

Theme: "Fall Leaves, Jesus Doesn't"

"No, I will not abandon you or leave you as orphans in the storm—I will come to you."

(John 14:18) (TLB)

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .



(John 14:18) (TLB)

Greetings Mount Pleasant Family,

John, chapter 14 continues the discourse between Jesus and His disciples and begins with words of comfort for His disciples who were troubled because of what He said to them during their conversation in John, chapter 13 where Jesus identifies His betrayer and predicts Peter's denial.

Further in chapter 14, Jesus tells His disciples that He is going away to prepare a place for them and that He is the only way to the Father; reveals the Father; talks about answered prayer and promises another helper, the Holy Spirit, who will come from the Father and who will abide with them and will dwell in them forever.

In the theme scripture, verse 18 Jesus says to His disciples that they would not be as orphans, children abandoned and left alone because His presence will always be with them through the Holy Spirit.

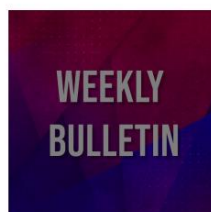
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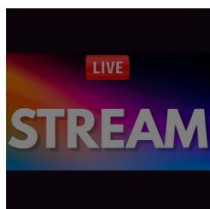
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The Hearts Cry Podcast

“Fall Leaves, Jesus Doesn’t” (continued from Page 1)

Thank God for His beloved Son, Jesus who He sent, who paid our (the believer) sin debt (eternal death), to have the Holy Spirit dwell within us forever and to be given eternal life to live with Him forever.

Have a safe and happy fall!

PS: If you do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and would like to have one with Him, it is as easy as, A, B, C:

A - Admit —Admit to God that you are a sinner and that you need a Savior.

B - Believe — Believe in your heart that God raised His son, Jesus Christ from the dead.

C - Confess — Confess with your mouth your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.





Theme: “Ministry on the Move” (Philippians 3:14)



Dear Ministry Member and Fellow Christian,

Greetings to all!

We pray that all is well. Please know we are here for you. We ask for your continued prayers and thank you for your continued support. We need you! If your address and/or other pertinent information has changed, please send Sister Anita Johnson, MPBC Church Clerk, an email to clerk@mtpleasantbc.org. The following are planned events for 2024. As always, if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

- Movie Night
- Gospel Shows
- Zoom Game Night
- Social Day
- Community Outreach Projects*

We want to extend a welcome to our new ministry members and greetings to ministry members who have celebrated and/or are celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary, retirement or any other celebratory event in September, October and November.

God bless you, continue to keep safe.

Deacon Karl Henderson, Deaconess Karin Henderson and Deacon James Cook
Ministerial Team: Minister Myra Cook. Minister Angela Sheppard and Minister Kimberly Veney
(Prince William/Stafford/Spotsylvania/Caroline Counties and Lorton (PWSSC&L) CCM)

—Thought for the fall—

“I love autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it.”
(Lee Maynard)

*Thank you for supporting our two community outreach projects for 2023: Operations: Diapers and Giving Vision.



Word Search

FALL HARVEST

Word Search

A Y N S Y G R C O X O B K F R W M V G S M G X
P V K D R U O G H M L J M F H N P W L U O M I
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VEGETABLES
CORN STALKS
APPLE CIDER
MUSHROOMS
SUNFLOWER
SCARECROW
PUMPKINS
HARVEST



ACORN
GOURD
TREES
CORN
MAZE



HAYRIDE
HAYBALE
LEAVES
APPLES
AUTUMN
ORANGE
CHILLY
FARMER



MPBC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Notes & News

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ARE YOU A CREDIT UNION MEMBER?

Consider joining the MPBC Federal Credit Union. If you are a member or employee of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, you are eligible to join the Credit Union. Your immediate family or household members are also included in the field of membership.

Visit www.mtpleasantbc.org/mpbcfcu for more information.

WE HAVE LOANS FOR YOU

Take care of your financing needs by applying for an MPBC FCU signature loan.



Qualified borrowers may borrow up to \$7,500 at competitive rates depending on your credit score.

OPERATION STATUS

The Credit Union is open for business on Sunday mornings! Operating hours are from 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM.

