

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.

MPK Appointment

We will be very sad to say good bye to **Liezl Breytenbach** who has served as a gifted and enthusiastic Assistant Children & Families Pastor. We wish you every blessing Liezl as you take up a full-time teaching role next year. It is with great delight that we have appointed **Shirley Seah** to the role. Shirley and her husband Mark will be joining us from Faith Community Church. Shirley has a strong background in teaching and she is excited by this new challenge that the Lord has called her to. Please make Shirley and Mark welcome as they settle into the Mounties family.

Essence Mystery Movie Night

Essence events are characterised by their excellent organisation, a sense of fun and a warm and friendly atmosphere. The Essence Movie Mystery Night held on the 4 November was no exception. The event allowed women to gather together and enjoy a time of socialisation and celebration. What was most powerful and heart-warming for me was the effort to include all women. This was evident in the provision of an interpreter during the welcome and the use of captioning on the screen for the deaf and hard of hearing women in the audience. It really was a fully inclusive event. The mystery movie, 'Hidden Figures', follows the stories of three truly remarkable African American women, their struggles against the racism of their time, and their triumphs over adversity. For many in the audience, this is living history and it is incredible to reflect on the enormous change which has occurred during the last 50 years in the western world. Thank you to the Essence team. It was a fantastic night which celebrated women and their achievements. – *Kirsten Napoli*



Family News:

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to:

Family and friends of **Margaret McMullen (Edmonds)** who passed away 4 November.

WEDDING – congratulations to:

Emma Clarke and Luke Sandells who were married on 27 October.

BIRTHS – congratulations to:

Gen and Jules Wilmot on the birth of their son, **Nolan Henry**, born 26 October in Port Hedland.

Adeline and James Hillan on the birth of their son, **Julien Isaac**, born 16 November.

MEMBERSHIP

Carl Hough, Christine Wright

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

Mount Pleasant College

2017 has been yet another busy year for the College. Our students have finished their work, gained qualifications, and are busy considering how to use newfound skills and knowledge in their chosen career paths. Our staff are finalising their teaching duties and preparing for the challenges of 2018. Looking back, it is easy to point to **Launchpad** and **Emerge** as highlights and outstanding successes. There are other great stories, however, including the sense of success experienced by several of our students with learning difficulties. Their achievement in completing courses makes all of the effort worthwhile. The dedication of our trainers, who walked with those students, is also something to be celebrated. Looking forward, it is not too late to enrol for 2018 courses – there are still spots available. Encourage someone today by inviting them to explore our College community.



FINANCES

Our financial reporting is based on a calendar year (January to December)

Giving to the Church Operating and Missional Links account

BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET (31 OCTOBER 2017)	
	\$1,468,378	
ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL:	YTD DEFICIT:
	\$1,439,371	-\$29,007

Giving to the Building Fund as at 31 October 2017

YTD ACTUAL:	ANNUAL TARGET:
\$304,299	\$400,000

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

The Book Shop will be closed from 25 December, reopening Sunday 4 February. Before then, do not miss the opportunity to purchase from a wide range of Christmas gifts, cards and calendars.

The Ladies Book Club is in recess until February. It is planning to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in 2018 - if you are interested in some fun and fellowship over a book review, contact Gladys Burgess at the Church Office.

BOOK SHOP OPENING TIMES:

Sunday:	9.45am-10.30am 11.45am-12.30pm
Wednesday:	9.00am-1.30pm <i>(during school terms)</i>

CARE Ministry

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

Booragoon Campus | College | Office:

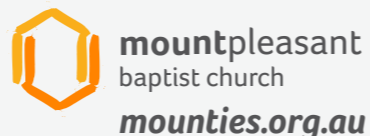
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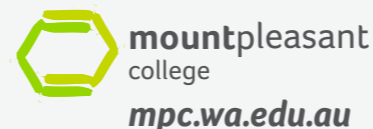
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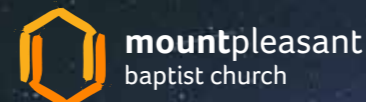
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This Month



This is the time of the year when we remember with great fondness the story of Jesus born in a stable in Bethlehem in the humblest of circumstances. In the story there were shepherds living in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them. We can only imagine what this glory might have comprised and what exactly took place – perhaps a dazzling white light; perhaps the deafening roar of the heavenly choir that suddenly appeared. However this glory manifested, it was enough to absolutely terrify the shepherds. But more significantly, this encounter with God in all his glory changed their lives forever and brought them to a place of faith in God. The New Testament teaches us that the glory of God can be seen in all its fullness in the life of this one who was born in a stable in Bethlehem. Still today, people who encounter Jesus find their lives changed forever as they put their faith in him. Our prayer is that this might be your experience this Christmas season. – Nick Scott

