

## MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor - Dr. Eric Spano

Dear MPBC family and friends,

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> is known as Ash Wednesday and it signals the beginning of Lent. Many Baptists are unfamiliar with Lent and often have negative feelings about it because it is associated typically with Roman Catholicism. However, Gina and I observed Lent last year and found it spiritually edifying. We agreed on one thing we would “give up” for Lent and read through Rick Warren’s *Purpose Driven Life*. We chose that resource to work through together because it is a daily organized book revolving around 40 days. Perfect for Lent.

I want to encourage you as a Christian to observe Lent this year. Choose something that you will give up during Lent (maybe some kind of food, drink, activity, etc...) as an act of devotion to Christ. Then replace that thing or activity with a spiritual discipline or activity that will allow you to focus on the coming of the Resurrection (Easter) season. This will help build anticipation for the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Perhaps, like Gina and I, you might find someone to walk with you through Lent. Maybe a spouse, sibling, co-workers or another member of MPBC.

Our Intergenerational Bible Study on Wednesday nights continues to be a success. Both the students and adults are being challenged in our understanding of the gospel. I love the interaction between the different age groups and the discussion time at the end provide a great opportunity to hear different perspectives on the lesson. Let me invite you to be part of the last 2 sessions in March.

We are moving into a fast-passed and busy time of the year, so please stay tuned about various things we will be doing as a church to grow up in our faith and reach out to those around us!

Blessings,  
Pastor Eric



Spring leaves will be  
greening up soon.  
It is beautiful here in Virginia

**SUNDAY WORSHIP at MPBC**  
Sunday School Life Groups: 9:30am  
Worship Service: 10:45am

**Wednesday Evening Meal**  
**March 20**  
**6pm**



Sign-up on bulletin board or by contacting the church office

Deadline to signup: March 17.

**Menu:**

- Spaghetti with meatballs
- Salad
- Dessert

**Prices:**

Adults & Child over age 10:	\$5.50
Senior Adults & Child under 10:	\$3.50
Children under age 3:	<b>FREE</b>
Household/Family	\$17.50

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**



***Blessing Beads  
Shower Invitation***

***Sunday, March 24  
2pm***

*Join us in the Family Life Center  
to help  
Judy Tear with this Summer  
mission trip to the Sioux tribe.*

**Standing Rock Mission  
Bullhead, South Dakota**

**OTHER EVENTS:**



June 24—28  
Sign up on bulletin board

**V B S June 10—14**

We will be needing Yard Sale  
Donations for the April 27 sale.  
Help support our Missions Team.  
For questions please see Dee  
Burks

**GENERATION**  
**246**

**Announcements:**

**DNOW APRIL 12—14**  
Sign up on Bulletin Board

**FUGE MISSION CAMP—at Carson Newman University**  
**June 17-21**  
Sign up on Bulletin Board

# BIRTHDAYS in March and Beyond

Sharon Salmon	Mar 02
Cliff Carlton	Mar 04
Kaitlin Belcher	Mar 05
Iva Maxey	Mar 06
Barbara Roberts	Mar 07
Rex Mauck	Mar 08
Ian Thompson	Mar 11
Haleigh Bush	Mar 18
Lauren Spano	Mar 19
Ed Granger	Mar 19
James Maguire	Mar 20
Hunter Roberts	Mar 22
Conor Duffy	Mar 24
Kiersten Edwards	Mar 25
Carla Brown	Mar 26
Marissa Camper	Mar 27

## Looking Ahead: APRIL

Cindel Camper	Apr 01
Barbara Hinchee	Apr 04
Ashley McKinney	Apr 06
Kaitlyn Logan	Apr 07
Debbie Wilson	Apr 07



Join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. We would love to have you study God's Word with us. There's a group for everyone here at MPBC!

## Looking Ahead: April

- April 19** Good Friday
- April 20** Easter Egg hunt
- April 21** Easter Sunrise Service and Easter Sunday
- April 27** Missions Team Yard Sale



## Church Lock-up Schedule

03/03	David D.
03/10	Todd R.
03/17	John L.
03/24	Duke L.
03/31	Greg B.