Stop by before worship service to say hello and make a savings deposit or a loan payment to your account!

CONTACT US:

MPBC Federal Credit Union

P.O. Box 11146
Alexandria, VA 22312



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www.mtpleasantbc.org/credit-union



October 19, 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the globally celebrated International Credit Union (ICU) Day®. Over 56,000 credit unions around the world celebrate this day which highlights the many ways that credit unions across the world help members work towards achieving their financial goals.

The ultimate goal is to raise awareness about the tremendous work that credit unions and other financial cooperatives are doing around the world and give members the opportunity to get more engaged. Learn more at cuna.org/icuday

Thank you for your business and support. We are honored to serve you.



We are YOUR Credit Union.



A God Who Sees Me

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also." – John 14: 15 – 19 NKJV

On a very recent trip out of the country, I had the opportunity (and privilege) to walk around an old explosion site of an active volcano. The explosion site is over 200 years old, so time, weather, and millions of travelers walking around the site have caused some of the sediment and rock formations to smooth out. Therefore, when I walked up and down the "steps" of this site, I clung tightly to the single chain fence {see pics below}.



The fence was only helpful on parts of the path, but I was determined to climb up and witness God's great creation. Unfortunately, I got stuck in an area that was super slick and very far from the fence. I was immobilized and did not have the confidence to move, as people hurriedly walked back and forth up the "steps" passing me by. Thank God for this one woman who saw me. She saw my angst and reached out her hand and said, "Let me help you." As she guided my hand and helped me hold on, I was able to get past the place where I was stuck and move up to the peak! And to make it even better, the same woman helped me at the exact same spot on the way down. There was another person who helped me climb over a steep step when I got near the bottom. Thank God for angels in disguise!

So, what's the point? The point: God is always there. God arrives in places we don't deem possible and in ways we don't realize. Lacking confidence to step out on faith? HE reaches out HIS hand to support you. Not sure where to go? HE provides a guidepost for you to grab hold of. Feeling unseen? HE provides comfort and companionship when you least expect it. How is God able to do all of this? Through the Holy Spirit, of course!

Jesus points out in John 14, that He is the way, the truth, and the life. After which, He begins to talk about His alignment to God the Father and the Spirit of Truth. Jesus lays out the operation of the Triune God to the disciples from the viewpoint of a relationship with Him. *"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever."*

Jesus made it a point that He was not working in a silo, but in fact, He had help to help us. Likewise, we are not alone in this world, even when it looks like we are. Jesus made sure we had help in all facets—through prayer, through connections with other people, and through the breath we breathe by way of the Triune God. God sees us. He hears Jesus for us. And He hears the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. There is no need to give up or feel hopeless. Jesus sees you in places you try to hide or where you seem stuck. No matter where we are and what we do, we can always declare the words of Hagar in Genesis 16: 13, "You are a God who sees me."

Inspirations



Thank You

DEAR GOD:

I want to thank you for what you have already done. I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me; I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet; I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed; I am thanking you right now.

I am thanking you because I am alive. I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties. I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles. I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

**I'm thanking you because FATHER,
YOU haven't given up on me.**

Author Unknown

Autumn Blessings

By Deborah Ann Belka

Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair, and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace, and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow, and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine, and unwind in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!

MPBC Events

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

7th QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE
October 28, 2023
5PM

MEMBERS ONLY

Request minutes from the July 22, 2023 Church Conference by contacting the Church Clerk at clerk@mtpleasantbc.org (preferred) or call the Church Office at 703-256-1268 ext. 16.

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ZOOM ID & PASSCODE PROVIDED VIA EMAIL PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Women's Ministry

Holiday Decorating DIY Tips
Designer: **Roberta Allen**

Wednesday, November 1, 2023
7:00 PM

Meeting ID: 901 5015 0711
Passcode: 433974

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OPERATION: GIVING VISION

Sponsored By
The Prince William/Stafford/Spotsylvania/Caroline Counties and Lorton Congregational Care Ministry (PWSSC&L CCM)

If you have adult and/or children eyeglasses to include sunglasses (prescription or non-prescription) no longer using, please donate them and put them in the collection box located in the church vestibule by **October 29, 2023.**

This donation will support the Lions Club (Alexandria/Lincolnia) "Recycle for Sight" to provide to adults and children in need.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL Update

Time 9AM VIRTUAL CLASSES GRADES 1-12

Time 9AM IN-PERSON ADULT CLASS

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
Grades 1-12

NOVEMBER 5 | 9AM

In-person classes for all ages resumes on November 5th

TOPIC: "Current Events Happening In and Outside of School"

Rev. E. Chris White, III
Pastor

Attention Parents/Guardians
Breakfast will be ordered for students in grades 1-12.

