

Welcome! We're 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 here.

Mount Pleasant Kids

Do you have a child who attends MPK? Have you thought about getting involved at MPK, to help pass the faith onto the next generation and to bless your own child? Please could I encourage you to prayerfully consider taking on one of the many and varied roles within MPK? Our wonderful MPK team is starting 2016 critically low in numbers, especially for the second service. God has blessed us with so many children in this church - and more keep coming! However, with that blessing comes a very real responsibility to be good stewards of the next generation. If you are a parent, please join us! Contact the Church office if you can help.

Transform Cambodia Mission Trip

Who could imagine that the wonderful opportunity to visit our Centre 16 in Cambodia, with Nick Scott and a team, would open our eyes and hearts to the pain of the past of the Cambodian people and the hope for the future? God is surely at work here. The beautiful children were so thrilled and excited to see us as we did our activities, played games, sang, danced, cuddled, and shared the love of Jesus. We were truly blessed. Seeing the heartbreaking rubbish tips, where children scavenge to provide for those families not enrolled in Transform Centres, and visiting our sponsored children in their homes was a very humbling experience. We are so grateful to Nick and the Lord for this amazing adventure and humbling experience. - Jeune Colgan



FAMILY NEWS:

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Congratulations to: Mia Formentin and Mark Matthiessen who became engaged on 13 December. Sarah Harvey and Brad McLeod who were married on 16 January in Busselton.

BIRTHS - Congratulations to:

Kylie and Howard Dean on the birth of a baby girl Charlotte Anneleise on 1 December 2015, a sister for Caleb. Elizabeth and Adrian Wu on the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn, on 6 January 2016, a sister for Daniel.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

To family and friends of Bob Clark who passed away 21 December.

BAPTISMS

Richard Beddoes, Sharon Heeley, Ruth Nesaraj, Rachel Nesaraj, Emma Todd, Stephen Taylor, John Taylor, Daniel Hughes, Ancke Nienaber.

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.

Together Lunches

Together Lunches are for anyone who is new or "newish" to MPBC and for those who want to connect with other people in the church. Our first Together Lunch for 2016 will be on Sunday 13 March, at 12.15pm in the Function Room. If you would like to come, please sign up at the Booragoon Campus Info Point.

Bob Clark

Many will have heard that Bob Clark went to be with the Lord on 21 December 2015. Bob was the first full-time pastor at MPBC back in 1962, and over subsequent years had served and supported numerous churches and pastors, held leadership roles within Baptist Churches WA and taught at Vose Seminary, being a wonderful blessing to many people. We thank God for Bob's life of love and service, and continue to remember Sue and the family in prayer.

FINANCES:

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

Giving to the Church Operating and Missional Links account



YEAR TO DATE BUDGET (31 December 2015) \$1,748,307

YTD ACTUAL: \$1,607,233 YTD DEFICIT: -\$141,074

Giving to the Building Fund as at 31 December 2015

YTD ACTUAL: \$431,335

ANNUAL TARGET: \$400,000

For all giving enquiries: finance@mounties.org.au or contact the church office. You can pay for church related events including camps via our EFTPOS machine at the Info Point each Sunday morning. For Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) of offerings and donations please 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:

OPENING TIMES:

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

The Book Shop is a place where people can purchase a wide range of products including books, cards, gifts, DVDs and music.



Order online now at mounties.org.au/bookshop



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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 4.30pm Office Email: contact@mounties.org.au MPBCC Email: contact@mpbcc.org.au The Book Shop: bookshop@mpbcc.org.au

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FEBRUARY 2016

This Month



The day before his crucifixion, Jesus said that he would not leave his disciples as orphans, but would come to them, saying “on that day you will realise that I am in the Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” (John 14:20) Leading up to Easter we will be looking at Jesus’ teaching, spoken just before his return to the Father, that was aimed at preparing the first disciples and us for what it would be like “Following Him” after he was crucified, risen, and ascended. The space the risen and ascended Jesus is calling us to follow him in today is not the same as the space the first disciples followed him in, where they could see him with their eyes and touch him with their hands. Nor is it the space in which we will one day follow him, when we will see him face to face. The space in which we now follow him is marked by an absence of his physical presence, but not the absence of his presence. – *Simon Ford*

