



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, Mission, 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, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

8:55 a.m.—CHURCH SCHOOL 

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84353511759>

Meeting ID: 843 5351 1759 | Passcode: 506958

Adult, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Class.

Lesson 1: "Joshua Leads Courageously"

Joshua 1-6, 7-9, 10-11

Teacher: Minister Carl Hollister

High School & Preteen Class.

Lesson 1: "Our Father"

Luke 15:11-24

Teacher: Deacon Bryant Black

Middlers Class.

Lesson 1: "The Bible is God's Word"

Deuteronomy 8:3; 2 Samuel 22:31;

Psalms 119:9-16, 89, 105; Isaiah 40:8; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Teacher: Deaconess Jackie Black

Early Elementary Class.

Lesson 1: "God Helps David Do His Jobs"

1 Samuel 16:11, 18-21, 17:34-37

Teacher: Deaconess Jean Watson

Pre K-Kindergarten Class.

Lesson 1: "God Made a World for People"

Genesis 1:1-25

Teachers: Sister Sheila Beckwith and Sister Darlene Jones

PRAY FOR BEREAVED FAMILIES

Stanley Marshall, brother of

Joetta Hampton (Deacon Ronald) and Marion Harris;
uncle of Brian Hampton (Christina), Brian Jr., Jasmine, and
Joshua Hampton; and cousin of Deborah Marshall.

Juanita Ginyard, sister of Brad Gordon (Edna).

Elizabeth Wright, cousin of Denise Mackie-Smith.

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 & SHUT-IN

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Invocation

Minister Stephanie Gillus

Praise and Worship

Welcome/Offering/Doxology

Minister Linda Hayes

Music of Preparation

Choir

The Preached Word

Rev. Dr. Vonda H. Batts

MPBC Executive Minister

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

Nursery Open Today

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 Text-To-Give.



159th Church Anniversary & 12th Pastoral Anniversary

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

Colors: Blue, Cream, and Orange (variations)

Celebration: Sunday, September 13—10:00 a.m.

Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Ricardo Brown, Pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church, Richmond, VA. All invited!

No Church School Classes: Sunday, September 13.

Classes will resume Sunday, September 20.

"To foster a culture of Christ-centered service, we at MPBC practice C.A.R.E.—Concern, Appreciation, Respect and Empathy!"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 7—Church Office Closed. (Labor Day).

Monday, September 7–November 2—6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Virtual Grief Ministry Session. To register: <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/295057>
Zoom ID and passcode will be forwarded after registration.
Contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org.

Tuesday, September 8—6:45 p.m. Rehearsal (Sanctuary Choir)

Wednesday, September 9—6:45 p.m. Virtual Bible Study.
Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 874 1099 2877 | Passcode: 255428
Topic: "When Denial Breaks" Scripture: Luke 22:54-62.
Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

**Thursday, September 10
6:30 p.m. Virtual Prayer Service.**
Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 881 8060 5989 | Passcode: 807793
Led by Deacon Carlton Brown and Deaconess Karen White.
Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

7:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study.
Topic: "When Denial Breaks" Scripture: Luke 22:54-62
Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

Saturday, September 12—10 a.m. Rehearsal (Sanctuary Choir)

**ATTENTION! MPBC OFFICERS & MINISTRY LEADERS
2027 Ministry Leaders' Slate of Officers and Calendar Events/
Activity Form.** MPBC officers and ministry leaders must submit
their slate of 2027 officers and calendar of events/activity form
by **Monday, September 14**. Email the Church Office at
secretary@mtpleasantbc.org or call 703-256-1268.

**Saturday, September 19—8:30 a.m. Virtual Mighty Men of
Valor Meeting.** Inviting all men and youth males.
Join Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 878 7173 5940 | Passcode: 737115

**Sunday, September 20—12:00 p.m. Missionary Ministry
Visitation.** All invited. Golden Living Rehabilitation Center,
6700 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. Accompanied by
preacher, Rev. Joyce Howard, MPBC Associate Minister.

**Saturday, September 26—9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Virtual
Evangelism Workshop.** All invited to learn biblical, practical
strategies, and overcoming challenges in sharing one's faith.
Zoom ID meeting code and password to be provided.

Sunday, September 27—10:00 a.m. Deaf Awareness Day.
Theme: "Unity in Christ" Romans 15:5-6. Guest preacher,
Rev. Dr. Rico Paige, Associate Minister at Galilee Baptist
Church, Dundalk, MD.

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>



Attention Mount Pleasant Members!



Register Today For Your Pictorial Directory Photo Session!

Volunteers needed to help after Sunday worship services
to assist with scheduling appointments in the **Church School
Office 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** on Sunday, September 6 on the
lower level. Contact Deacon John White at
jmanofdallas@gmail.com or Sister Katie Smith at
Smithkef49@verizon.net.

**Register & Schedule Your Member & Family Photo Session on
Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26. Visit MPBC
website at www.mtpleasantbc.org/—click "Directory."**

Ministry Group Photos: All ministries must appoint a contact
person to schedule a group photo after Sunday services.
To schedule, contact Rev. Margaret Barr at
marg.barr06@gmail.com or Minister Stephanie Gillus at
Stephanie.Gillus@mtpleasantbc.org.

Business Advertisements are available to reach over 400 active
member families. Camera-ready ads must be submitted to
Smithkef49@verizon.net by **September 15**. Cost: for business
card \$25, for 1/2 page \$50, and \$100 for a full page. Checks
should be made payable to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

2026 Fall Messenger Newsletter. Theme: "The Perfect
Example—Jesus" 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV). Submit articles,
poems, and notices at mpbcnewsletter@mtpleasantbc.org
by **September 27**.

**Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. AI Basics
Workshop For Everyone! (Fellowship Hall)** Curious about
Artificial Intelligence? AI Certified Marketing Coach Nikki Givon
will lead an encouraging, easy-to-understand session on how
AI works. No tech skills needed—just bring your curiosity!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

**Fairfax Central Baptist Sunday School Union (FCBSSU)
Presents: 6th Annual Golf Tournament. Monday, September
14—9:00 a.m.** Inviting men and women. Benefits Aaronita M.
Brown Scholarship for College-Bound Seniors. Cost: \$160.
Location: Potomac Shores Golf Club, 1750 Dunnington Place,
Dumfries, VA. For more details visit: <https://www.fcbssu.org/>.

And

**Biblical Family Feud Church Challenge. Saturday, September
26—10:00 a.m.** Hosted by Alfred Street Baptist Church.
Seeking game participants—youth to adults. Location:
325 North Patrick Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.
For more information on both FCBSSU events, please contact:
Sister Yvonne Bush at tusc341@gmail.com.

**Friday, September 25—7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September
26—3:00 p.m. Christian stage play "The Arrangement."** The
play was written and directed by Evangelist Jackie Thomas and
featuring participating MPBC members. Location: A.J. Ferlazzo
Building and Theatre, 15941 Donald Curtis Dr.,
Woodbridge, VA 22191. Discount tickets are
available for MPBC members and friends. For
details and to purchase tickets, please visit:
<https://insidenovatix.com/organizations/gem-theater-productions> or scan the QR code.

