

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Today is the LAST Sunday for the **Christmas Card Delivery Project!**
- ❖ **Youth Committee Planning Meeting- January 9th at 2:00 PM.** Parents are welcome to attend the meeting as we plan for the upcoming year!
- ❖ Mark your calendars for **January 15th at 6 pm** when **Tonya Rose** (a ENC native traveling from Nashville TN for a visit) will be at Mt. Pleasant to **share her music.** We are excited to have Tonja join us and we encourage everyone to make plans to be here & invite friends/family for a great night of Christian entertainment....for more info, check out our post on Mt. Pleasant's Facebook page.
- ❖ Our next **Contemporary Worship Service** will be Sunday, **January 16th.** Please join us
- ❖ **Art of Parenting Bible Study:** Last year, we had to cut the Art of Parenting Bible Study short due to Covid. We have 4 sessions remaining, and we would like to finish the series beginning in the New Year. **The Bible Study will take place Tuesday evenings beginning on January 11th and ending on February 15th.** Dinner will be provided at 5:30 pm and the study will begin at 6:15 pm. Childcare will be provided in the youth hall each week. If you didn't participate last time but would like to join this time, please join us! We will review our previous sessions for the first two weeks of our study. The study is perfect for parents, expecting parent, or those that desire to be parents in the future. **There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for the study, for providing dinner and for childcare each week!**

Special Announcement*

Starting January 3rd, the bridge near the church will be closed until September 2022. So be prepared to come to church using an alternate route.

SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday School – Nursery
12/26 Sherry S & Laura P
01/02 Laura P & Wendy S

Worship - Nursery
12/26 Sherry S & Laura P
01/02 Laura P & Wendy S

Communion Table
Dec: Johnny Pinner & Bill Staton
Jan: A.J. Stancill & Tom LaBarbera

Preparing Communion
Dec: Becky Ormond
Jan: **Need Volunteer**

Home Communion
Dec: Dan Black (258-0897)
Jan: Johnny Pinner (714-4695)

Unlock & Secure the Building
Dec: Jorge Bocanegra
Jan: **Need Volunteer**

Opening
01/02 Robert Pinner
01/09 Johnny Pinner

Prayer Request

Communion Med
01/02 Jorge Bocanegra
01/09 John Ormond

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UPCOMING AT MPCC

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Choir Practice (11/21)
5:00 PM Youth Play Practice
6:30 PM Evening Worship

MONDAY

7:00 PM Ladies Aid Meeting
(2nd Monday of each month)

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Bible Study
5:15 PM Youth Play Practice
7:00 PM Young Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study
6:00 PM Worship Leader Practice

Tonja Rose
“Me, Jesus & The Highway”
January 15th
6:00 PM

Contemporary Worship Service
January 16th
10:30 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to Worship

"We Have Come Into This House To Praise Him" Choir

WELCOME Eugene Hyde

PRAISE & WORSHIP

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing" (v 1 & 3) 125

"Joy To The World" (v 1, 3 & 4) 117

"The First Noel" (v 6) 120

Communion Meditation A.J. Stancill

Communion Music

"Lead Me To Calvary" (v 1 & 2) 147

Communion

(if you wish to partake of the Lord's Supper, please hold emblems & take in unison)

Please place your offering in plates as you exit after the service

Prayer Requests Tom LaBarbera

Musical Offering

"Something To Shout About" Debra Staton & Choir

Morning Message John Ormond

No Room **Luke 2:6 & 7**

*Hymn of Decision

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (v 1 & 3) 87

*Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"Emmanuel" Screen

Depart to Serve

** Please Stand*

SERMON OUTLINE

Sermon: The Privilege Of Choice

Thesis: You Get To Decide

I. There Is No Greater Privilege Than That Of Choice

- A. Having a choice is God's gift to us.
- B. Making wise and godly choices is our gift back to Him.

II. This Privilege Offsets Any Injustice

- A. This means the injustice done by us.
- B. It also means the injustice done to us.

III. This Privilege Of Free Will Offsets And Mistakes.

- A. We must deal with our mistakes.
- B. We must deal with the mistakes of others too.