RSVP Sister Yvonne Bush at tusc341@gmail.com
If your children will be attending to place their food order

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EZEKIEL MISSIONARY MINISTRY

The Harvest Is Plenteous
Matthew 9:37

Join Us!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023
10:00 AM

MEETING ID: 858 4104 4391 | PASSCODE: 313610

WWW.MTPLEASANTBC.ORG

Guest Preacher: **Rev. Dr. Brian L. Monford, Sr.**
Philippine Missionary Baptist Church, (Lima, PH)

First Lady Robin & Pastor Carl M. Johnson

★ ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 7TH ★

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

VOTER INFORMATION

READY SET VOTE

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

VOTE EARLY
• IN PERSON BEFORE ELECTION DAY
• BY MAIL BEFORE ELECTION DAY

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY
BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERS

YOUR VOTE YOUR VOICE!

To Vote on Election Day, Please Register in Your Assigned Jurisdiction:

For more detailed information, visit
<https://elections.maryland.gov>
<https://elections.virginia.gov>
<https://dcboe.org>

You Can't Vote If You Don't Register

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
 invites you to **Holy Ghost Trunk or Treat**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31ST
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Fellowship Family & FUN

Register by scanning the QR Code below or completing the form by clicking on the link.
<https://forms.gle/2j779360urgg8>

Complete the form at:
<https://forms.gle/2j779360urgg8>

Contact:
Deaconsess La'Tonia White at LaTonia.White@mtpleasantbc.org for more information.

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Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Brothers Reconnecting to Young Men

Level Up: From Boys to Men
with **MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR**

FREE Saturday, Nov. 18
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church From 10 am - 12 pm

This is a Mighty Men of Valor (MOMV) event to reconnect with the young men in our church and the surrounding community.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
10AM-12PM

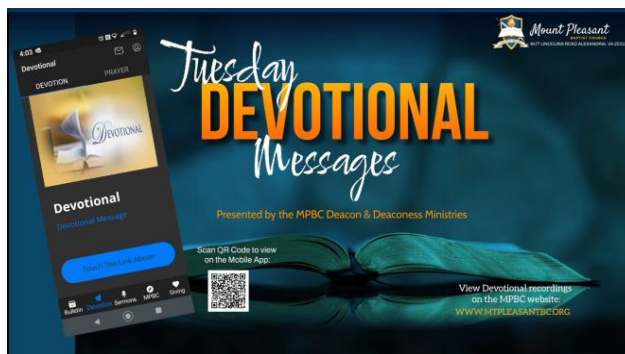
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Open to Young Men (13 years and up) & their Families

Register Today
Call: (703) 256-1268
Email: secretary@mtpleasantbc.org
tyreemichael@yahoo.com

Mighty Men of Valor reconnecting with young men in our church & surrounding community.

MPBC Events — Continued



Homeless Ministry

This year in August the Mount Pleasant Homeless Ministry donated ten bags of canned food to Volunteer Alexandria for their food drive for families in need. Mount Pleasant received a thank you email from Marion Brunken, Executive Director of Volunteer Alexandria for helping them exceed their goal of collecting 30,000 pounds of food.

Our Heavenly Father is still working in the lives of families in need.

