

The Mount

"Where a SPLASH 4 Christ inspires everlasting love 4!"



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Splash Edition

Greeting *Dr. Anthony W. Bailey, Pastor*

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our church! On behalf of the church as a body, I take this precious moment to thank our heavenly Father for your presence and the wonderful opportunity God granted you to come share and celebrate in worship with us this season.

Mindfully, Thanksgiving was a blessed day, filled with gratitude, surrounded by family and friends! What a joyful way to begin the Advent season. The season is upon us and the celebration of Christ's Birth is near at hand!

My prayer for one and all, is a pray which instills a 'Shining Star' for all to follow, reminding each one of us to strive to find a way to remember what this season is all about! Praying that in our remembering we shall seek out ways to pass-on the message of Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love. I pray that you will feel God's hope, peace, joy and love this season! Letting every moment this holiday season remind you of the 'Shining Light of God' which was transmitted to all the world – at the dawn of the early light, on that first Christmas morning.

SPLASH

Show People Love and Share His Mission, Message, & Plans of Salvation

Thoughts for the Month

Be It Our Attitudes

Luke 6: 20-26

During this Holiday season, I would like to suggest three simple ways to reflect on all that God has done in your life. **Reflect on the blessing of God's Goodness**- blessing means great happiness, prosperity, abundant goodness, and delight. **Reflect on the blessing of God's Grace**- If you're anything like me, you realize that part of God's goodness is His grace in your life. **Reflect on the blessing God's Guidance**- As you reflect on the close of 2018, let us be ever mindful of all He is doing in us and through us.

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Bibles Study (Holiday Schedule)

Join us weekly for an amazing time in the Word of God.

11/28; 12/5; 12/12

11am & 7pm

Bible Study Canceled
December 19th - January 2nd

Mark Your Calendar

- **Congregational Mtg**, Friday, December 7th @ 7:00 pm.
- **Combined Choir Rehearsal** **November 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**
- **Baptism Service**, Sunday, December 9th @ 10:00 am.
- **MPBC Family Christmas Social & Dinner**, **December 15th**, 5:00 pm. Church Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, December 16th**, **3:00 pm.** Worship & Fellowship with Pastor James Barnes and Stokes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church for Pastoral anniversary.

Sick & Shut-In – Please remember to pray for, visit, cards and/or call our members that are sick, shut - in or hospitalized.

Clara Mitchell
Mary Hopkins
Zella Walker

Frances Keith
Mark & Eloise Branch
Diane Keith

Walter Hunter
Ida Barrow
Novellette Sanders

Ministry Highlights

First Aide Ministry, Deacon Pete Dunn, Ministry Leader
peterock19@gmail.com

Looking for a way to increase your knowledge of health care and actively share that knowledge, the First Aid Ministry is for you! We invite all to join us every **3rd Sunday of the month, after Worship, in the Fellowship Hall.**

Homeless Initiative

Michael Latney, Ministry Lead
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We will feed the Homeless **and** prepare food bags for 150 people. We need donations and participation. Sign up today in the front Vestibule!

Save the Date:

Friday, December 14th at 6:00 pm
Food Bag Prep in the Fellowship Hall

Oak City Outreach Volunteers
Food Bags & Blanket Distribution
Saturday, December 15th at 10:30 am
See page 5 for address!

Usher Ministry, Teresa Hall

MPBC ushers are dedicated to making you feel welcome. Our ushers are available at every service to help and offer a friendly smile and a warm handshake. We are always in need of more ushers and greeters, so if you are interested in helping, please contact our ministry!

Trailblazer Ministry

Sis. Lizzie Justice, Ministry Leaders – 617ljustice@gmail.com



Every December, Capitol Broadcasting Company sponsors the Golden Years Holiday Celebration luncheon for the members of the Golden Years Association of the Raleigh (NC) Parks and Recreation Department. Held at the Raleigh Convention and Conference Center in the city's downtown, the celebration attracts over 1,000 senior citizens each year.

The event includes a variety of musical entertainment and ends with the attendees pushing back their chairs and taking a turn on the dance floor.

Transportation will be provided. Please sign up today if you plan to attend. See Sis Lizzie Justice for details!

Sunday School

Bro. Carl Steward, Superintendent



You Were Made for More. We want to help you discover what that is! Love Those in Front of Us. Helps to Fulfill Purposes. Expands Your Courage. Jesus Is the Priority. **Please join us every Sunday morning from 9:40 am to 10:40 am.**

Children and youth Sunday school classes use curriculum designed to help them learn the Bible and apply it to their lives. Adult classes choose the area they will study.



Mission Ministry Rev. Linda Gills, Assoc. Pastor for Mission
lbgill@twc.com

Join us for Caroling

December 19, 2018, 7:00 PM - Wednesday
 Raleigh Rehabilitation Center, 616 Wade Avenue, Raleigh, NC

December 22, 2018, 2:30 PM - Saturday
 Rex Rehabilitation, 4210 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC



December 9, 2018 – 11:00 am

Scholarship Ministry

Margie Williams, Ministry Lead
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Every 5th Sunday of the year we ask each member to contribute a love offering to the scholarship ministry.

Save the Date:
Scholarship Contribution Sunday
December 30, 2018!

Monthly Meetings: 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. 12/12/18



Best wishes to all celebrating a
 Birthday or Anniversary the month
 of December!

First Aid Ministry Deacon Pete Dunn, Ministry Leader
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December National Health Observance

World Aids Campaign
 Email: aidsinfo@unaids.org
www.worldaidsday.org www.hiv.gov

National Handwashing Awareness
 (513) 769-HAND (4263)
www.henrythehand.org

National Influenza Vaccination Awareness
 National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases
 (800) CDC-INFO (232-4636)
www.cdc.gov/flu/nivw/

December 13, 2018 – Joins us at Litchford Nursing Home for Annual Shopping spree, 8:30 am – 11:00 am.

