoning the front office at 703-793-1196 or at our website: [voicesofmtpleasanttm.toastmastersclubs.org](http://voicesofmtpleasanttm.toastmastersclubs.org)



Voices of Mt. Pleasant Toastmasters



Attending the Toastmaster Gala



Gentleman on screen wearing glasses (Bharat Patel) and lady in red dress (Tirza Austin) are the District 29 Mentors.







MPBC observed 40 Days of Prayer during this Season of Lent (Ash Wednesday through Maundy Thursday). In-person prayer services (referred to as Fresh Fire) were held each Wednesday night prior to the start of Word Fuel With The Pastor. Also, a Prayer Vigil was held on Friday nights from 6 pm to 7 pm. These were in addition to the daily prayer call.

Members were asked to spend time in prayer each morning and to pray for someone (specifically).

Each week a devotional was made available on the Realm. The Devotional contained a specific focus and scripture reading for the week. The weekly subjects were:


- Week 1—Repentance and Forgiveness
- Week 2—Humility and Healing in Relationships
- Week 3—Strength For Families and Hope For The Future
- Week 4—Christian Education & Spiritual Growth and the Success of Churches Worldwide
- Week 5—Government, Military and Business
- Week 6—Love and Worship

# Young Achievers

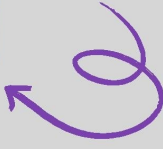
3rd Quarter School Year 2023-2024




JAELYN BEARYMAN  
ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE



LEAH BEARYMAN  
ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE




MCKAYLA HILL  
ACADEMIC  
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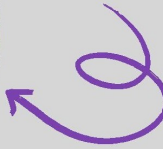
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EXCELLENCE





LAYLA HUNTER  
LEADERSHIP  
EXCELLENCE



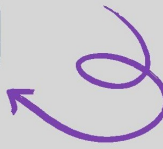
JOZY HUNTER  
ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE



MAKENZIE SKINNER  
ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE



MASON SKINNER  
ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE



## Teen Lock-In



The night of March 16th, our teens from 7th through 12th grade spent the night at Mt. Pleasant. There were numerous activities to keep them busy all night (without their cell phones).



**MPBC 2024  
Scholarship Open  
Season**  
- for High School Seniors -  
March 3 – May 5, 2024



Application Deadline is May 5th—No Exceptions.  
For application information please contact Dea. Mary Todd or check the Realm

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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.

To submit articles for consideration, email them to [C2Esupport@mtpleasantbaptist.org](mailto:C2Esupport@mtpleasantbaptist.org). Please indicate either **Newsletter** or **Inspiration** on the subject line. Deadline to submit articles for the next issue is May 15, 2023.

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 in Arial font, 12 point.
3. Each article must contain a working title at the beginning of the document followed by a byline then the article itself (50–350 words is suggested).
4. Articles should be written in newsletter format with proper transitions and correct spelling and grammar.
5. Articles should answer the following: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How.
6. Be sure to include your contact information.



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