

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

Cafe

Infuse Cafe is open for excellent coffee, a wide range of teas and delicious home-made food. Come support it and spread the word!

Sunday Morning

7.45-8.45am, 10.00-10.40am

WHERE: Infuse Cafe, Booragoon Campus

Infuse

Tue-Fri 7.30am-2.30pm Sat 8.00am-2.00pm

WHERE: Infuse Cafe, Booragoon Campus

Trading to Sat 15 Dec & reopens Tue 8 Jan

Christmas Events

Christmas & Thanksgiving Services

BOORAGOON CAMPUS:

Sun 23 Dec: 8.45am & 10.30am (No PM)

Mon 24 Dec: 4.30pm & 6.30pm

Tue 25 Dec: 8.45am ONLY

Sun 30 Dec: 8.45am & 5.30pm

COOLBELLUP CAMPUS:

Sun 23 Dec: 9.00am Tue 25 Dec: 9.00am

Sun 30 Dec: 9.00am

Cooby Christmas Carols

WHEN: Sat 15 Dec, 5.30-7.30pm

WHERE: Hargreaves Park,

Counsel Road, Coolbellup.

A family evening brought to you by MPBC Coolbellup Campus. Free sausage sizzle provided, bring your own picnic blanket or folding chair.

Community Ministries

Weekly Church Family News

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

Seniors' Christmas Dinner

WHEN: Thu 6 Dec, 6.00pm

WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room

Carol singing, traditional Christmas dinner, good company, encouraging message – come and celebrate the end of another year. Tickets still available from Info Point or Church Office.

Christmas Hampers Pack & Wrap

WHEN: Wed 12 Dec, 10.00am-12.00pm

WHERE: Booragoon Campus Hall

Please sign up at the Info Point or contact Brigitte Field if you would like to help pack and wrap the Christmas hampers and the gifts for Port City Heart and Women's Refuge.

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

Ministry Holidays

AMP Youth

Final Youth 2018: Fri 7 Dec; returns Fri 8 Feb 2019

Camp Legacy runs 15-18 Dec

Coolbellup Prayer Groups

Final 2018: Fri 21 Dec; returns Fri 4 Jan 2019

Coolbellup Tumble Tots

Final 2018: Wed 13 Dec; returns Wed 6 Feb 2019

Craft Connection

Final 2018: Wed 5 Dec; returns Wed 6 Feb 2019

Flourish

Returns Sat 9 Feb 2019

Good News Club

Returns Thu 14 Feb 2019

House of Prayer

Continues as normal 1st & 3rd Friday of Dec & Jan at 6.00am Booragoon Campus Auditorium

International Bible Study & Culture Group

Final 2018: Sun 9 Dec; returns mid-January 2019

Ladies' Book Club

Final 2018: 13 Dec; returns in Feb

Marketplace98%

Returns Fri 1 Feb

Men's Bible Study

Final 2018: Thu 6 Dec; returns Thu 14 Feb 2019

MPK/Keystone

Final 2018 Sun 9 Dec; returns Sun 10 Feb 2019

PIE Nights

Returns Thu 21 Feb 2019

Seniors' Communion Lunch

Returns Thu 21 Feb 2019

Soul to Sole Dance Group

Final 2018: Tue 4 Dec; returns 5 Feb 2019

Tumble Tots

Final 2018: 4/5/6 Dec; returns 2019 5/6/7 Feb

Women in the Word Together

Returns Tue 12 Feb 2019

Young Adults

Returns Wed 27 Feb 2019

FINANCES

Giving to the Church Operating & Missional Links account as at 31 October 2018:

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET:

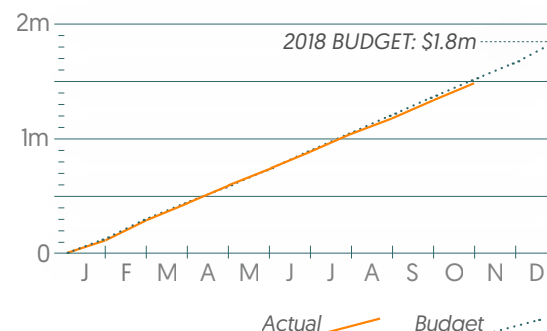
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YTD ACTUAL:

\$1,498,497

YTD DEFICIT:

\$-24,562



Giving to the Building Fund

as at 31 October 2018:

YTD ACTUAL:

\$241,490

ANNUAL TARGET:

\$380,000

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

Warm wishes from us to you! Christmas is just around the corner. Christmas is full of wonderful opportunities for us to express our love for one another. Cards, books, games, soft toys, calendars and planners - a great range of Christmas gift items is now available at the Book Shop! Please do pop in and make sure you are ready for Christmas.