Sister Shirley Thomas (MPBC)

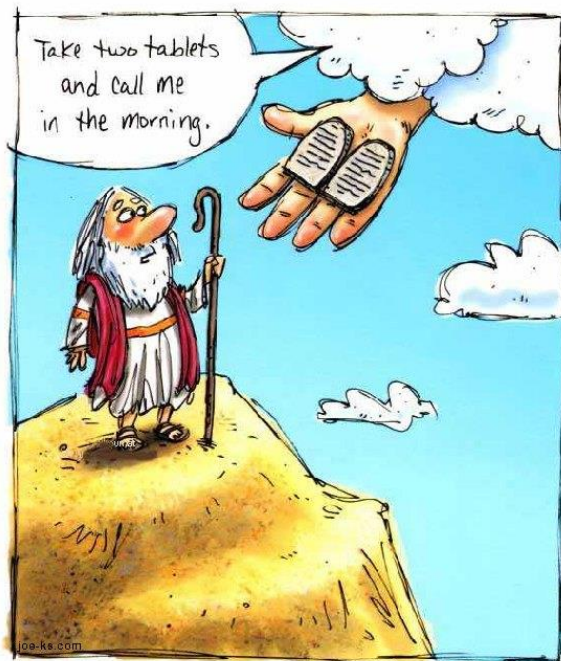
From the Lighter Side



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"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus...
but not on Twitter."



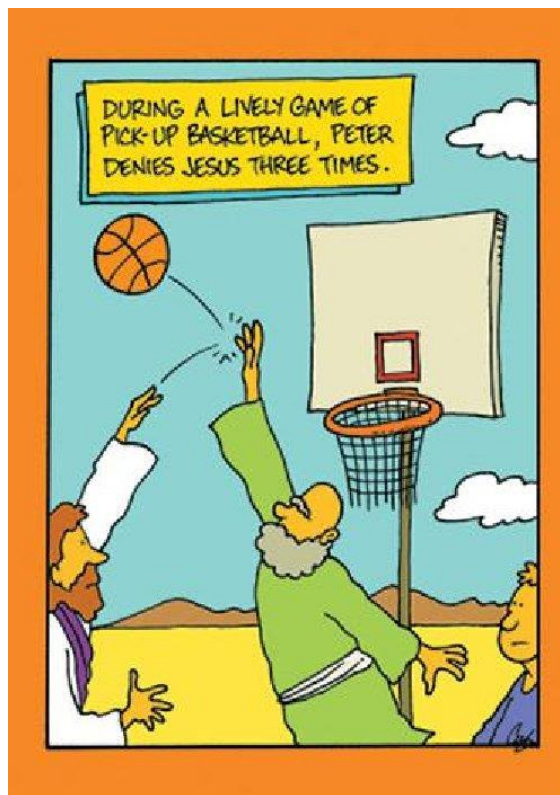
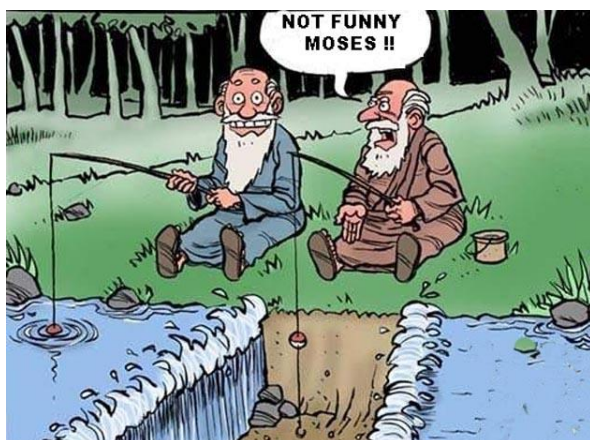
POWER OF THE CROSS

A Joyful'toon by Mike Waters



For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 NIV

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Ministry Opportunities

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand ...”*

Ephesians 2:10

Audio/Visual — Assistants — contact Church Office

Church School — Teachers — contact Sister Yvonne Bush

Grief Share Ministry — Members — contact Sister Denise Mackie-Smith

Health and Wellness Ministry — Nurses — contact Sister Phyllis Jordan

Nursery Ministry — Helpers — contact Sister Allie Hollister

Youth Ministry — Teachers — Youth Bible Study — contact Reverend E. Chris White, III

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VIRTUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE — OCTOBER 28, 2023 @ 5:00 PM

Vision Statement

A Church “Growing by Grace.” (2 Peter 3:18)

Mission Statement

“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

@ the Mount, “Expanding For A Greater Work” (Isaiah 54:2)

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