

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](http://mounties.org.au) or [facebook.com/mpbcperth](https://facebook.com/mpbcperth)

### OPENING HOURS

Monday & Saturday  
8.00am-2.00pm

Tuesday – Friday  
8.00am-2.30pm

Infuse Cafe, Booragoon Campus



### 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

### 2019 Key Events

#### Keys to Effective Prayer Stage 2

Brian Pickering: 7-10 March

#### Clash of Convictions: Challenging Issues of Our Time

Various speakers: Wednesday evenings 8, 15, 22, 29 May

#### Restoration: Journey to Healing & Wholeness

Allan & Helen Meyer: 21-25 August

### General

#### Friends of Global Interaction Morning Tea

WHEN: Saturday 16 March, 10.00am

WHERE: Riverton Baptist Community Church  
Come and hear Bek and Scott Falconer tell what God is doing amongst the Yawo people in Mozambique and connect with others interested in mission.

#### Sons of Korah

WHEN: Saturday 30 March, 7.30pm

WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium  
A musical journey through the Psalms – Tickets \$30, available online at [www.sonsofkorah.com](http://www.sonsofkorah.com)

#### Church AGM

WHEN: Sunday 28 April 12pm

WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium  
For all who consider MPBC their home

### Community Ministries

#### Be connected with Church family news

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

#### Singles Alive

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

#### Connect Lunch

WHEN: Sunday 24 March, 12.15pm

WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room  
For all who are new or 'newish' to Mounties – a chance to meet others and some of the pastoral staff.

#### PIE Night

WHEN: Thursday 21 March, 7.00pm

WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room  
Ben Morton, Federal Liberal member for Tangney, will speak on the topic of "Being a Leader in our Family". Men of all ages welcome - please sign up at the Info Point. Further info from [prienights@gmail.com](mailto:prienights@gmail.com)

### Children & Families

#### Baby Dedications

Our next Baby Dedication services will be on Sunday 7 April. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact the Church Office 93291777.

#### Perth Children's Ministry Convention: The Heart of the Matter

WHEN: Saturday 23 March, 9.00am-3.30pm

WHERE: North Beach Baptist Church  
Faithfully sharing the Bible with children – guest speakers Fiona Millar and Tyler Swartzentruber. Details and registration at [www.pcmc.asn.au](http://www.pcmc.asn.au)

## FINANCES

Giving to the Church Operating & Missional Links account as at 31 January 2019:

### YEAR TO DATE BUDGET:

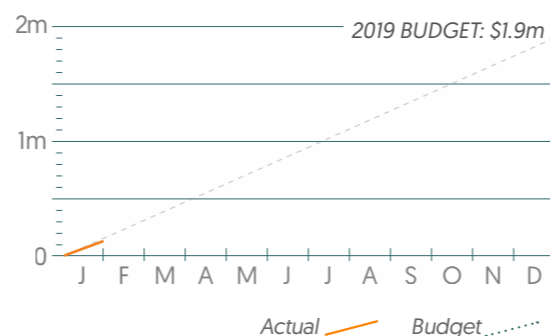
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### YTD ACTUAL:

\$166,167

### YTD DEFICIT:

\$-5,930



See special note from Simon inside.

Giving to the Building Fund as at 31 January 2019:

YTD ACTUAL: \$24,248

ANNUAL TARGET: \$360,000

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

For all giving enquiries: [finance@mounties.org.au](mailto: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](http://www.mounties.org.au/payment)

For Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) of offerings and donations visit our website at [www.mounties.org.au/giving](http://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

This month the focus topic at Mounties is prayer! The Book Shop team hope you'll be inspired to pray more and deepen your relationship with God. Please drop by and explore some of the many great books we have on prayer.

#### OPENING TIMES:

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

Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-12pm

(during school terms)

Order online:

[mounties.org.au/bookshop](http://mounties.org.au/bookshop)

#### Ladies' Book Club:

Ladies, we would love you to join our book club for a discussion of 'The Case for Christ' by Lee Strobel at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 March. For further information, please contact Tracy [tracyobasley@gmail.com](mailto:tracyobasley@gmail.com)



## BOOKS OF THE MONTH

**Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God,**  
by Timothy Keller

**The Transforming Friendship: A Guide to Prayer,**  
by James M. Houston

These are two great books that fit so well both with our current focus of being attentive to Jesus and his voice through the witness of the Spirit in us, and with our pillar event this month - "Keys to Effective Prayer Stage 2."



#### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am-4.30pm

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The Book Shop: [bookshop@mpc.wa.edu.au](mailto:bookshop@mpc.wa.edu.au)

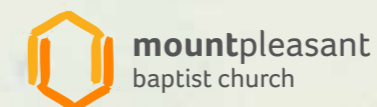
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MARCH 2019



# HEARS TO HEART

Our 'Ears to Hear' series has been a great blessing in February with many in our church family sensing the Lord speaking to them in life-transforming ways. As this series on the seven letters of Revelation continues into March, we pray that our capacity to discern the voice of God will continue and increase. In March we look forward to input from Brian Pickering from the Australian Prayer Network at our Keys to Effective Prayer seminar running from 7-10 March. Be encouraged to register for this important and timely event. As God speaks to us as a community, it's our ongoing prayer that together we will have ears to hear his voice, and hearts that are willing to align our lives obediently to God's will and purpose. – Nick Scott

## Coolbellup Update

It was with great excitement that we were able to hold an induction service and pray for Michael Christie and his family. Michael has been with Cooby since the start in August 2015. He has since completed a Masters in Divinity, served as an Intern at Cooby last year and has now been appointed to MPBC staff as a Pastor. The service was filled with excitement and emotion as Pastor Nick Scott prayed for Michael and his family. Ministry in the Coolbellup area is continuing and we are delighted to see all the activities up and running for the new year and look forward to the impact they will have in the area as God guides us. – Peter Christofides

## Dear Church Family...

The Hub is MPBC's church management system, used for organising Connect Groups, rostering volunteers, MPK sign-in, sending out the Weekly Communication, and facilitating the upcoming Church Family Directory. A lot of the contact and family details, however, are no longer accurate. In order to best serve and communicate with you, we need to fix this... so this month there will be a big push to get everyone on to the Hub with up-to-date information. Keep an eye out for an email with full details coming mid-March – that is, if we have your email! If you're not sure if we do, please send your name and contact details to [hub@mounties.org.au](mailto:hub@mounties.org.au), and we'll make sure that you're included. Also watch out for "Hub Booths" in the Booragoon foyer on 24 & 31 March and 7 April, where we will assist you in this process. Thank you in advance for your help in this huge task! – Matthew Storms



## house of PRAYER

1st and 3rd Friday morning of the month: 6.00-9.00am

2nd Thursday evening of the month: 6.00-9.00pm

Includes acoustic worship until 7.30pm

## 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.

## International Dinner

Our recent Summer Sunday series reminded us again of the multi-cultural diversity of our congregation. While we celebrate that we are united in Christ, we also enjoy the richness of our diversity. To better build community together and in celebration of that diversity our international community are invited to a night of fun, fellowship and food at our International Dinner on **Saturday 23 March at 5.30pm**. Bring a plate to share that is representative in some way of your background - Grab a flyer from the Info Point. Register online or at the Info Point.

## Staff Matters

There is a great sense of unity and excitement amongst the staff team for 2019 with some important changes in responsibilities:

- **Sue Ford** will continue to oversee Community Ministries but reduce her time to 3 days a week.
- **Dan Rodgers** has taken on the Next Gen Pastor role, which involves looking after Children & Families, Young Adults and overseeing key life transitions in our age-based ministries.
- **Jonathan Anthony** oversees Creative Ministries and has taken on the Missional Links portfolio, as well as Connect Groups.
- **Michael Christie** is now on staff 3 days a week sharing his time between Coolbellup and Booragoon Campuses, overseeing Craft Connection and Seniors.
- **Sara de Souza** is our new Intern and will be involved in various ministries including Community Ministries, MPK and some operational administration.

Our intent is to mentor and develop young pastors and provide space and opportunity for them to grow.

