We are delighted to have you with us at this time, and pray that you will experience the deep love of God the Father as you share in the life of his church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

More details and registration (where required) for these events are available at the Info Point, through the Church Office, or online at mounties.org.au or facebook.com/mpbcperth

OPENING HOURS

Monday & Saturday 8.00am-2.00pm

Tuesday – Friday 8.00am-2.30pm

Infuse Cafe, Booragoon Campus



Cafe

Sunday Morning

7.45-8.45am, 10.00-10.40am WHERE: Infuse Cafe, Booragoon Campus

General

Easter Services

GOOD FRIDAY 8.45 & 10.30am Booragoon, 9am at Coolbellup EASTER SUNDAY 8.45 & 10.30am Booragoon, NO PM SERVICE, 9am at Coolbellup

House of Prayer

WHEN: Friday 5 April 6-9am & Thursday 11 April 6-9pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium
Come and join the Church in
prayer in a flexible environment
and for as long as you wish.

Vose Seminary Book Sale

WHEN: Saturday 6 April, 9.00am-3.00pm WHERE: 20 Hayman Rd, Bentley

There are over 30,000 second-hand books for you to choose from along with a sausage sizzle, cream teas and a whole lot more. Unsold books will continue to be on sale at Vose during business hours until 26 April.

Church AGM

WHEN: Sunday 28 April 12pm WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium All who consider MPBC their home are encouraged to attend as we look back on 2018

Busy Bee

WHEN: Saturday 27 April 8am-4pm WHERE: Booragoon Campus

This Busy Bee will focus on cleaning all the chairs and external jobs. There will be another one in winter to undertake internal jobs. Your help would be much appreciated as we work together to look after our wonderful facility. Sign up at the Info Point or speak to Gladys.

2019 Key Events

Restoration: Journey to Healing & Wholeness Allan & Helen Meyer: 21-25 August

Community Ministries

Singles Alive

Details of events for the singles group coordinated by Elsie & Neil Murray are available at the Info Point and on the noticeboard.

PIE Night

No PIE Night in April. Next PIE Night will be Thursday 16 May when the guest speaker will be Dan Paterson from RZIM International Ministries.

Essence HOPE Breakfast

WHEN: Saturday 6 April, 8.30am-10.30am WHERE: Booragoon Campus

Tickets available at the Info Point or online: **mounties.org.au/hope**

Children & Families

Baby Dedications

Our next Baby Dedication services will be on Sunday 30 June & 13 October. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact the Church Office 9329 1777

College

Digital Photography for Beginners 2019

WHEN: Thursdays 2-30 May, 7.00-9.00pm WHERE: Booragoon Campus Room 10 Do you have a DSLR camera? Do you want to learn how to take better photos? This short course helps aspiring photographers become familiar with the key features of a DSLR camera. You will be surprised how easy it is to shoot in manual mode and to improve your photographs. Online registrations mpc.wa.edu.au/beginnerphoto

Watoto Children's Choir - SAVE THE DATE

WHEN: Sunday 26 May 5.30pm WHERE: Booragoon Campus



FINANCES

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET:

\$325,344

YTD ACTUAL:

\$295,269

YTD DEFICIT:

\$-30.075

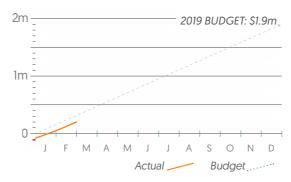
Giving to the Building Fund as at 28 February 2019:

YTD ACTUAL:

\$49,499

ANNUAL TARGET: \$360.000

Giving to the Church Operating & Missional Links account as at 28 February 2019:



Please note that we fell short of our 2018 general offering target by \$49,000. So far in 2019, we are seeing a shortfall of \$30,075. As a result we are experiencing significant cash flow and working capital challenges. Hopefully together we can recitify the current situation. Our financial reporting is based on a calendar year (January to December)

For all giving enquiries:

finance@mounties.org.au or 9329 1777.

You can pay for church related events including camps via our EFTPOS machine at the Info Point each Sunday morning, or online any time at: www.mounties.org.au/payment For Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) of offerings and donations visit our website at www.mounties.org.au/giving, or use the Commonwealth Bank details adjacent:

Church Offerings: (No tax receipt)

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church BSB 066–124 Acc No. 0090 3735

College Donations: (No tax receipt) Mount Pleasant Baptist Community College BSB 066–163 Acc No. 1036 7831

Building Fund Donations: (Tax receipt)
Mount Pleasant Baptist Community College
BSB 066-163 Acc No. 1036 7858
Please include your full name

The Book Shop

Easter is a great time to re-read the four gospel accounts and reflect on what

Jesus's death and resurrection means to you personally. All bibles in the Mounties

Book Shop have been permanently discounted 10% below normal retail prices, so if you would like to share the Good News with a new believer, why not grab one as a gift.