OPENING TIMES

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

Wednesday 9.00am-1.30pm (during school terms)

Order online now at mounties.org.au/bookshop

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS: Book Shop closed from 24 Dec. Normal opening hours resume in early Jan 2019

Ladies' Book Club:

Ladies, we would love you to join our book club. For further information, please contact Tracy on tracyobasley@gmail.com

Christmas

GIFT

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am-4.30pm

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College Email: contact@mpc.wa.edu.au

The Book Shop: bookshop@mpc.wa.edu.au

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DECEMBER 2018 / JANUARY 2019



What a joy it is to be worshipping and praising our Lord together over this Christmas season as we celebrate His coming into the world as Jesus of Nazareth. Our intent as we approach Christmas 2018 is to be aware of Jesus' presence in every facet of our daily lives, and His heart's desire to share His life with us in every way. We have planned a December preaching series entitled "Discovering Jesus" that focuses on God's presence with us and in us. The series will centre on **discovering Jesus in the church, in the streets, in the big picture, in the chaos** and during our Christmas services **discovering Jesus in me**. On our last Sunday of 2018 we will be **discovering Jesus in the everyday** as we give thanks to God for all he has done throughout 2018 as well as a Baptismal service in the morning and personal testimonies in the evening. We look forward with great anticipation to beginning 2019 with our intergenerational family-focused Summer Sundays series themed "Mission Impossible." Our prayer is that you may know Him more and worship and serve Him in Spirit and in truth – we are truly a blessed people. – Simon Ford

Coolbellup Update

Wow, one cannot believe it is the festive season already! We have had a great preaching series from the book of James – really practical Christian living. In December our series on Discovering Jesus will explore different areas of our lives and this will lead into Christmas.

We have been busy collecting Christmas gifts for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and will continue in this area by buying some gifts for the children of prisoners through the Angel Tree Project. We are really excited about our Cooby Carols on 15 December. It is taking shape nicely with much anticipation for a great time together. Please be sure to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

– Peter Christofides

Christmas Offering

Each Christmas we rejoice in the hope that began with the birth of Jesus, a light of hope to a dark and weary world.

This year our Christmas offering will go towards the Baptist World Aid "Be Hope" Christmas Appeal to bring hope to families living in poverty in Cambodia, to bless them with a gift of new livelihoods and enough food to eat.

Please give generously this Christmas to help families in desperate need and give them the incredible gift of hope. Specific giving envelopes will be available mid-December.

Big Hearted Gifts Book

If you are looking for a gift for someone who has everything, a teacher or Secret Santa, then consider a gift from the Baptist World Aid Little Book of Big Hearted Gifts - an expression of God's extraordinary love at work in the world. Whether it's a veggie garden so families can thrive, or clean drinking water for a whole community – you can be sure that the impact of each gift you choose will not only be BIG, but lasting! Visit the Big Hearted Gift Stall after services at Booragoon Campus until 16 December or purchase direct from Baptist World Aid baptistworldaid.org.au/big-hearted-gifts



Mount Pleasant Kids

Heartiest congratulations to our Pre-primary SKIP children who will move up to our Runners Program as they enter Year 1 in 2019, and to the Year 6's who will be leaving MPK and moving up into Keystone. We will miss the Year 6's here at MPK and we wish you all the best in your transition into High School in 2019.

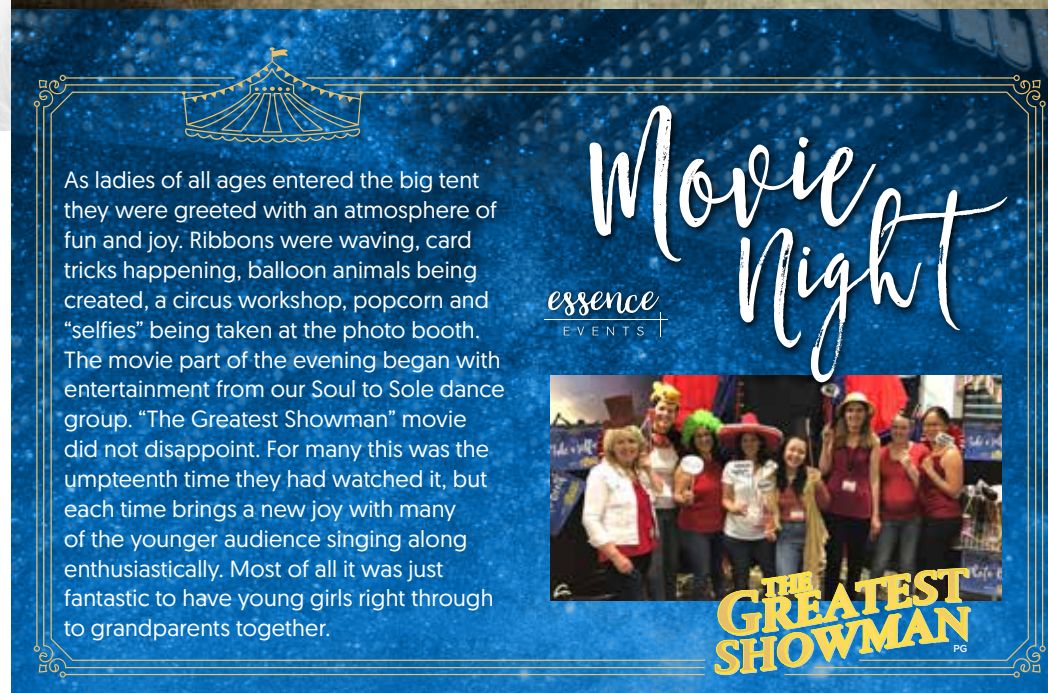
The last MPK in 2018 is 9 Dec and we will resume in the New Year on **10 Feb 2019**. MPK Volunteers please take note that we will have our 2019 kickstart meeting and Volunteer Training on **3 Feb 2019**. Please save the date!