## 60 Year Anniversary

2019 marks a very special birthday for MPBC as we celebrate 60 years of 'unity through diversity' together. To celebrate this momentous occasion we will be gathering all together, both our Booragoon and Coolbellup campuses, for **one service only at 10.00am on Sunday 9 June, Pentecost Sunday**. We are planning a huge family celebration with live streaming of the service into the Function Room to accommodate everyone. Planning is in full flight to make this occasion one of thanksgiving to our faithful Lord for all He has done among his church family here at MPBC. Post-service we will enjoy a massive international lunch together with family activities for all ages to enjoy. We hope everyone will enter into this "all in one Sunday" to mark our birthday with an overflow of people, love and joy. Please pop the date in your diaries and look out for more information to come.

## Salty Weekend

**Salty Weekend 2019 is coming up on 12-14 April**. It's going to be an amazing weekend as we focus in on what it means to be family. The theme is '**Koinonia**', which means fellowship or communion. We're giving God the space to challenge us and to lead us into radical community. There will be a mixture of worship, teaching, personal reflection, as well as group activities, games, food and lots more. Camps are 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 open 8 March** - online at [mounties.org.au/saltyweekend](http://mounties.org.au/saltyweekend)

## Got questions? Try alpha.



## Alpha

Mark your diary: Alpha will be running at MPBC just after Easter. Alpha is an opportunity to explore what life is about. It's designed primarily for people who wouldn't go to Church, or who wouldn't call themselves a Christian. It's also suited to people who may be struggling with questions of faith, or new Christians looking to review the basics of their faith. Please pray about attending and inviting a friend or family member to join you. The launch evening is on Tuesday 30 April, 7.00pm at Booragoon Campus, followed by 13 weeks of the Alpha course. Invitation cards with full details are available at the Info Point. Register your interest by emailing [mike.miles@mounties.org.au](mailto:mike.miles@mounties.org.au) or by calling the Church Office on 9329 1777

## Finance Update

We are in a challenging position with our cash flow and working capital, as we missed our general offering budget in 2018 by \$49,000 and our January 2019 budget by \$6K. We were blessed to be able to give very generously to our Christmas offering to Baptist World Aid in Cambodia. However, this resulted in us experiencing a large shortfall in our general offerings in December, which has now flowed through into 2019 and impacted our ability to meet day to day expenses and other missional commitments. This position has been further impacted by what is looking like a \$25K shortfall against budget in February. We are a blessed and generous people so let's all look to the Lord and see how together we can rectify our current shortfall in general offerings. Refer to full finance figures on back page.

## Baptist Basketball

MPBC has had a long involvement in the Baptist Basketball competition held from March to September each year. If you are interested or would like to participate in the competition this year, please register online by Friday 15 March; visit [mounties.org.au/basketball](http://mounties.org.au/basketball). If you require more information, please contact Tracey Ash: [basketball@mounties.org.au](mailto:basketball@mounties.org.au)

# KEYS TO effective prayer

STAGE 2

7-10 March

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER**

[www.mounties.org.au/prayer2](http://www.mounties.org.au/prayer2)

If you wish to have lunch provided, please register by 5pm, Monday 4 March

**Hope** ...when life takes an unexpected turn

**Saturday 6 April, 8.30-10.30am**

HOPE is an event for women of all ages – an opportunity to hear from three speakers at different ages and stages in life. You'll get to enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast followed by personal stories of "HOPE ...when life takes an unexpected turn", from Nikki Sy-Siong (from our young adult community), Lisa Dean (Sunday Café Team overseer) and Carol Rackham (Essence team leader). Don't miss out - bring a friend! Flyers and tickets (\$15) at the Info Point or register online: [mounties.org.au/hope](http://mounties.org.au/hope)

## College Enrolments for 2019

The College students have returned and there is an air of excitement in the building. The Lord has blessed us with a record student enrolment that is 75% higher than in 2018. This means we now have 80 students in on-site classes, with a further 310 in our courses that are taught in partner schools. What fantastic blessing we have received from the Lord's hand!! We eagerly anticipate all that is in store for our College in the year ahead

## Family News:

### CONGRATULATIONS

Gary Low & Jen Watkins on their engagement Friday 22 February

### SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of: Margaret Wright (Sandra Law's mother) who passed away 17 February  
Ken and Glennis Kent on the passing of Ken's sister on Friday 22 February

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.