Bible readings for December:	3 Dec	Isaiah 9:1-7	17 Dec	Luke 1:26-38,46-56
	10 Dec	Luke 1:5-25,67-79	24 Dec	Luke 2:8-20
			31 Dec	1 Thess. 5:16-18

Christmas Offering 2017

Here at Mounties, our heart is to reflect the generous and loving God that we serve, by donating all of our Christmas and Easter offerings to the Lord's work outside of the church. This Christmas, the entire offering will be given to the work of **EmpowerAid** in Bangladesh. This ministry, headed up by Jennifer Quartermaine, lifts marginalised and vulnerable women out of poverty by providing training and income-generating opportunities in hairdressing and beauty. Our 2017 Christmas offering will go towards establishing a new training parlour in Mymensingh, which will not only directly impact the lives of countless women, but also help EmpowerAid in Bangladesh to be self-sustaining into the future.

Operation Christmas Child

570 Shoeboxes were collected at MPBC and delivered to Operation Christmas Child – more than our target of 500! Also, more than \$1000 was given in financial donations to help towards postage costs, of which \$562 was raised by the MPK cake stall. Thank you everyone for your generosity and to Jody Bennett who, once again, ably coordinated the project.



Dec/Jan Office Closures

Over the Christmas/New Year break the Church and College office will be closed from **Monday 25 December** and will reopen on **Tuesday 2 January 2018**. The offices will also be closed from **Tuesday 23 – Thursday 25 January** for the annual staff retreat. For emergencies during these times, please call 9329 1777 and an emergency number will be given to you.



All the staff from the Church and the College wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas and a happy New Year!

Coolbellup Campus Update

After a wonderful two months in the Old and New Covenants, we can rejoice at the amazing services we have had. A great series was undertaken with much learning and growth. There has been much practice and planning taking place for the "Cooby Carols" to be held on **Saturday 16 December** at Hargreaves Park from 5.30-7.30pm. This is a great opportunity for reaching out in the community. The church was also able to raise some money to send some children from Coolbellup Primary School on their school camp - a great way to show the love of God to these children. We look forward with great anticipation to outreach during the festive season. – Peter Christofides

Tumble Tots

We've had a wonderful year at Tumble Tots in 2017, with our Wednesday and Thursday mornings bursting at the seams. It has been a great delight to see so much enthusiastic involvement not only from families within our church, but also many people coming in from the wider community and discovering meaningful connections through such a warm, welcoming environment.

In 2018 we are excited to be commencing a new **Tuesday morning Tumble Tots** with a starting date of **Tuesday 6 February**. For more information, please contact the Church Office or speak to Margie Scott.

Summer Sundays 2018

Summer Sundays are almost here again! For the four Sundays of January our theme will be "The Journey". The AM services [8.45am at Booragoon and 9am at Coolbellup] will be intergenerational, family-friendly and interactive, based on John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress". We will follow Christian's adventures as he journeys from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. The PM services will also follow a journey theme, with real life testimonies being shared each week. **PM Eats** will be on every Sunday [featuring a different cuisine each week]. Grab a flyer for full details.

Baptism Service - 28 January

On the final week of our Summer Sundays, we will have our first baptism service for the year in our evening service. If you are considering getting baptised, please speak to one of our pastors. There is also a Baptism Booklet available on the Info Wall near the front doors. We encourage you to start thinking about this now, so that necessary arrangements can be put in place over the holiday period.

Mission Trips

It is exciting to see so many of our young adults embarking on short-term mission trips in the next few months. There are eight people going to **India** in January - **Jonathan Anthony, Lawrence Roycroft, Charles Logan, Tom Handasyde, Daniel, Anna and Seb Rodgers, and Jess Conway**. It is encouraging that a small group of young adults from Lake Joondalup Baptist Church will be part of the team, and to see the way God has brought about this partnership. Let us also uphold in our prayers others from our Salt Ministry and congregation going on mission trips: **Marcus Wong** (right) recently left for **Uganda, Africa** for three months; **Pearl Roycroft** and **Taylah Clancy** will be going to **Warakurna**, in far eastern WA; and a team will be going to **Centre 16 in Cambodia** under the leadership of **Jane and Mark Thrift**.



