

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH



Pastor - Dr. Eric Spano

Youth and Children - Bobby Vann

Don't Miss These Exciting Events in March!



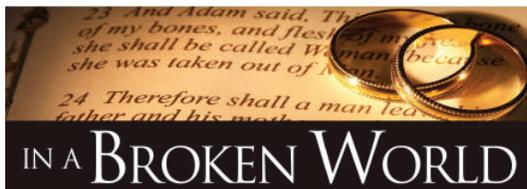
Missions Fundraiser
Saturday, March 8
7am-noon @ MPBC



WOMEN'S RETREAT
March 14-15
Smith Mountain Lake

*"I Am a Warrior: Finding Your Courage
& Strength in Christ"*

A
BIBLICAL
MARRIAGE



Led by Pastor Eric
Begins March 19
Sign up on the bulletin board!

*Mount Pleasant
River Run 2014*

March 22 9am
Roanoke River Greenway
5k walk/run to support youth missions



Dear MPBC family and friends,

As you can see, March should be a great month for several reasons. I am personally looking forward to warmer weather. There are several upcoming events that will provide everyone an opportunity to be involved, enriched, and encouraged. Please take the time to look through the newsletter so that you can know all about this month's happenings.

As I write, this is Dottie Wallace's (church secretary) last day on the job. We will sorely miss her great wit and hard work. Thank you for your service to MPBC.

In Christ,
Pastor Eric

Mount Pleasant River Run 2014



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Early Entry Fee (pay and turn in form by March 19): \$20

- *Cash and checks are accepted at the office of MPBC
- *Money/registration can be mailed, but must be received by March 19.
- *Office hours are Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm

Late Entry Fee (pay and turn in form at event- by 8:30am): \$25

- *Late registration will be accepted between 8-8:30am at the event
- *No refunds will be given. If extreme weather, event will be postponed.
- *Make checks payable to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.
- *Children 10 and under are \$10 with paying adult
- *Children 4 and under are free with paying adult
- *ALL participants must complete the registration form (available at www.mpbcroanoke.com/)

The Course (Roanoke River Greenway):

- 1) Event will begin and end at the Bennington Street parking lot.
- 2) Runners/walkers will go under the 9th St Bridge and turn around.
- 3) "Encouragers" will be along the route and are available for:
 - *waters *calling out your time *direction
- 4) The Roanoke Greenway is open to other runners/walkers, etc. Please keep to the right.

Prizes (TBA):

- *Prizes will be rewarded for each division for top finishers
- *Prizes will be rewarded at 10:15am following the event at the parking lot

Divisions:

- *Male 17 and under; Female 17 and under
- *Male 18-35; Female 18-35
- *Male 36 and up; Female 36 and up

Questions? Visit www.mpbcroanoke.com
or call us at 540-427-5494.

Please help us by getting the word about the race out, and by signing up yourself to walk or run.
All proceeds will support our High school missions team in their mission trip to the Dominican Republic this July.
If you have any questions please see Bobby!



Psalm 24:6
GENERATION
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Dear Church Family,

One of the things that I love about living in Roanoke, aside from our awesome church family, is being able to get a great sense of every season. I love experiencing God's goodness and creativity in the heat of summer and in the dead of winter. I may be one of the only ones but I had a blast playing in the snow in February! I want to thank each of you for coming out and making Tacky Valentine such a memorable night. Oh, and if you haven't yet, make sure you take some time to thank everyone who spent time decorating for that incredible event!

Speaking of Tacky Valentine, I wanted to let you know how much I have enjoyed being able to learn about True Love Waits with you all over the last few weeks and I am incredibly proud of all of you who were courageous enough to pledge a commitment of purity to God in worship. What an awesome morning!

As great as the beginning of 2014 has already been, I know that the rest of the year will be even more incredible. Coming in March we will be playing paintball, so make sure you don't miss out. And of course coming at the beginning of April is our annual DNOW, which will be our biggest event of the year. This is an incredible and low cost weekend retreat where we will worship, grow, play, laugh, compete, and fellowship together. If there is any issue concerning the cost please see me so we can look at our options; we really want you to go!

As always I want to thank our church family for standing behind our ministries to youth and children; your prayers, encouragement and constant support helps fuel us to continue to reach the next generation with the gospel!

In Christ,
Bobby Vann

COMING UP

March 12 Student Life Camp parent information and fundraiser meeting at 6 pm.

March 15 Paintball — be at church by 9:45 am and return between 4:30-5 pm.

Cost is \$25. Pack a bag lunch and remember to wear warm clothing.

March 22 River Run

March 23 Student Life Camp deposit of \$60 due.

April 4-6 DNOW — **Signup by March 16.** Cost is \$35.



