



MOUNT PLEASANT
BAPTIST CHURCH

God's World, Our Mission Field

October 2, 2020

My Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the glorious name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

2020 has been a difficult year. When we had to stop physically coming to church in March who knew that many months later we would still be out of the building. In spite of the difficulties we were able to adapt and continue doing ministry. As we head towards 2021 we really don't know what lies ahead for us but we do know that God is in control.

I would like to share with you the Pastoral Guidance for 2021. It is my belief that because of the uncertainty of COVID-19 we need to continue on the same path that we started on in 2020. Our vision remains: Building the Kingdom of God, One Soul at a time. We are still being guided by our four pillars: Seeking and Saving the Lost, Spiritual Growth, Service, and Social Engagement. Our focus for 2021 will once again be Elevation. One of the things that I have learned over the years is that even when we have the best plans "God's will" will always be done. That's why Proverbs 19:21 says, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."

In spite of the difficulty of the last seven months God has truly blessed Mount Pleasant. We are in a very good place as a church and I believe that He is going to take us even higher in 2021. Our Elevation Team has spent much of 2020 working hard and has presented their findings. We will be sharing those findings with you very soon. I look forward to making changes so that we can be that church "without spot or wrinkle". We had to make a very difficult decision to not have the Academy for the 2020-21 School Year. I know that it was hard for many to hear but our hope is that we can spend this down time to make our Academy the best in the area. There are some things that we need to work on and our New Board has the drive and desire to see it happen. Our goal is to restart the Academy in August of 2021.

I have asked the Directors to keep their budgets at the same level in 2021 that we had for 2020. While we have been blessed during this time because of your generous giving; we don't know what lies ahead down the road. We have really begun to put ourselves in a very good place and we don't want to go backwards. Keeping the budget at the same level as it was in 2020 will not only allow us to continue to do Ministry in a major way but it will make sure that we are good stewards of that which God has blessed us with.

At the same time we must begin to look forward towards the future. Some of the projects that will be our 2021 Budget will focus on: Re-establish the MPBC Christian Academy with a program that provides for accreditation, curriculum diversity and a technology enhanced learning environment with a S.T.E.A.M. foundation, Launch Campus Vision 2025 maximizing land and increasing facility capacity for youth and young adult development, and Upgrade and modernizing our communications platforms to extend ministry reach into local, regional and global influence.

I am excited about what God has in store for the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. In the words of scripture "*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*" (1 Cor. 2:9 KJV)" Let us all work together for the Kingdom and watch what God does.

Because He lives,

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