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.

Essence Breakfast: In Her Steps

At the first Essence event for 2017 two hundred women enjoyed breakfast and heard speakers from three generations of women, united in testifying to God's faithfulness through life's most challenging circumstances. Norma Ellis told her story of losing a beloved husband with three children, a long way from home, and left us with a sense of the long term faithfulness of God. Genevieve and Georgina Earl shared their experience of losing both parents within weeks, and



allowed us the privilege of glimpsing the strength of their faith through their raw but tender description of grief and

anger. Natalie Page shared about God's call on her life to go into difficult and "messy" places and the upcoming call to go back to Yemen. We left the breakfast with renewed hope in a faithful God.

Seniors Communion Service

Our April Communion Service followed by a delicious home-cooked lunch was a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement. Simon Ford spoke during the service and showed the special 'Resurrection' painting that you may have heard about, appropriate given the date was so close to Easter. Being only a few days until Anzac Day we also enjoyed an inspiring and engaging talk from Tom



Ashby on "What Anzac Day means to the younger generation." If you consider yourself a senior please join us for our next monthly communion service and lunch on 18 May, 11.30am in the Booragoon Campus Function Room.

Family News:

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

to the family and friends of:

These early members of MPBC who passed away recently: Audrey Hoyle [11 April], Ted Peterson [25 April], and Margaret Shine.

Marjorie Hall (from Regent Gardens) who passed away on 3 May.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Jessica Ling and Derek Lim who were married on 9 April.

Caitlin du Toit and Caleb Quartermaine who were married on 6 May.

Michelle and Caleb Christie on the birth of their son, Joel Gordon on 2 May 2017.

MEMBERSHIPS

James Thom, Emma Stevens

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

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.

Salty Weekend: Made New

My heart is filled with gratitude to the Lord for what He has done at the recent Salty Weekend. With over 80 young adults and leaders in attendance, it was an amazing time of learning from the Word of God through different speakers, spending time together deepening relationships and



getting to know the new Year 12 graduates. A calm and starry night made for a wonderful time around the bonfire as each Connect Group shared a picnic supper together. The Sunday morning was significant

in the way that the Holy Spirit moved in our midst. There was a strong sense of God's presence as many people were praying in tears, bringing their burdens before the Lord and bursting into spontaneous worship. We concluded the morning session with a time of communion outdoors – enjoying God's wonderful creation at Orchard Glory. Thank you so much everyone for your support and prayer for us. – *Jonathan Anthony*

FINANCES

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

Giving to the Church Operating and Missional Links account



YEAR TO DATE BUDGET (31 MARCH 2017) \$418,263

YTD ACTUAL: \$423,583

YTD SURPLUS: \$5,320

Giving to the Building Fund as at 31 March 2017

YTD ACTUAL:

\$76,252

ANNUAL TARGET:

\$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

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Acc No. 0090 3735

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Mount Pleasant Baptist Community College
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Acc No. 1036 7831

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Book of the month for May: The Reason: How I Discovered a

Life Worth Living by Lacey Sturm. Once a suicidal atheist, now a Christ-following rock star, Lacey tells her own story of finding purpose behind the pain, sharing the many reasons for her hope, and helping readers see how valuable they are to God. With raw vulnerability, she speaks of her physical abuse, drug use, and more — and her ultimate salvation.

OPENING TIMES:

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

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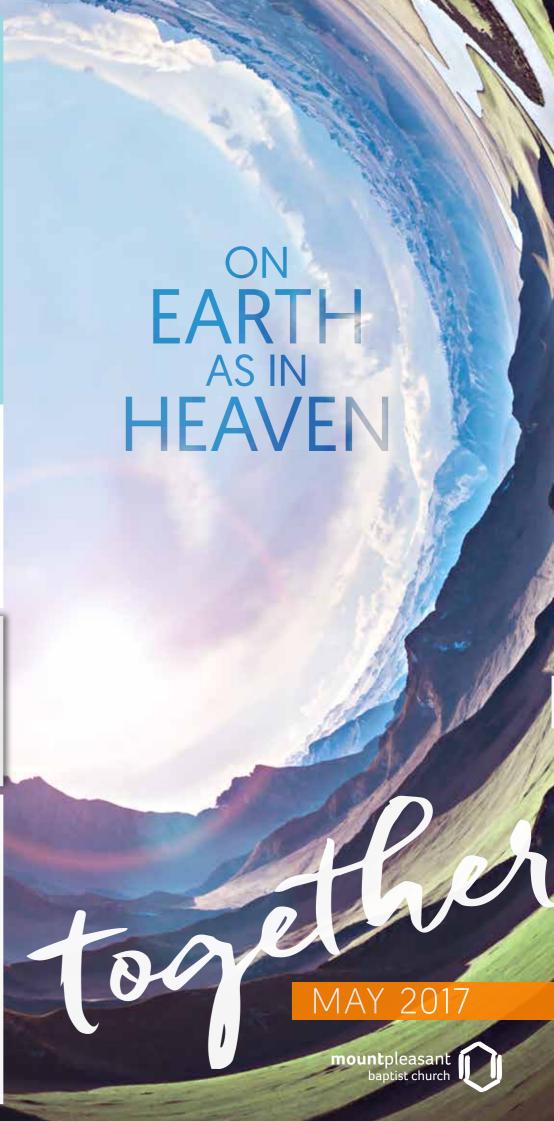
The Hub is MPBC's online directory and registration system. To get connected, go to mpbc.ccbchurch.com



