

MT. PLEASANT
CHURCH
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MT. PLEASANT MESSENGER

September, 2024

From: Pastor Chandler Wilkes

**“Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands
be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.”**

2 Chronicles 15:7 KJV

When we feel like giving up as a church, a community, and as a nation, we should be reminded of this verse daily. We know that our work for the Lord is not unaccounted for. We know that God is in control and we should strive to serve Him, and He will reward us!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MT. PLEASANT

WEEKLY:

Sundays: Sunday School: 9:45 AM—10:45 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM— - Pastor Chandler Wilkes

Tuesdays September 10—Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Fellowship Bldg.

Wednesdays September 18—Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM

Visits with Earl Simpson: Tuesday—Friday 12:00 N to 2:00 PM

Earl enjoys visits and sweet treats are a pleasant surprise for him. Make arrangements for visits by calling LeAnne Simpson at 910-690-4075 or Ben Bullock at 919-907-9726—sign up sheet in the vestibule. If physical visits are not possible. please call Earl at 910-639-1609.

REVIVAL: ANNUALLY

Thursday, September 12, 6:30 PM—in the old church on Lobelia Road

Friday, September 13, 6:30 PM—in the old church on Lobelia Road

Saturday, September 14, 6:30 PM—Pastor Chandler Wilkes, Host.

Please note these revival services will be in the old sanctuary located beside the new church at 4460 Lobelia Road, Vass, NC. We revive our fellowship through worship. Music, message, invitation! Join us for each service.

Sunday, October 13—Marks Wright Reunion: 12:30 PM. Please bring food to share with others. Bring pictures you have of family members. Be sure they have your name on them.

Saturday, October 19—Harvest Sale and Auction: Times will be established.

Foods available:

Times available:

Auction 7:00 PM (See Details on next page for volunteers needed)

OUR ANNUAL HARVEST SALE IS COMING UP SOON:

SATURDAY, OCTOBE 19, 2024

We are beginning to prepare for our event NOW..We are in need of two volunteers to help with our Auction and our Advertising. (We have an auctioneer— this will be to help set up and carry out the auction.) If anyone wants to be the first one to see what is coming up for auction, please volunteer for one or both of these positions! Contact one of the Harvest Sale Committee members: Larry Cameron, Sherry Harrison or Linda Blue.

Our Annual Harvest Sale is a big day and a fun day of fellowship. As most of you know, it takes a lot of working hands to make our Harvest Sale a success. If you would like to help with any of the two days of activities (cooking and preparing the meat, or helping on the day of the sale) contact one of the committee members. For those who provide some of the food or other items, please contact us if you haven't yet done so. Remember: We need desserts for the meal and for sale in the Country Store and in the auction. If you will provide something for the Country Store Sale, please contact Linda Blue.



OFFICERS SERVING IN 2024

DEACONS CHOSEN IN
2023

HAL ABSHIRE- TO 2027
910-783-9233

EARL WILLIAMS - TO 2027
770-639-5627

RYAN KRAMER—TO 2025
910-695-8086

BILL WINFREY—Chair
910-644-2955

KIM YOUNG
910-813-8731

DARRELL KELLY
919-258-6211

OFFICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR

TOMMY McKENZIE

MEMBER AT LARGE

Rick Harrison



**Thank each one of you who agreed to
serve in the position stated above.**

Let God guide you as you serve!

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Heavenly
Father
Please put a hand of
protection this school
year on all the
Children
Teachers
And
Staff
Watch over them
Protect them
Love them
We Thank you
God
For all you do
Amen



What Is Grace?

Grace is a virtue.

Grace is approval without asking.

Grace is a benevolence to the under serving.

Grace is unmerited divine assistance.

Grace is mercy.

Grace is a pardon.

Grace is a courtesy.

Grace is a gift, a privilege, a spontaneous un-
merited present.

Grace is an instance of kindness.

Praises be to God who gives the gift of salva-
tion through GRACE.

This is taken from Lesson 13 "Window on
the Word" in our Adult's Teacher's Guide.

