



**VISION:** "Building a vibrant, engaged faith community serving, growing, and transforming lives." 1 Peter 4:10-11

**MISSION:** "To grow a congregation of believers committed to the ministry of Worship, Evangelism, Missions, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship with a heart for Prayer, Bible Study and the Great Commission. Matthew 28:19-20

**THEME:** "Stepping Forward in Faith" Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

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Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>  
Meeting ID: 813 4540 6953 | Passcode: 755908

#### Adult, Young Adult, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Class.

Lesson 5: "Sin and Forgiveness" 1 John 1:5-10, 2:1-6  
Teacher: First Lady Robin Johnson

#### High School Class.

Lesson 5: "Recognizing Our Community"  
Genesis 2:18; Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35;  
1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 4:1-6  
Teacher: Deacon Bryant Black

#### Preteen Class.

Lesson 5: "Talk to Him"  
1 Samuel 1:1-11, 17-20  
Teacher: Deaconess Marlene Fields

#### Middlers Class.

Lesson 5: "Ruth and Boaz"  
Ruth 1:1-8, 16, 19; 2:1-8, 11-12, 4:13, 17  
Teacher: Deaconess Jackie Black

#### Early Elementary Class.

Lesson 5: "Jesus Grows Up"  
Luke 2:41-52  
Teacher: Deaconess Jean Watson

#### Pre-K-Kindergarten Class.

Lesson 5: "Wise Men Worship Jesus"  
Matthew 2:1-11  
Teacher: Sister Darlene Jones

#### 10:00 a.m. Live Worship Service.

YouTube & "Live Streaming" at [www.mtpleasantbc.org](http://www.mtpleasantbc.org)  
Pastor Carl M. Johnson, preaching  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/>  
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#### Pray for Bereaved Families

For help and encouragement during time of bereavement,  
call the Grief Line at 571-533-2963. Contact:  
[Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org](mailto:Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org)

#### Pray for the Sick and Shut-In

### MORNING WORSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

#### 10:00 a.m.—Live Worship Service.

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Invocation

Minister Percell Spinner

Congregational Hymn

Through the Bible in a Year  
Sister Ruby Osia

Welcome/Offering/Doxology  
Minister Derrik Allen

Sermonic Song

Sermon  
Pastor Carl M. Johnson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

#### Nursery Open—Welcome ages 2-5

#### WAYS TO GIVE

1. Visit <https://www.mtpleasantbc.org> and click on GIVE Use the QR Code.
2. Visit <https://www.Givelify.com> and Sign in to Use the QR Code.
3. Mail to MPBC to the address listed below.
4. Text "GIVE" to 703-215-2545 to use Text-To-Give.



## Thank you Greetings from the Johnson Family

Pastor Johnson and First Lady Robin are thankful for your Christmas cards, gifts and other expressions of kindness during the Christmas season.

May the joy of the holiday season continue to be with you and your family in the New Year!



### 2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 2026 ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING PLANS



Pastor Johnson invites you to join this exciting spiritual challenge! It's a wonderful opportunity for individuals and families to grow together in faith. Explore the plan and follow the daily schedule as we journey through both the Old and New Testament chapters. Let's make this a season of renewal and discovery! See options below to view the schedule:

1. Click to view your 2026 January-December Bible Reading Plan: [Bible reading schedule-2026.pdf](#)



2. Scan the QR Code:

3. Request a printed copy, by contacting the Church Office at (703) 256-1268 or e-mail: [secretary@mtpleasantbc.org](mailto:secretary@mtpleasantbc.org).

#### ALL INVITED!

#### 2026 FIRST VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, January 8—7:00 p.m.

Begin the New Year in the presence of God in Prayer!



Encouraging all MPBC Officers, Ministers, Ministry Leaders, and church members to share in our first virtual prayer service!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>  
Meeting ID: 892 8226 0736 | Passcode: 999042



#### 2026 WINTER BREAK

Monday—6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Phone Conference)  
(Resumes January 12, 2026)

Wednesday—12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study  
(Resumes January 14, 2026)

Thursday—6:30 p.m. Virtual Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m.—Virtual Bible Study  
(Resumes January 15, 2026)

#### Download Our Church App!

Register for events and worship services with the convenience of your phone. Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://e360.ministryone.com/landing/PL6P>



#### Wednesday, January 14—7:00 p.m. Virtual Women's Fellowship Meeting.

Inviting all ladies. Guest speaker: Dr. Angela Boyd, founder of Women Empowerment Ministry. Discover the transforming power made possible in praise to God through prayer!  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/>  
Meeting ID: 895 0183 1177 | Passcode: 615288

#### Saturday, January 17—8:30 a.m. Virtual Mighty Men of Valor Meeting.

Inviting all men. Topic: "The Role of Men in Marriage." Guest facilitator: Deacon Lawrence McCoy, Director of Couples Focus Studies Ministry at First Baptist Church of Glenarden, MD.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/>  
Meeting ID: 893 7961 9376 | Passcode: 118555

#### Sunday, January 18—8:55 a.m. Discipleship Class Orientation.

New Discipleship classes are forming. Course objectives: Grow in your relationship with Christ, increase your biblical knowledge and much more! Register by submitting your name and e-mail address at [secretary@mtpleasantbc.org](mailto:secretary@mtpleasantbc.org).

Sunday, January 18—10:00 a.m. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Service. "We remember and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Preacher: Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

**2026 Church-Wide Bible Institute** (on-site & virtual)  
(Sponsored by Christian Education Ministry)

#### Wednesday-Thursday, January 21-22—7:00 p.m.

All invited to attend. Class topics, facilitators and more to be announced soon!

Saturday, January 24—5:00 p.m. Virtual Quarterly Church Conference. Members Only. Request minutes from the October 25, 2025 Church conference by contacting the church clerk at [clerk@mtpleasantbc.org](mailto:clerk@mtpleasantbc.org) (preferred) or call the Church Office at 703-256-1268 extension 16.

Sunday, January 25—10:00 a.m. 2026 Officers and Ministry Leaders Installation for all deacons, deaconesses, trustees, ministers, ministry leaders, and members serving in a ministry position.

#### MPBC & FRIENDS! SPECIAL TRAVEL EVENT!

**February 26, 2026—March 7, 2026. South Africa Mission Tour.** Join Mount Pleasant (Pastor Carl Johnson) and First Baptist Church of Merrifield (Pastor Paul Sheppard) in partnership with Know the Truth International Ministries. For details visit: <https://ktt.managedmissions.com/ourtrips>. Contact: Japera Rahming: [japera@kttministries.org](mailto:japera@kttministries.org), 703-382-8181 or Rev. Dr. Gerald Robinson: [revgerald@kttministries.org](mailto:revgerald@kttministries.org), 703-425-3838.