Ladies' Book Club:

Ladies, we would love you to join our book club for a discussion of 'It's not supposed to be this Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered' by Lysa Terkeurst at 7.30pm on Thursday 11 April. For further information, please contact Tracy on tracyobeasley@gmail.com

OPENING TIMES:

Sunday 9.45am-10.30am & 11.45am-12.30pm

Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-12pm (during school terms)

Order online:

mounties.org.au/bookshop

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

A Gathering Momentum: Stories of Christian Unity Transforming Our Towns and Cities by Roger Sutton

> A Disruptive Gospel: Stories & Strategies for Transforming Your City by Mac Pier

As we look forward to the first
Movement Day Conference to be
held in Perth in early May, these two
books look at what the church and
diverse Christian leadership can
achieve when they unite and work
together to advance the gospel.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am-4.30pm

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THIS MONTH

We have had some wonderful feedback from our recent "Ears to Hear" series based on the letters to the seven churches in Revelation. Many

people have heard the voice of God speaking into their own personal circumstances, and together we have sensed God's powerful presence with us as a church family. This month we turn our attention to the events surrounding the cross, the key focal point of our faith. We look forward to our Easter services and encourage you to invite friends and family to come and hear the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. On the Sundays either side of Easter, we will look more closely at the prayer of Jesus recorded in John 17. What a comfort to know that Jesus prayed for us at that time, and in fact continues to pray for us. This prayer is uttered by Jesus as he anticipates what is to come at the cross, and yet the prayer is marked not by despondency, but by hope, joy and triumphant expectation. With this in mind, our theme for this series is "Glory." - Nick Scott

Coolbellup Update Faster Offering

March has been a glorious month with ministries back in full swing again. The preaching series on the seven churches in Revelation 2 & 3 has been a great blessing with powerful messages for us. We will end the month on Sunday 31 March with a great service of praise, testimonies, and five water baptisms followed by lunch all together. We have decided to introduce a second service on a Saturday evening, so with much excitement we are planning and praying. On a recent Saturday we held a busy bee to serve one of our members at their home - a great blessing to all be together and see the transformation of a back vard being cleaned up. Our congratulations to Pastor Michael Christie for being awarded Dux of Vose Seminary. We are so proud of you Michael. Peter Christofides

This year our Good Friday Offering will go towards helping the victims of the devastating Cyclone Idai which recently left a path of destruction across Mozambique. Zimbabwe and Malawi. Heavy rains have hindered efforts to deliver aid and made communication difficult, but reports of the damage are now emerging - the dealth toll is 500 and rising, and an estimated 15,000 people need rescuing from floodwater. There is a great and growing need for aid, and recovery and rebuilding will take time. Baptist World Aid has launched an emergency appeal to help supply clean water and food to survivors through Christian partners on the ground. Please pray and give generously to our Good Friday Offering Appeal. Offering envelopes will be available closer to

Salty Weekend, 17-14 April

SALTY Weekend is going to be an amazing weekend focused on what it means to be family. The theme is 'Koinonia', which means fellowship or communion. We'll be giving God the space to challenge us and to lead us into radical community with a mixture of worship, teaching, personal reflection, as well as group activities, games, food and lots more. Retreats are always an amazing opportunity to build relationships, create memories, have fun and best of all, grow, personally and spiritually; so if you're a Young Adult, don't miss it! Registrations close Sunday 7 April - online at **mounties.org.au/saltyweekend**



Alpha - Starts 30 April @ Ipm

Mark your diary: Alpha will be running at MPBC just after Easter. Alpha is an opportunity to explore what life is about. Invitation cards with full details are available at the Info Point.

