



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)

MORNING WORSHIP

COLLEGE DAY | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service. 

YouTube & "Live Streaming" at www.mtpleasantbc.org

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 844 9074 5136 | Passcode: 756786

Invocation
 Minister Jackie Wrice

Congregational Hymn

Special Announcements
 Pastor Carl Johnson
 Sister Marion Allen
 Mr. Nicholas Abrams

Welcome/Offering/Doxology
 Minister Leticia Watson

Sermonic Song

Sermon
 Rev. Maurice Bowles III
 Pastor of Family Engagement and
 Innovative Strategy of Mount Hope Baptist Church
 Fredericksburg, VA

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

WAYS TO GIVE

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



Pray for Bereaved Families

Yolanda Kim Betz, mother of Jamar Betz (Latrice) and Brandon Betz

For help and encouragement during time of bereavement, call the Grief Line at 571-533-2963. Contact:

Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org

Pray for the Sick and Shut-In

Rev. Maurice Bowles III is a native of Petersburg, VA and was educated through the Petersburg School System. Upon leaving high school, he majored in Health and Physical Education Virginia State University.



Rev. Bowles has been a Science and Health & Physical Education teacher, basketball coach, and an instrumental music assistant in the Henrico County and Petersburg Public School Systems of VA, the Warren County School System of North Carolina and in the Department of Music at Virginia State University. He has served as the Program Director of Chesterfield County VA's At Risk Youth Program for Cooperative Extension. He also served for 11 years as a member of the State Youth Advisory Team for the Baptist General Convention of VA. As a member of this advisory team, he played an instrumental role in preaching, facilitating, planning, and assisting of various ministry events throughout the state.

Rev. Bowles has been in the Gospel Ministry for 28 years, and was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Petersburg, VA under the pastoral leadership of Bishop Jeffrey L. Reaves, Sr. He served for two years as the Youth Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Chester, VA. He served five years as the Youth Pastor of Mount Hope Baptist Church and Shiloh Baptist Church both of Fredericksburg, VA. And was ordained by Rev. Dr. Raymond A. Bell, Jr. of Mount Hope Baptist Church.

He is founder and coordinator of the annual Mountain Top Experience (MTE) Virginia Interstate Youth Conference, which brings together hundreds of youth and adults from throughout the country. Currently, he is the Pastor of Family Engagement and Pastor of Innovative Strategy of Mount Hope Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, VA. Outside of the local church, Rev. Bowles is the State Director of Youth & Young Adults for the Baptist General Convention of VA.

Rev. Bowles' joy in life is being an active agent in helping the Body of Christ reach its God given purpose. By faith, Rev. Bowles' life motto is found in Romans 8:28, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are called according to his purpose."

MPBC EVENTS

Mount Pleasant Celebrates Black History Month 2026

During the month of February, plan to join us each Sunday for special presentations, video testimonials and more!

And honor Black History through our annual theme, "Stepping Forward in Faith." Pastor Johnson has prepared *a month-long journey focusing on four key areas* rooted in our history and resilience to equip us for the future God is calling us to build.

Week of February 1—Faith, Week of February 8—Finance

Week of February 15—Food: Stepping Forward in Fellowship.

Week of February 22—Mental Fitness: Stepping Forward in Wholeness.

21 Days of Prayer & Fasting

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18-March 10, 2026

Join Mount Pleasant for 21 Days of Prayer and fasting, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18 through March 10. **Prayer calls will be daily at 6:30 a.m. and will last 15 minutes.** Journey with us toward the cross through prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. Please submit your prayer requests no later than 6:15 a.m. at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org
Dial-In: 1-848-220-3300 | Conference ID: 1571206#.
(This is a toll number. Charges may be incurred.)

Sunday, February 22—8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Young Adults “Chat & Chew” (Fellowship Hall). Inviting all young adults to join a special time of bible study, food, and fellowship.

Monday, February 23—7:00 p.m. MPBC Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting. Join us virtually as the Credit Union's Board of Directors report on the 2025 accomplishments and the future of the credit union. Opportunity for members to nominate and elect board members for open positions, volunteer with the credit union, and win several raffle prizes.
Join Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 878 5874 5631 | Passcode: 505181

Wednesday, February 25—12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study.
Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 842 9104 5901 | Passcode: 259974
Led by Rev. Dwight Cokely.

Thursday, February 26

Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 841 4310 2618 | Passcode: 720964

6:30 p.m. Virtual Prayer Service.

Led by Deacon Jerald Stark, Deaconess Faye Stark, and Deaconess Gloria Giron.
Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

7:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study.

Led by First Lady Robin Johnson.

Saturday, February 28—10:00 a.m. Rehearsal.
(Sanctuary Choir).

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! To view the plan:

Click: [Bible reading schedule-2026.pdf](#)



Scan the QR code:

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

Monday, February 23-May 18—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Virtual Grief Ministry Session. To register: <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/286549> Zoom ID and passcode will be forwarded after registration.
Contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org.

Wednesday, March 4—7:00 p.m. Virtual Women's Fellowship Meeting. Inviting all ladies. Topic: “Rooted Joy”
Scripture: Galatians 5:22–23. Facilitator: MPBC Sister Stacey Bien-Aime.
Join Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 875 5326 1550 | Passcode: 711320

Sunday, March 8—10:00 a.m. Men's Day Celebration.
Theme: “Dedicated Men—Transformed Relationships”
Philippians 2:3-4. Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Albert Jackson, Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA.

2026 Spring Messenger Newsletter. Theme: “Stepping Forward in Faith” Joshua 1:9 (NKJV). Submit articles, poems, and notices at mpbcnewsletter@mtpleasantbc.org by **March 15.**

2026 Scholarship applications are available for **MPBC members** attending institutions of higher learning (college/university) and savings bond awards for kindergarten through 11th grade. Electronic submissions only. Click on the link to view the criteria and forms. Visit: <https://mtpleasantbc.org/ministries/scholarship-career-development-ministry/> to download applications.
Deadline: April 12.

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>