Christmas and New Year

Thank you to the Church family for your generous support of the Christmas offering – we were able to send over \$38,200 to the *Baptist World Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal*. The three Christmas services were very well attended with record numbers – 1840 at Booragoon Campus and around 80 at Coolbellup Campus. 2016 started on a high note as the Church witnessed eight baptisms over two services on 3 January. We pray that each person baptised may know the blessing of God as they go forward following Jesus.

Coolbellup Campus Update

Reflecting on the last five months, we are once again amazed at the grace of God. Over the festive season we welcomed a few visitors while others were away on holidays. The Christmas Hampers distributed were much appreciated – a great opportunity for many in need in the community to see ‘love in action’. We have started the new year working through the book of James with a series titled “Approved”, seeing how we can live in appreciation of God’s grace. As we continue to serve Him, may we be Approved of Him. – *Peter Christofides*

Sabah, Malaysia 2016

Kathy Sinclair will be leaving for Sabah on 4 February with a small team from MPBC to lead children’s prayer conventions in Kota Kinabalu and Kudat. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage children in a largely Muslim country to pray for their nation. Please keep the team in your prayers – that God would bless the children’s lives, the leaders, and the team. Our heart is to see children encounter Jesus. Please pray for safety for everyone as we travel and gather together in an environment that is not easy for Christians.

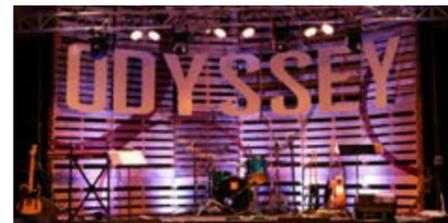
New Staff Members Arrive

Jonathan and Janelle Anthony, together with Gabby and Jakin, recently arrived from Melbourne. Jonathan is our new Young Adults Pastor, and Janelle will be taking on the role of Head of Creative Arts in our College as well as teaching in the Music stream. Jonathan said the experience of shifting from one side of Australia to the other involved a huge decision, a long journey, and many mixed emotions for the family. “We really were taking a huge leap of faith in our journey with God. However, we arrived at Perth airport to a very warm greeting of applause and immediately felt a great sense of welcome and love by our new church family. Thank you for embracing us and accepting us into this family of believers. We are looking forward to doing life together as we serve our awesome God.”



Winter Camp 2015: Odyssey

As the title of the camp indicated, it was an Odyssey for all 89 campers from years 7–12, 35+ leaders, and of course our faithful cooks. Not only did they give up their time and comforts of home, they had to contend with a bushfire where everyone was evacuated from the camp site. Praise God that the campers were at Adventure World on an outing. As the bushfire raged on into the night, we came to the church building to wait for an outcome. As we arrived at Booragoon Campus, one camper commented, “Being here at church in this situation is like coming home.” Thank you to all who prayed for the camp and our safety. Praise God for giving us a safe place on our life’s odyssey, the Church! – *Michael Yoo*



Alpha Marriage Course

The next Alpha Marriage Course will run for 7 weeks commencing Monday 15 February, 7.15-9.30pm. This course is for any couple who wishes to invest in their relationship, whether you have been together 1 or 61 years, and whether you have a strong relationship or are struggling. There is never any group work and you will never be asked to share anything with anyone other than your partner. Some topics covered include: more effective communication, growing closer through resolving conflict, discovering each other’s love languages, and much more! Flyers with more information and registration details are available at the Info Point and on the website.