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

Celebration Service Café

WHEN: Sundays 7.45-8.45am, 10.00-10.40am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Café

The Café will be open Sunday mornings up to 17 December, and reopen again on Sunday 4 February. During January it will not be open in the mornings, but will open each Sunday evening following the 5.30pm service for **PM Eats**. Come and enjoy!

Christmas Services

Come and celebrate Jesus' birth with MPBC:

CHRISTMAS EVE: Sunday 24 December
Booragoon Campus: 5.00pm & 6.30pm
Coolbellup Campus: 9.00am

CHRISTMAS DAY: Monday 25 December
Booragoon Campus: 8.45am
Coolbellup Campus: 9.00am

Give Thanks Services

BOORAGOON: Sunday 31 December, 8.45am
COOLBELLUP: Sunday 31 December, 9.00am

The end of the year is a time to give thanks – join MPBC for special services. *There will be no PM service.*

Summer Sundays (January 2018)

BOORAGOON: Sundays, 8.45am & 5.30pm
COOLBELLUP: Sundays, 9.00am

Once again during January we will have intergenerational, family-oriented services. Each week there will be one morning service at Booragoon at 8.45am, the regular 9.00am service at Coolbellup, and the 5.30pm service at Booragoon which will be followed by **PM Eats**. For more information, see the accompanying article and look out for the *Summer Sundays* flyer coming soon.

Mounties Family Camp

WHEN: Labour Day Weekend: 2-5 March 2018
WHERE: Kerem Adventure Camp

Save the date – all MPBC family welcome!

Community Ministries

Be connected with Church Family news

We would encourage everyone to complete a **HUB card**, so that you can receive the Weekly Communication email and stay linked in with regular church family news.

Singles Alive – Details of events for the singles group coordinated by Elsie and Neil Murray, including ones over the Christmas/New Year period, are available at the Info Point and on the noticeboard.

coming events

Children & Families

Baby Dedications – If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact the Church Office on 9329 1777.

Youth

Inertia – AMP Youth Summer Camp

WHEN: Saturday 16 – Tuesday 19 December
WHERE: Camp Wattle Grove

Last minute registrations being accepted, but no guarantee of camp t-shirt. Details and registration: www.mounties.org.au/inertia

Ministry Holidays

MPK – Finishes Sun 10 Dec and recommences Sun 4 Feb.

Good News Club – In recess Dec and Jan; resumes Thu 8 Feb.

AMP Youth – Final Amplified is Fri 8 Dec; *Inertia* Camp runs 16-19 Dec; Amplified will return on Fri 9 Feb.

Young Adults – Salt will hold a wind-up dinner on Wed 6 Dec and resume meetings on Wed 21 Feb.

Seniors Communion Lunch – In recess until Thu 15 Feb.

Craft Connection – Christmas breakup on Wed 6 Dec; will resume Wed 7 Feb.

Tumble Tots – End of year parties are Wed 6 / Thu 7 Dec. Groups will resume 7 & 8 Feb, with a new Tuesday group commencing on Tue 6 Feb.

Cooby Tumble Tots – Finishes on Wed 13 Dec, resuming Wed 7 Feb.

Women in the Word Together – In recess Dec and Jan; resumes Tue 13 Feb.

Men's Bible Study – In recess Dec and Jan; resumes Thu 15 Feb.

Call To Prayer – in recess Dec and Jan.

PIE Nights – In recess until Thu 15 Feb.

Marketplace98% – In recess Dec and Jan; resumes Fri 2 Feb.

Flourish – In recess Dec and Jan; next meeting Sat 10 Feb.

Ladies Book Club – No meetings in Dec or Jan.

A Month in the life of MPBC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7.45am - Café open (until 17 Dec)	Office closed	6.00pm - Reflective Prayer at Coolbellup	9.15am - Craft Connection (concludes 6 Dec)	9.30am - Tumble Tots Playgroup (concludes 7 Dec)	7.30am - Coolbellup Prayer Group	
8.45am - Booragoon AM Service 9.00am - Coolbellup Service		6.00pm - Prayer and Healing	9.30am - Tumble Tots Playgroup (concludes 6 Dec)		6.30pm - Amplified [school years 7-12, concludes 8 Dec]	
10.30am - Booragoon AM Service		7.30pm - Creative Ministries (December only)	9.30am - Cooby Tumble Tots Playgroup (concludes 13 Dec)			
5.30pm - Booragoon PM Service			7.00pm - Salt - Young Adults (concludes 6 Dec)			



GOT A QUESTION?

Email us: contact@mounties.org.au or phone the Church Office on 9329 1777.