Grace is a virtue was one of my Mom's
{Grace Harrington} favorite phrases!

by Sandra Worley

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN
PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN PRAYER

CPT Ryan Barnes
CPT Mark Howard
SGT Walter Kirk
Emmanuel Lenau
E3 Madison Main
PV2 Paxton Nash
2nd Lt Tyler Nilam
Sabrina O’Oconnell
LTC Joey Odell
MSG Chris Cooper
CPT Alyssa Crandall
1st LAT Michael Crandall
MAJ Eddie Criss
SPC Doug Penny
TSGT Neil Powers
SFC John D Presley
1SGT Shawn P Spears
CPT Matt Turner
1C Trevor William Whiting
SSG Triston Hatcher
Shawn A Haynes
SGT Cassidy Hickman
SGT Brendon Bartz
MAJ Andrew Berreth
SSGT Hunter Burns
SGT Bailey Carroll
E3 Jordan Cole
AIT Timothy O’Connell
PFC Ryan Rubio
SGT Donald Pearce Jr
SSGT Jonathan Pemberton
SSGT Colleen Pemberton

MAJ Andrew Gaab
MAJ Tanya Gaab
SSG Mark Glenn
Kyle Badgett Unit 183 JBPHH
PFC Stephanie Berry US Army
SSG Brandon Berry U S Army

These are our men and women who go to work daily in defense of the many freedoms we enjoy here in the United States of America. We need to pray for them daily and for their safety. Some are in places that can’t be revealed to us. Their addresses do not show where they are currently stationed. Even their loved ones do not know where they are. They may be able to contact each other by computer occasionally, however it is seldom and doesn’t involve any personal information being shared. It is an honor for a family member to serve in our United States Military and we “homefolks” really need to support our military members serving and other families whose loved ones are serving. Thank you for your support of our Military Christmas Gifts which now number over 5,000! Memories are made of some of those messages we get back from them! Thank you!

GIAGANTIC Thank YOU!!!! to all our VBS Volunteers!

By:

DESSERT FIRST—SUNDAY SCHOOL

By: Janet Chilton September 2024

Dessert first? YES! Don't tell me you haven't checked out the dessert table first when we have our meals at Mt. Pleasant! Where do we learn where the better things are, learn what the words mean and how to do the things that we are commanded to do at our worship services? Sunday School is where we are free to attend classes to learn the answers established for our ages. We have ages that we stick to for our younger classes. Older adults pretty much choose where they want to go and with whom they feel comfortable.

The reason that we choose Sunday School is that is the place where we can hear a word from the Holy Bible and we aren't familiar with the word and we want to ask what it means and how do we perform said word if it is a directive on what we should do.

One word that I was introduced to in our August 25 Sunday School lesson was 'justification'! What does that mean? Justification is a one time event—it happens when we first become a Child of God! We are declared legally righteous in the eyes of God. It is a feeling that differs in individuals and it happens only one time in our lifetime. When we become a Child of God!

Another word that was mentioned in our August 25 Sunday School lesson was 'Sanctification' . Sanctification is an on-going process, we do that over and over again. This is the learning of how to stay as close to God worshiping under His rules as we possibly can. This is something that we need to practice every waking moment. Play by God's rules! If we want to do something and it doesn't seem quite right, that is GOD telling us that it isn't in His plan for us. When GOD says NO to us, and He often does; that means that He has something better in mind for us. I often say that GOD is a much better planner that we are!

We have many people who come through our church doors at 11:00 AM on the dot so we are asking, if and when you will, please come to try out some of our Sunday School Classes—we have some fantastic teachers who read, study, pray, and work hard.



WORSHIP SERVICE—FOUNDATION

By: Janet Chilton September 2024

Worship service is where we are given our commandments on what we should do! Pastor Chandler Wilkes gives us Commandments. What he tells us from the pulpit as his sermon isn't just a suggestion—it is a COMMANDMENT. We can't ask questions. By the time we get to our worship service, it is time that we should have gone to DESSERT FIRST—SUNDAY SCHOOL—where we should have asked questions and learned what to do and how to do it to become a Child of God. What we hear when we get to our worship service is how we should act. Nobody is perfect but the Holy Bible should direct our behavior.