A MONTH IN THE LIFE OF MPBC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7.45am – Café open	Office Closed	9.30am – Women in the Word Together (commences 9 Feb)	9.15am – Craft Connection	9.30am – Tumble Tots	6.45am – Marketplace 98% (5 & 19 Feb)	10.00am – Flourish (13 Feb)
8.45am – International Bible Study and Culture Group		6.00pm – Prayer and Healing	9.30am – Tumble Tots	9.30am – Men’s Bible Study (commences 11 Feb)	6.00pm – AMP Youth: Live and The Gig (school years 7-12, commences 5 Feb)	
8.45am – Booragoon AM Service 10.30am – Booragoon AM Service		6.00pm – Call to Prayer (9 & 23 Feb)	7.30pm – Salt - Young Adults (commences 24 Feb)	11.30am – Seniors Communion & Lunch (18 Feb)		
9.00am – Coolbellup Service		6.00pm – Revival Prayer (2 & 16 Feb)		7.30pm – Ladies Book Club (18 Feb)		
6.30pm – Booragoon PM Service		7.30pm – Creative Ministries				



GOT A QUESTION?

Email us: contact@mounties.org.au or phone the church office on 9329 1777.

COMING EVENTS

More details and registration (where required) for these events are available at the Info Point or through the Church Office – contact@mounties.org.au – 9329 1777

Additional events & info can be found on our website: mounties.org.au and via our Facebook page: facebook.com/mpbcperth

Celebration Service Café

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

Community Ministries

FLOURISH SUPPORT GROUP

WHEN: Sunday 13 February, 10am-12pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room
Flourish is a support group for people with disability, chronic illness or disorder and their families. Flourish is open to members of the larger community and we have seen several come to the Lord through the ministry.

FLOURISH – DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

DATES: Fridays, 19 Feb, 4 & 18 March, 1 April
TIMES: 10am-11.30am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room
A course for those who attend Flourish. This 4-week course considers the topic of joy from a biblical perspective. For more details contact Jenny Miles: mmiles5@bigpond.com

TOGETHER LUNCH

WHEN: Sunday 13 March, 12.15pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room
This is the first Together Lunch of the year – a chance to come and meet new people and some of the MPBC pastoral staff.

SINGLES ALIVE

Details of the extensive programme of events for the singles group coordinated by Elsie and Neil Murray is available at the Info point and on the noticeboard.

Children & Families

PASS THE BATON

WHEN: Saturday 13 February, 9am-4.30pm
WHERE: Churchlands Christian Fellowship
If you would like to attend this annual city-wide children’s ministry training day, please contact the Church office.

BABY DEDICATIONS

WHEN: Sunday 13 March, 8.45 & 10.30am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium
If you would like your child dedicated, please contact Lisa Tabor at the Church office.

Young Adults

SALT

WHEN: Wednesday 24 February, 7.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room
All young adults (ages 18-30) are welcome to the first meeting of 2016 with new Young Adults Pastor, Jonathan Anthony.

Creative Ministries

INFORMATION NIGHT

WHEN: Tuesday 2 February, 7.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus
Creative Ministries is back for another year - if you enjoy singing, can play an instrument, are interested in the sound and vision team, or could join our catering team, we would love to hear from you! Come along to our Info Night and find out how you can get involved, or email christine.kang@mounties.org.au

Upcoming Short Courses

YOU CAN COOK

WHEN: Tuesdays, 2 Feb – 22 March, 7.00-9.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Kitchen & Café
A practical class of basic cooking techniques for low cost healthy meals.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE (ALPHA)

WHEN: Mondays, 15 Feb – 4 April, 7.15-9.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room
Jane and Mark Thrift will lead this marriage enrichment course. See article for more details.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

WHEN: Tuesdays, 16 Feb – 22 March, 7.30-9.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Green Room
For those who would like to learn more about the Christian faith, facilitated by Alex Rey and Mike Miles.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS

WHEN: Thursdays, 3 – 24 March, 7.00-9.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus
Lawrence Roycroft and Mick Stringer will show you how to get started with digital photography.

THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

WHEN: Wednesdays, 9 Mar – 13 Apr, 7.30-8.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium
The next in our series aimed for home groups to attend, teaching from Mick Stringer.