MPBC helps to showcase the latest in fashion and home decor trends, unique gifts and holiday goods for love ones who are unable to go out and shop for Christmas. We provide Gift wrapping, card signing, and other featured services. Helping to make Christmas specials for love ones in the Nursing Home. Please Rev. Linda Gill to volunteer and for list of items requesting.

The Theology & Place of Music in Worship

The people of God sung, after escaping from the Egyptians and crossing the Red Sea, the people of Israel sang a song to the Lord (Exod. 15).

Singing was part of formal worship in both tabernacle and temple (1 Chron. 6:31-32, 16:42).

The Psalms bear rich testimony that in joy and sorrow, in praise and lament, the faithful raise their voices in song to God. Hymn singing was practiced by Jesus and his disciples (Matt. 26:30).

The Apostle Paul instructed the Colossians, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3: 16-17). Music and song continue to play a vital role in the life of God's people today.

1. Music is a gift of God and part of the created order.
2. Singing is a ministry that belongs to all the people of God.
3. The church's ministry of song is for the glory of God.

Music Ministry T. Scott Garriss, Director
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Baptist Affiliation Newsflash

Wake Missionary Baptist Association
www.wakemissionarybapt.org

**General Baptist State
 Convention of North Carolina**
gbsconline.org

New Tithe and Offering Envelope

Finance Administrator, Georgia Lynch georgia_lynch@att.net

New Tithe and Offering envelope. No need for separate envelopes or different offerings – all offerings are combined in one envelope. This eliminates the need to write separate checks or having the correct change for each envelope. Please review the new envelope and for the most part is self-explanatory.

To ensure that your offering goes where you intend, please be aware of the distinction between *Mission* and *Benevolence*.

Mission contributions are used to spread the gospel or to carry out humanitarian efforts or to support organizations that do, such as, Lott Carey and the Oxford Children Home. **Benevolence** is support given to help others, such as, the sick and shut-in or someone experiencing financial hardship. The blank lines may be used for special offerings.



Please write (or print) your first name, last name, and if applicable, your suffix legibly on your envelope.

Advent

Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming.

Date: Dec 2, 2018 – Dec 24, 2018

Significance: Preparation for the commemoration of the [birth of Jesus](#)

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming. During the month of December is an incredible opportunity for a powerful encounter with Jesus. I invite you the few weeks, during Advent, to take a step back and look at who we are, what we are doing, and where Jesus fits into our lives. Jesus came into this world for you, to bring meaning and deep satisfaction into your life, to fill you with lasting joy, and ultimately to bring you to eternal happiness with him in heaven. That's what we celebrate at Christmas. Are you ready?



Week 1 Prayer focus Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2 Prayer focus Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Week 3 Prayer focus Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Week 4 Prayer focus Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



Your Personal Invitation to Prayer

Starting 11/8/18

The new MPBC Teen Prayer Line, every Thursday night at 7pm. The Prayer Line will be an opportunity for MPBC Teens & Youth to feel free to talk to the Lord in their own way. This will be a judgment-free zone designed to give our youth the freedom to read scripture and pray to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Remembering Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." God Bless!

Minster Michael Barrow, Youth Minister

Prayer Line number: 605-472-5355 (toll free)

Access code: 907117



Oh come, let us adore him the month of December! Make plans to join us throughout the season for an array of special services and events.

Join us

Sharing with the Nursing Home

Shopping Spree

December 13, 2018 - 8:30 AM

Litchford Falls Nursing & Rehabilitation Center,
8200 Litchford Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615

Sharing with the Homeless

December 15, 2018 - 10:30 am

Bag Lunches and Blanket Distribution
215 S Person St, Raleigh, NC 27601

Christmas Fellowship Social

December 15, 2018 - 5pm

Church Fellowship Hall

Caroling

December 19, 2018, 7:00 PM - Wednesday

Raleigh Rehabilitation Center, 616 Wade Avenue, Raleigh, NC

December 22, 2018, 2:30 PM - Saturday

Rex Rehabilitation, 4210 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC

Worship with US

December 23, 2018 - 10 am

Christmas Worship Celebration & Fellowship

Featuring the New Heights Christmas Play (The Christmas Play)

MPBC Legacy Praise Dance, & Music Ministry

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Legacy Praise Dance Ministry

Praise Dance Ministry is open to all who desire worshipping and praising God by lifting the banners of victory. Our ministry is growing in praise and worship the Lord through the God-given gift of dance. We wish to touch the lives of people in such a way to bring about "real" change, encouragement and/or conversion in their lives.

Meeting & Rehearsal: Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m.

Irene Gray, Ministry Leader - igray4@nc.rr.com

Bible Scholar Trivia

Who will be this December Scholar?

Herod sent the wise men in search of the Baby. What was his real reason for wanting to know where Jesus was?

Answers & Scripture Text: _____

Please write your full name and date on your response and place answer in blue slot on the Pastor office door!

**November winners Sis. Deanna Easley & Deaconess Rosabell Thornton-Jones!
Congratulations**



Youth Ministry Minster Michael Barrow, Sr. Children & Youth Pastor
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SHARE THE WARMTH BLANKET DRIVE - Youth Ministry are collecting blankets for *Share Warmth & Hope*. The blankets will be distributed during the Homeless Initiative on December 15th at Oak City Outreach. This is a **one-day event**. Thanks to Youth Ministry for helping coordinate this cause and sincerest thanks to the congregation for your support! Please see Minister Michael Barrow or Victoria Ingram for details.

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WEDNESDAY

Prayer Devotional & Bible Study
11:00 am & 7:00 pm

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday
10:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Please schedule appointment
to meet with Pastor**

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