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This Month



When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he said to pray this way: May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In the heavenly realm God's perfect will is accomplished in totality. Here on earth it is still a work in progress. Our focus for the month of May is **Proverbs**, the Old Testament book filled with God's wisdom, teaching us how to live our lives God's way. By the power of his Holy Spirit, God enables us to live God's way in Christ. As we cooperate with the indwelling Spirit of God, living our lives in Christ, we are bringing alignment to his will on earth as in Heaven. As we pray, so we must live! — *Nick Scott*

Follower 4x4 Course

Jesus repeatedly referred to his followers as "my disciples." He was very clear about the types of attitudes and behaviours that would be practised by believers. He even went as far as to say that Christians will be known according to the way they live. Do you want to know more about how to live as a follower of Jesus? Follower 4x4 is a course that covers four topics over four nights – Wednesdays 10-31 May at 7.30pm. It has been specifically designed for Connect Groups with teaching followed by supper and group discussion. The four topics will cover key points of discipleship like love in community, stewardship, and mentoring. Presented by Nick Scott, Peter Christofides and Jonathan Anthony. Cost is \$20. Registration via the Info Point or online: www.mpc.wa.edu.au/follower4x4

Coolbellup Campus Update

Over the last few weeks we have been anticipating the lead up to Easter. This anticipation and expectation came alive over the Easter period at Cooby where we sensed the presence of the Lord over the Easter weekend. Both Good Friday and Easter Sunday were well attended with new faces from the area coming to hear God's Word and remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The playground is about to be completed and the new Cooby Tumble Tots program is going well with up to 12 children and their carers attending. Prayer meetings have been well attended and we sense the presence of the Lord with us. "Greater Things are Yet to Come in the City" is what we are sensing.

- Peter Christofides

College Update

The current Music and Sound students are proving to be talented and passionate about many different genres of music.

They are drawn from local schools such as Rossmoyne SHS, which is exciting because it meets our vision of providing education within our own community. The students are enjoying working together in bands as they are assisted by the Sound students.

A recent concert featured diverse types of music from Mozart, an original



Electronic Dance Music composition, and several cover songs. Our students are currently focused upon finalising the composition of their original songs which will be recorded later this term. Some of these songs will be performed during the College Open Day on Sunday 16 July.

The Idea Of North

The Idea of North is one of Australia's brightest cultural treasures - James Morrison called them "the best contemporary a cappella group in the country." Using just their voices (and at times their bodies) as versatile instruments, with technical precision and perfect sense of timing, they create a sound that is rich and entertaining and has no need for a band. Come and see for yourselves – more than half of the tickets are already sold for their one show in Perth at MPBC Booragoon on Saturday 27 May. If you do not wish to miss out, get tickets via the Info Point or online at tion.eventbrite.com.au



Good News Club

Attention Children of MPBC: We are excited to announce that a new primary aged [school years 1-6] after-school club is starting up on Thursdays 1 June beginning at 4.00pm. The Good News Club is a great opportunity to join a fun-filled club with your friends [feel free to invite your school friends along!] - there will be games, afternoon tea, Bible Stories, singing and craft. Get your parents to register you at: www.mounties.org.au/goodnewsclub

Attention Adults: The club is looking for volunteers to help in many and varied capacities. Please contact Karien Sharp or Liezl Breytenbach at the Church Office for details. We are also requesting donations of crackers, biscuits and fruit for afternoon teas – please bring to the collection point in the foyer at Booragoon. Thank you for your support, prayers and help for this exciting new venture.

Good Friday Offering

Thank you for your generosity at Easter – the Good Friday offering raised \$47,241.75 that has been donated to the Baptist World Aid's East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal to provide urgently needed, life-saving food and clean water to victims of war in Yemen and East Africa.

PIE Nights

It is with great delight and thankfulness to God that we celebrate the great success of recent PIE Nights. On 30 March we had Peter Lyndon-James visit with 69 men from Shalom House, with a further 70 men attending to hear some of their testimonies. On 20 April, Navy Chaplain Franco Sianni shared on "When Warriors Weep" - a great talk on men being teachable, reflecting on their past, but not living in the past. We are excited to have Graham Mabury on 18 May at 7.00pm speaking on "The Journey for Men Today" – sharing on lessons drawn from around 750,000 phone calls and 30 years' involvement in community. Cost is \$10 (includes a pie and drink) - Registrations now all online via www.mounties.org.au/pienight

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

Baptist Historical Society

WHEN: Sunday 7 May, 2.30pm **WHERE:** Booragoon Campus Room 10

Sue Clark will present a paper on Bob Clark's life and work for the Baptist Churches of WA, before it is lodged with the Battye Library. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome.