Summer Sundays

Once again during January, we will be holding intergenerational family-oriented services. This year our theme is "Mission Impossible" based on the stories of early missionaries to China, South America, Africa and India. There will be one morning service at Booragoon at 8.45am, the regular 9.00am service at Coolbellup, and a 5.30pm service at Booragoon which will be followed by refreshments each week. For more information look out for the Summer Sundays flyers.

Thanksgiving services will be held on Sun 30 Dec (Booragoon 8.45am, 5.30pm and Coolbellup 9.00am) and will take a look at all the blessings of 2018 at MPBC.



Baptisms

Baptisms are being planned for the 8.45am service on **Sun 30 Dec** and the 5.30pm service on **Sun 27 Jan**. If you are considering baptism, please speak to one of our pastors. There is also a Baptism Booklet available on the Info Wall near the front doors. We would encourage you to start thinking about this now, so that necessary arrangements can be put in place over the holiday period.

Good News Club

A big 'thank you' to Mounties, Child Evangelism Fellowship, volunteers, parents and children for supporting our Good News Club. We enjoyed learning about Jesus through Bible and mission stories, activities and games. When asked: "Do you believe in the one, true God?" children responded, "Yes we do!" One little boy asked: "Why are there many children at my school who don't believe in Jesus?" Our response: "There are not enough people telling them about Jesus." We encourage families to invite children to GNC and MPK and journey with them. We thank God for all he has done throughout the year.



January 2019 Missions Trips

It is an incredible opportunity for our church family to be able to send different teams overseas for short-term mission trips. Teams will be heading to Cambodia and India in January 2019. Please pray for safety, good health, strength and God moments for the teams as they minister to the children and staff at our Centre 16 in Cambodia, and to the Bible College students at Maranatha Baptist Seminary in Bangalore. The dates are **4-20 January** for the India team and **8-18 January** for the Cambodia team.

College Courses in 2019

Planning is well under way for College courses next year. Enrolments for accredited courses have already reached 2018 levels, and we are working hard on plans to introduce new courses in the future. Staff are excited about short courses in 2019. Digital photography has been well received, and we will extend this into offering black and white 35mm film photography, including developing the film and creating prints in a darkroom. There are two new ministry related short courses: Garth Eichhorn will expand on his Urban Mission teaching; and another course will examine the use of creative arts in Christian ministry. 2019 promises to be an exciting year!

Green Team Report

26 volunteers from MPBC joined the Green Team this year, looking after more leavers than ever before at The Zone in Dunsborough. The Lord provided safety and a great time for both leavers and volunteers with amazing conversations and God moments throughout the week. The Leavers were so appreciative of the team being there for them, and they truly did feel the love of Christ. More leavers than ever are expected down south next year, so our aim is to send 50+ volunteers on Green Team. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way as it will change your life!



Family News:

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jana and Dan Ford on the birth of a daughter Abigail Suzanne on 6 Nov, a sister for Joshua and Stephanie.

Emily Davies and Robert Thomas who were engaged 10 Nov.

Erin Cooley and Christiaan Crause who were engaged 10 Nov.

DEATHS

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of:

Wilson Onions who passed away 22 Nov.

Alison Parker whose father passed away recently.

NEW MEMBERS

Lawrie Miller, Kurt Miller, Glenys & Rodney Raymond, Ira & George Benney, Jody & Adrian Bennett, Hannah Chapman, Diane & Mike Mindrup, Christine & Geoffrey Soutar, John Taylor, Sue Taylor, Thomas Handasyde, Michael Hunt

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

Dec-Jan Office Closures

Over the Christmas/New Year break the Church and College office will close at end of business on **Friday 21 Dec and reopen on Wednesday 2 Jan 2019**.

The offices will also be closed from **Tuesday 22 – Thursday 24 Jan** for the annual staff retreat.

For emergencies during these times, please call 9329-1777 and an emergency number will be provided.

THE Church & College
STAFF WISH YOU A BLESSED AND
JOYFUL Christmas AND
A Happy New Year!



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