We have Sunday School literature which is one of the places to learn how and what to study. So for the final quarter in the year 2024, through our Sunday School Classroom, we are on a daily mission field: From our Sunday School quarterly: Opportunities for evangelism abound! Unbelievers may visit our class, and we as students certainly meet non-Christians in our daily lives. Take the time to encourage unbelievers and share the Gospel message with them. Where do we learn how to do that? In our Sunday School Classes! This is where we may find unbelievers who are ready to respond to the good news of the kingdom of God. Here is where we learn to present the Gospel clearly and simply!

1. All of us have sinned and need forgiveness if we are to have eternal life with God.
(Romans 3:23)

2. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for our sins and rose again
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

3. In His death, Christ died for our wrongdoings.
(1 Peter 2:24)

4. In His resurrection He overcame the power of death.
(Hebrews 2:14-15)

5. We need to acknowledge our sin and believe in Christ.
(John 3:16; Acts 3:19; Romans 10:9-10)

We will be saved, forgiven, adopted into God's family, and given the blessing of life with God forever. (John 10:10; Ephesians 1:3-7)

TEACHER SUPPLY WISH LIST 2024

Tissues

Clorox Wipes

Paper Towels

Individually wrapped candy

Pencils

Notebooks

Colored Pens

Colored Markers

Walmart gift card





WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT HAVING FAITH?

BY: JANET CHILTON AUGUST 2024

Hebrews 11:1

“Now *faith* is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

James 2:17

“In the same way, *faith* by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead!”

Hebrews 11:6

“And without *faith* it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

Matthew 17:20

Faith can move mountains!

20: He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have *faith* as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

And 2 Corinthians 5:7 says “For we live by *faith*, not by sight.”

During earlier months this year, we heard people asking and even praying for rain. We believe in the power of prayer—don’t we? Yet how many of you prayed for rain and carried an umbrella? Open OR closed? I didn’t see a single person carrying an umbrella. Obviously, we have been OUTFAITHED by James shown on the next page. He prayed as much as his age can AND he carried an umbrella.

(This may or may not have been the situation but I will go to almost any lengths to get a picture of my sweet pew buddy!)

But I can verify if needed that he is in church almost every Sunday and it’s so precious to hear all of our youngsters in action in church!

PROOF OF HAVING FAITH
WHEN WE PRAY FOR RAIN!



SEPTEMBER CHUCKLES

His Dizzy Aunt: Verti Gogh

The Brother who worked at a convenience store: Stop N Gogh

The Grandfather from Yugoslavia U Gogh

His Magician Uncle - Where-diddy Gogh

The Nephew who drove a stage coach - Wells-far Gogh

The ballroom dancing Aunt - Tang Gogh

The bird lover Uncle - Flamin Gogh

An Aunt who taught positive thinking - Way-to-Gogh

The little bouncy Nephew - Poe Gogh

A Sister who loved disco - Go Gogh

The Brother with low back pain - Lum Bay Gogh

And his Niece who travels the country in an RV

WINNIE BAY GOGH

BIRTHDAYS

- 3. Hal Abshire
- 7. Karen Hill
- 8. Cyrus Odell
- 8. Kimberly Hill
- 9. Jordan Thompson
- 16. Bonnie Lyczkowski
- 12. Sherry Floyd
- 12. Ann Smith
- 17. Tina Thompson
- 18. Anne Seagroves
- 19. Lauren T. Carrier
- 21. Kathy Fish
- 24. Linda Blue
- 28. Droxie Hennings
- 29. Sadie Flynn



Wedding Anniversaries

- 17. Denise & Jeff Godfrey
- 18. Sherry & Jeff Floyd
- 28. Sandy & Jim Kennedy
- 29. Treva & Tommy
McKenzie



September, 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1. Prayer 9:30 A SS 9:45 AM Worship 11 A	2.	3.	4. Youth 5:30 Choir 5:45	5.	6.	7.
8. Prayer 9:30 SS 9:45 AM Worship 11 A Business 12:N	9.	10.	11. Warriors 6:00 PM	12.	13.	14.
15. Prayer 9:30 A SS 9:45 AM Worship 11 A	16.	17. Women's Bible Study	18. Youth 5:30 Choir 5:45 Adult Bible Study 6:30	19.	20.	21.
22. Prayer 9:30 A SS 9:45 AM Worship 11 A	23.	24. Women's Bible Study	25. Warriors 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30	26.	27.	28.
29. Prayer 9:30 A SS 9:45 AM Worship 11 A	30.					