Mother's Day

WHEN: Sunday 14 May BOORAGOON: 8.45am, 10.30am & 5.30pm COOLBELLUP: 9.00am

All are welcome to join us for Mother's Day.

Community Ministrie:

Connect Lunch

WHEN: Sunday 7 May, 12.15pm **WHERE:** Booragoon Campus Function Room

For those who are new or 'newish' to MPBC.

Men's PIE Night [Purpose, Inspiration, Encouragement]

WHEN: Thursday 18 May, 7.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room

Graham Mabury will speak on 'The Journey for Men Today – From being unsure and unfulfilled to becoming present, real and engaged.' All registration is online via: www.mounties.org.au/pienight. For more information contact Stephen Armstrong at pienights@gmail.com — All men welcome.

Seniors Hymn Sing

WHEN: Thursday 1 June, 9.30am **WHERE:** Booragoon Campus Function Room

All seniors are welcome to come and join in 'A Journey through life with Hymns'. Morning tea will be served. Cost \$5. Registration at Info Point or Church Office.

Women In The Word Together

WHEN: Tuesdays, 9.30-11.30am **WHERE:** Booragoon Campus Function Room

New study on *Mark* will commence 9 May. Childcare is now available. For more info contact Denise Nicholls at dsn@iinet.net.au

Singles Alive – Details of events for this active singles group coordinated by Elsie and Neil Murray are available at the Info Point and on the noticeboard.



AMP Youth

Winter Camp 2017: Radiate

WHEN: Saturday 1 – Tuesday 4 July **WHERE:** Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup

Registrations are now open for AMP Youth's 2017 Winter Camp: *Radiate*. Apostle Paul writes to the church in Philippi to reassure them so that they may have courage and confidence in spite of all the troubles around them. Our youth are faced with so many decisions and pressures of this world, and our prayer for our youth this camp is that they will have joy, confidence, unity and perseverance in the Christian faith and life, to *radiate* His glory here and now. Registrations and full details available at: *www.mounties.org.au/radiate*

Upcoming Courses

Alph

WHEN: Tuesdays, 2 May - 15 August, 7.30pm **WHERE:** Booragoon Campus Function Room

Alpha is a series of talks about the Christian faith, each followed by discussion groups where you are free to ask anything or just listen. It's relaxed, friendly, and fun.

Follower 4x4

WHEN: Wednesdays, 10 - 31 May, 7.30-9.30pm **WHERE:** Booragoon Campus Function Room

See accompanying article for details.

Register online: mpc.wa.edu.au/follower4x4

Creative Digital Photography

WHEN: Thursdays, 1 - 22 June, 7.00-9.00pm **WHERE:** Booragoon Campus Room 7

Greats photographs tell a story, a dialogue that takes you on a journey. Learn to create this dialogue through understanding the composition of photographs. Intermediate level course with DLSR cameras (must bring your own). Facilitated by Lawrence Roycroft. Registrations via the Info Point or online: www.mpc.wa.edu.au/creativephoto

Digital Photography for Beginners

WHEN: Thursdays, 1 - 29 June, 7.00-9.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Room 10 & Hall

Due to popular demand, Mick Stringer will be repeating this beginner-level course, teaching basic photo-graphic techniques with DSLR cameras. Cost is \$50 for the 5 weeks. Very limited registration available: www.mpc.wa.edu.au/beginnerphoto

A Month in the life of MPBC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
7.45am - Café open	Office closed	7.00am - Call To Prayer (7 May Booragoon)	9.15am - Craft Connection	9.30am - Tumble Tots Playgroup	6.45am - Marketplace98% [5 & 19 May]		9.00am - Auskick	
8.45am - International/ESL Bible Study Group		9.30am - Women in the Word Together	9.30am - Tumble Tots & Cooby Tots Playgroups	9.30am - Men's Bible Study	7.30am - Coolbellup Prayer Group		10.00am - Flourish (13 May)	
8.45am - Booragoon AM Service		6.00pm - Call To Prayer (23 May Coolbellup)	6.00pm - Revival Prayer (17 & 31 May)	11.30am - Seniors Communion & Lunch (18 May)	6.30pm - AMP Youth - Amplified (school years 7-12)			
9.00am - Coolbellup Service		6.00pm - Prayer and Healing	7.00pm - Coolbellup Ladies Bible Study <i>(H2H)</i>	7.00pm - Men's PIE Night (18 May)				
10.30am - Booragoon AM Service		7.30pm - Creative Ministries	7.30pm - Salt - Young Adults [17 & 31 May]				ION? act@mounties.org.au or urch office on 9329 1777.	
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