### Ushers for March

Patrick Harper, Dean Rorrer  
John Baugh, Ian Thompson

### Ushers for April

Duke Logan, Kaitlin Logan  
Melinda Dooley, Jill Moomey  
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### ADULT CHOIR PRACTICES

5:30 pm on SUNDAYS

### CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Children's Choir

Pre-School Choir

Practices: 7pm on WEDNESDAYS



Come walk with us. Enjoy time with friends as we walk in our Family Life Center. And it's free!

**Mon. evenings 5:30 - 6:15pm**  
**Wed. mornings 10:00 - 11:00am**

## "YOU'LL LOVE OUR FRIENDS!"

- Recreational / Respite Ministry Program for Special Needs Children and their Families
- **Friday, Mar 22 6:30—9:00pm**
- Cave Spring Baptist Church F.L.C.
- Carpool leaves MPBC at 5:45pm
- Medically Staffed
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (Medical or Non-Medical)
- Visit [www.fnfroanoke.org](http://www.fnfroanoke.org)



## MEMORIZATION SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH:

*"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ."*

**Philippians 4:4-7 KJV**



## INFANTS

03/03	Christie R. & Jill M.
03/10	Monte & Libby M.
03/17	Michelle D. & Lonya L.
03/24	Pat S. & Barbara R.
03/31	Kristina A. & Julie E.

## TODDLERS

03/03	Bonnie, Reva & Randall
03/10	Suzanne E. & Beth A.
03/17	
03/24	Jill & Gretchen M.
03/31	April & Brandon F.

## PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN

03/03	Joyce L. & Connie A.
03/10	Meredith & Ethan
03/17	Melinda & Aaron
03/24	Heather & Cindel
03/31	Dee, Sierra & Sienna

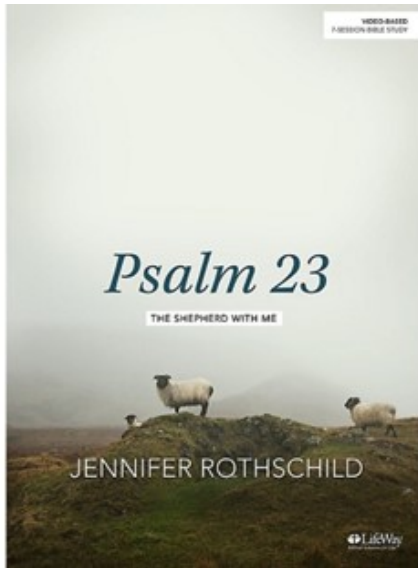
## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

03/10	Duke & Sheila
03/24	Sonya, John & Julie

## WED - INFANT & TODDLER CARE

03/06	Bonnie & Bobby B.
03/13	Diana W. & Lori T.
03/20	Gina S. & Kayla T.
03/27	Bonnie & Bobby B.

**Sunday March 10 at 2am**  
Daylight Savings Time begins!  
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour  
before going to bed.



**THURSDAY MORNING  
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.**

**Meets in the Choir Room**

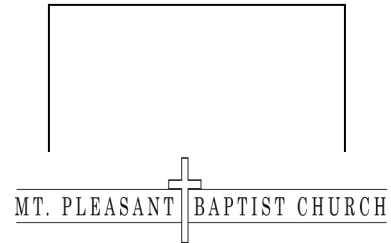
**Study begins on March 7.**

**Psalm 23**

*By Jennifer Rothschild*

\* *"Psalm 23 changed my whole understanding of God's love and care for me.*

Questions contact Patty Cronk or Libby Martin  
*\*excerpt from workbook*



**GROWING UP...REACHING OUT**

**Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday  
9am - 4pm

**MPBC office email:**  
[mpbcoffice@mpbc.roacoxmail.com](mailto:mpbcoffice@mpbc.roacoxmail.com)

**Who we are:** Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is a family of Christian people who love and welcome everyone. We share the gospel of Jesus Christ, serve God through worship, teaching and everyday acts of service.