

Celebrating
159TH CHURCH
& 12TH PASTORAL
Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

10AM

Stepping
FORWARD IN
Faith

*"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and of good courage;
do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)*

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH
6477 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, VA 22312
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Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson, Pastor

Order of Service

159th Church & 12th Pastoral Anniversary

Sunday, September 13, 2026 | 10AM

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

Meeting ID: 824 5181 0690 | Passcode: 390709

Invocation	Rev. Dr. Vonda Batts
Praise and Worship	Choir and Congregation
Scripture Reading.....	Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)..... Sister Gina Ross
Prayer	Sister Gwendolyn Brown
Introduction of Historical Moments.....	Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson
Church History and Pastoral Tribute	Video Presentation
Music of Inspiration.....	Sanctuary Choir
Welcome/Offering/Prayer.....	Minister Jackie Wrice
Introduction of Guest Preacher	Video Presentation
Sermonic Selection	Sanctuary Choir
The Sermon	Rev. Dr. Ricardo Brown
Pastor, Fifth Street Baptist Church, Richmond, VA	
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	Rev. Dr. Ricardo Brown
Special Acknowledgements	MPBC Leadership
Remarks	Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Ricardo Brown

“Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service”



Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson

Congratulations on
12 years of service!

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. “Americans Stand Ready” For more information, visit: [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)

ATTENTION! MPBC OFFICERS & MINISTRY LEADERS

2027 Ministry Leaders Slate of Officers and Calendar Events/Activity Form.

MPBC officers and ministry leaders must submit a slate of 2027 officers and calendar of events/activity form by **September 14**. Email the Church Office at secretary@mtpleasantbc.org or call 703-256-1268

Attention Mount Pleasant Members! Pictorial Directory Photo Session—Update! All appointments for Phase 1 Photo Sessions are now filled.

Phase 2 Waitlist: Makeup dates are undetermined at this time. However, if you were unable to register during Phase I, please contact one of the following coordinators to be added to the makeup waitlist for Phase II: Deacon John White at jmanofdallas@gmail.com or Sister Katie Smith at Smithkef49@verizon.net.

Volunteers needed to help with page layout of the church directory. Contact the Pictorial Directory Coordinators listed.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 14—6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Dial-In: 1-848-220-3300 | Conference ID: 1571206#. (This is a toll number. Charges may be incurred.) Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

Monday, September 14–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.

Monday, September 14—6:45 p.m. Rehearsal (Hi-Def Youth Choir)

Tuesday, September 15—6:45 p.m. Rehearsal (Sanctuary Choir)

Wednesday, September 16—12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study.

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

Meeting ID: 882 7878 0306 | Passcode: 450030

Topic: “When Denial Breaks” Scripture: Luke 22:54-62. Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

Thursday, September 17

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

Meeting ID: 814 5098 2868 | Passcode: 438224

6:30 p.m. Virtual Prayer Service.

Led by Deacon Karl Henderson, Deaconess Karin Henderson, Deaconess Marlene Fields, and Deacon James Cook. 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 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.

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

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

Saturday, September 26—10:00 a.m. FCBSSU Biblical Family Feud Church Challenge. 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.

PRAY FOR BEREAVED FAMILIES

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, Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN



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)

Download Our Church App!

Scan the QR code or visit

<https://e360.ministryone.com/landing/PL6P>