STUDENT LIFE
SUMMER 2014





Remember to set your
clocks ahead one hour:

Sunday, March 9th!

March Birthdays



Sharon Salmon	03/02
Cliff Carlton	03/04
Virginia Carter	03/04
Kaitlin Belcher	03/05
Katelyn Jones	03/05
Barbara Roberts	03/07
Rex Mauck	03/08
Ian Thompson	03/11
Tiphonie Witt	03/15
Trae Neal	03/16
Ed Granger	03/19
Lauren Spano	03/19
Hunter Roberts	03/22
Carla Brown	03/26
Ruth Robertson	03/27
Catherine Webb	03/31



**March 19
6:00 pm**

Menu

- Baked Pork
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Rolls
- Dessert
- Tea/Lemonade

Sign up by Sunday,
March 16
on bulletin board.

Prices:

- Adult \$5.50
- Senior (60 & up) \$3.50
- Child (10 & under) \$3.50
- Child (3 & under) Free
- Family (household) \$17.50

Friday Night Friends

**Friday Night Friends @
Cave Spring
Baptist Church**

**Friday, March 28
6:30-9:00 pm**

*Carpool leaves MPBC at 5:45 pm
and returns around 9:30 pm*

USHERS FOR MARCH

- Gary Dogan
- Kelly Exline
- David Cooper
- Donnie Arthur

Sunday Morning Child Care schedules



Infants

- 3/2 Pat Sink & Robin Merchant
- 3/9 Kathie Camper & Eleanor Shephard
- 3/16 Virginia Vann &
- 3/23 Aaron & Melinda Dooley
- 3/30 Libby Draper & Barbara Hinchee

Toddler

- 3/2 Darin Duffy & Kathleen Duffy
- 3/9 Meredith Smith & Brent Smith
- 3/16 Lauren Spano &
- 3/23 Robin & Tim Woolwine
- 3/30 Kyndal & Michael Terrell

Preschool

- 3/2 Kyndal & Michael Terrell
- 3/9 Joyce Lyle & Cindy Ham
- 3/16 Kara Trail & Jay Trail
- 3/23 Jessica & Patrick Harper
- 3/30 Kathy & Doug Fonder

Children's Worship

- 3/2 Tanya Neal
- 3/9 Cindy Weikel
- 3/23 The Logans

**Sunday and Wednesday night
Nursery for March:
Belcher Class**

Deacons Meeting



**Thursday, March 13
4:30 pm**

**Deacons meet the 2nd Thursday of
every month at 4:30 pm.**



ASK

Ministry
Matthew 7:7

*Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened to you.*

I believe this! I want help you be victorious in your walk with the Lord.

You don't have a problem God can't solve!
Ask me to help show you how to
"call on God".

Call unto me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not.
Jeremiah 33:3

Location: Lower Level, across from the Sunday School Office
Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am
Shirley Morgan (Ms. Shirley)



Thank you for the flowers at the time of Sheila's death. Your friendship and encouragement are a great comfort to me.

John Rinehart and family

I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and friendship during the last 2 years. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve MPBC as your secretary. This is a very special congregation and I will miss you dearly. Keep loving one another as I have witnessed so many times!

Blessings,
Dottie Wallace



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missions

MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

RVBA Nickelsville Mission Trip
March 16 - March 21, 2014

The Nickelsville Mission trip is sponsored annually by the WMU of the Roanoke Valley. We partner with Tony and Jan Johnson, Virginia Baptists Venturers. Jan and Tony coordinate the mission efforts in this Southwest Virginia Partnership.

On this mission trip we have the unique opportunity to go into local schools. In the school we implement a program called BookNet. We read a book to each class, lead them in a craft project, and then have them select three books that they can take home to keep. Additionally, Tony lines up home repair projects for needy individuals, we assist in a local food pantry, and visit a nursing home.

Volunteers stay in what used to be a nursing home. It sleeps about 60 people as well as provides a home for Jan and Tony. Contact the RVBA office if you would like to be a part of this ministry.



**2014 Church-Wide Yard Sale
Missions Fundraiser
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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please **DONATE ITEMS** for the sale (no adult clothing please). **The Family Life Center will be open the week prior to the event to drop off items.** Call the church office (540-427-5494) by Wednesday, 3/5 if you have any large items or a large amount of items that need to be picked up.

We also need **donations of BOTTLED WATER, SODAS** (12-packs of canned Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, or Sprite) and **BAKED ITEMS** (individually wrapped muffins, cookies, brownies or other goodies so they are ready to sell) to be dropped off by Friday.

Thank you for supporting our mission teams!

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Roanoke, VA 24014
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- 9 Daylight Saving Time Begins
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