Conclusion: Going back to the cross, the choices there looked bleak for the two men on either side of Jesus. The one who mocked Jesus was angry. He was angry for many reasons. Angry because the choice he wanted wasn't afforded him. He wanted to be off the cross. He was probably angry because of a lifetime of poor and bad choices. Now he was on a cross paying the consequences of these choices. And yet, God in all His glory, looked down and offered him a choice through His Son. This choice was rejected. That is a sad thing. Heaven and glory was only one choice away.

Sermon Notes

Date:

Speaker:

Message Title:

Passage:

Notes:

Main Points:

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Verses Used:

PRAYER CONCERNS

- 1 Bill Staton – recovering from Covid; now Pneumonia
- 2 Edna Webb – recovering from hip replacement
- 3 Eli Cooke – doing well but returning to Duke in a few months for another heart procedure
- 4 Amy Taylor – stage 4 cancer
- 5 Wayne Elks – procedure on lungs
- 6 Myrtle Teel – mobility issues
- 7 Sandra Brown – in Vidant – health concerns
- 8 Frankie Spain – recovering from knee surgery on 12/9
- 9 Aaron Warnick – chemo treatments
- 10 Debra Staton – kidney stone removal moved to 1/11
- 11 Betty Kinney – lung issues
- 12 Chris Smith – car accident
- 13 David Giles – leukemia
- 14 Dewey Woolard – awaiting treatment plan
- 15 Kim Wallace – recovering 5-12 wks; non-weight bearing
- 16 Mary LaBarbera – seeing Dr. 12/29
- 17 Mason Bennett – recovering after valve surgery
- 18 Dean Everett – cancer
- 19 Grace Bronson – bone marrow transplant – developed pneumonia
- 20 Michael Wood – recovering from heart surgery
- 21 John Wood – recovering from broken femur
- 22 Becky Piner – chemo for throat cancer
- 23 Mary Lou McLawhorn – moved to acute skilled care for wound care
- 24 Sherry Maurice – released from hospital
- 25 Ty Woolard – tests in 6 months
- 26 Sylvia Gentile – in Cancer Center
- 27 Toni Mayfield – surgery – delivered baby at 28 wks
- 28 Dan Breeding – injuries from car accident
- 29 Mike Hoyst – home under hospice care
- 30 Peggy Hoyst - Parkinsons
- 31 Maria Garcia – needs lung & possible kidney transplant – covid complications - @ University of Maryland
- 32 Judy Johnson – back issues better; cyst on eye
- 33 Nelda Moore – starting radiation 10/18

PRAYER CONCERNS cont'd

- 34 Ellis Powell – mass in intestines – treating w/chemo so they can operate – battling stage 4 ovarian cancer
- 35 Ann Carraway – 3 more immunotherapy treatments
- 36 Graham Tunstall – lung cancer
- 37 Joseph Fowler – awaiting defibulator
- 38 Doris Kastanek – breast cancer
- 39 Dennis Kleen – internal bleeding
- 40 Brandy Edward Duke – scan not good, new meds
- 41 Tim Miles – liver cancer
- 42 Elaine O'Neal – Parkinson's Disease
- 43 David Matthews - pancreatic cancer; surgery then will plan therapy
- 44 Sheila Monroe – Duke for a month
- 45 Sahana Chapman – shoulder recovery problematic; may have to re-do surgery
- 46 Tom Dainty – continues infusions & chemo; tolerance is good; very tired
- 47 Lanie Jordan – home recovering from heart transplant
- 48 Mary Peaks – continuing chemo treatments
- 49 Student of Trudy Garris - bone demineralization
- 50 Tony Redemdi – pancreatic cancer surgery
- 51 Doug Griffin- bone cancer; another round of chemo
- 52 Robbie Stallings – upcoming surgery at Duke
- 53 Kourtney Stallings
- 54 Lisa Manning – bone cancer

LOVE & SUPPORT

Jayne Mayhew	Carrie Elmore	Myrna Rogerson
Guy Smith	Andy McKinney	Dawn Johnson
Connie Herring	Sarah Glasgow	Glynn Bright
Savanna Grace Bailey	Tina Nobles	LB Garris
Louise Cowell	Charles Cowell	Jean Gurkin
Unspoken Request	Jean Allen	Lucille Mayo

On-Going Prayers For

Our Church Leaders	Our Church Family	Our Youth Ministry
Our Music Ministry	Our Country	Our Military Forces