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Facing the Parkness Morie

Samaritan's Purse stands ready to respond at a moment's notice to humanitarian crisis around the world, bringing relief, comfort, physical help and life-saving, emergency aid to victims of war, famine, natural disaster, poverty and disease. This movie tells the true story of saving Dr Brantly from ebola in Africa and will be screened at MPBC on Thursday 11 April at 7.30pm. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per seat to help cover the costs of the screening. More info and ticket reservations at:

samaritanspurse.org.au/facing-darkness-2019-screenings/

Keys to Effective Prayer Stage

In March 2018, we were delighted to host of Keys to Effective Prayer with around 160 Brian Pickering from the Australian Prayer Network to run Stage 1 of Keys to Effective Prayer. Brian is a nationally renowned speaker on the subject of prayer and runs prayer schools all over Australia. 400 people from 60+ churches across Perth attended Stage 1. With so much positive feedback, we were pleased to run a follow-on seminar in 2019, the first of our pillar events for the year. Brian. along with Matthew Bolte and Ben Gray, returned to MPBC in March to run Stage 2

people present. Topics covered included: understanding the responsibilities and pitfalls of intercession, prayer and evangelism, spiritual strongholds and how to deal with them, and how to pray during difficult times. Once again we have been delighted at the response. It's wonderful to see so many people passionately pursuing a deeper understanding of prayer. We look forward to seeing what God is going to do in our midst through this teaching.



Times and Seasons' Mosqie

Coordinated by Michael Lush, a group of mosaic artists have been working on a beautiful mosaic to be mounted on the wall outside Infuse Cafe. Michael's initial idea was to create a mosaic that communicates the international nature of our church family, with Christ at the centre, drawing inspiration from Pete Seegar's 1960 song 'Turn, Turn, Turn' adapted from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. It has been a significant community project as many people freely offered skills, time and materials. As we celebrate our 60th anniversary, it also provides an opportunity for people to give to the work of the church in Burundi, Africa, which ministers to a country still recovering from a bitter civil war. The



mosaic will be unveiled on Sunday 28 April. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to assist the Burundi churches, and to pray for them. Look out for the giving envelopes with a Burundi stamp, or make a bank transfer to the church account (BSB 0661124 Acc. 0090 3735) with the reference 'Burundi Mosaic'.

International Dinner

It was with great excitement that we were able to enjoy the richness of our diversity at our recent International Dinner. Over 220 people from 23 different nationalities shared together an evening of fellowship, fun and great food. It was a blessing to see how diverse our Church family is and to welcome those who were new to our Church, new to Perth, or new to Australia. We plan to commence a New to Perth group in the near future – to help foster new friendships, to provide relevant



information to help settle in Perth, so that the transition to Perth and MPBC will be as smooth as possible. More information about this group will be coming soon.

Church Family Directory

Are you on the Hub? Is your email address up to date? We'll soon be emailing everyone who calls MPBC "home" to ensure that all your details are correct before launching our online Church Family Directory (you will be issued a username and password to

gain access). Please drop by the "Hub Booth" (in the Booragoon foyer Sundays 31 March to 14 April) to ensure that you're on the Hub and that your email address is correct. If you have any questions or can't be at Booragoon on those dates, please contact *matthew.storms@mounties.org.au* — Thank you in advance!

Grammy Awards

At the 2019 Awards, Lauren Daigle's album Look Up Child and the single, You Say, received Grammy Awards. Paul Mabury produced the album, co-wrote the songs [with Lauren and Jason Ingram], and played drums. His twin brother Brett did the string arrangements. The journey began, however, here at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, about the time Lauren was born.

In the 1990s, a group of our young adults asked, "What if the Lord were to enable us to create music that is so good people outside the church want to listen to it, and when they do, they hear the gospel in a manner which resonates with them?" They called this, Get the VIBE - Vision Inspired By Emmanuel.

The Lord has graciously honoured the decades of hard work since. One week after the September 2018 album release a Rolling Stone magazine article stated, "Well ahead of records by Drake, Ariana Grande, Mac Miller, Post Malone, Travis Scott and Nicki Minaj, is a somewhat unexpected record called Look Up Child ... selling 115,000 units.

On 28 February Billboard reported, "You Say" was, "extending its mark for the most time at No. 1 by a soloist... the album has seen better sales than many popular mainstream artists".



Merle and Graham were at the album concert in Carnegie Hall. They pray this will encourage and inspire many as together, we continue to follow Jesus in the vision inspired by Him.



Family News:

CONGRATULATIONS

To our amazing Vose graduates who were awarded the following at the recent Commencement and Conferral Service:

Sara De Souza - Master of Divinity and the 700 Level Award.

Michael Christie – Master of Divinity and Dux Award.

Erin Cooley - Language Studies Award.

SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of: Yuet Lee & Jane Thrift whose fathers passed away recently.

lf vou have items of family news that you would like included in this section in future months, please forward details to the Church office.

If you have any pastoral or prayer needs, please **CARE Ministry** fill out a Request CARE Card at the Info Point. This will give us the opportunity to care for you.