



September 27, 2026
10:00 AM

Deaf Shall Hear The Word Ministry
celebrates

Deaf Awareness Day

"Unity in Christ"

Romans 15:5-6



MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

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Alexandria, Virginia 22312

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Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson, Pastor



Order of Service

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Invocation/Call to Worship
Minister Jennifer Madison

Musical Offering - Combined Choir

Welcome/Offering
Minister Aleia Taylor-Ellington

Introduction of Guest Preacher
Video Presentation

Musical Offering
Galilee Baptist Church Deaf Ministry Choir

The Preached Word
Rev. Dr. Rico Paige
Galilee Baptist Church
Dundalk, MD

Invitation to
Christian Discipleship and Benediction
Rev. Dr. Rico Paige

Tithes & Offerings

1. Online giving at
<https://mtpleasantbc.org/give/>
2. Text-to-Give:
Text "GIVE" to 703-215-2545
3. Mail your tithes and offerings to
MPBC, 6477 Lincolnia Road,
Alexandria, VA 22312.
4. Mobile Giving "Givelify"
Download from the Play Store.
Visit <https://www.givelify.com/>
for instructions.

Your Invitation

Greetings, dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!
We are absolutely delighted to welcome you to
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where the love
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shines
brightly!

The Deaf Shall Hear the Word Ministry is eager
to worship together and make our Deaf
Awareness Day a special occasion in God's
house. What a blessing it is to unite in our
shared faith and purpose! Let's celebrate
joyfully together!

Let's take a moment to reflect on the scripture
from our Deaf Awareness Day theme: "Unity in
Christ" - Romans 15:5-6. This reminds us to
pray for unity, encouragement, and Christ-like
love so that we may glorify God together.

We're grateful for our relationship with Jesus
Christ! As part of His family, you share in
Abraham's promises. Today, we're excited to
welcome Rev. Dr. Rico Paige, a wonderful Deaf
speaker, and the Galilee Baptist Church Deaf
Ministry Choir to share God's Word. Let's come
together in joyful fellowship and celebrate our
faith!

Thank you for being a part of our Deaf
Awareness Day celebration.

Unity in Christ,

Deaf Shall Hear the Word Ministry Team
Minister Jennifer Madison, President
Sister LaRee Carter, Vice-President/Treasurer
Sister Stacy-Ann James, Deaf Ministry Assistant
Deacon Carlton Brown, Spiritual Advisor





Our Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Rico Paige **Galilee Baptist Church** **Dundalk, MD**

Reverend Dr. Rico Paige was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He received his high school diploma from Carver Vocational Technical High School. Reverend Paige received the gift of Salvation in 1988. He later rededicated his life to Christ in 1997 where he became a member of the Good Shepherd Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Reverend Robert C. Hunt. Through the word of God, Pastor Hunt imparted a strong biblical foundation in Reverend Paige's life. Reverend Paige became a member of the Young Adult Choir, and in 1998 joined the Deaf Ministry where he has served faithfully as treasurer and chairperson.

In March 2010, Reverend Paige accepted the call to preach the Gospel to Deaf and the Hearing. He preached his initial sermon entitled "Being about our Father's Business" (Luke 2:41) at the Good Shepherd Baptist Church on September 5, 2010, under the leadership of Pastor Reverend Restia G. Whitaker. Also, Reverend Paige served as part of the Ministerial Staff, Youth and Young Adult Advisor, and co-commander "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" (AWANA®) at Good Shepherd Baptist Church. In addition, he was an instructor and facilitator for the Deaf New Member classes.

Reverend Paige has also served as board member of Deaf Shalom Zone, a ministry that helps assist the unmet needs of the Deaf community in the state of Maryland. As a member of Deaf Shalom Zone, Reverend Paige assisted in mentoring Deaf and hearing young people, adults; and rendering his services as needed. In addition, he is presently a board member for Seasoned Deaf Ministry Leaders of Hearing Churches. (SDMLOHC).

Reverend Paige was ordained on March 6, 2016, under the leadership of Pastor Reverend Douglas F. Wilson, Galilee Baptist Church, Dundalk, Maryland. Presently, he is an associate minister and serves as member of the Deaf Ministry, leader of Evangelism Team. He also teaches Deaf New Members classes, and Bible Study for the Deaf.

Reverend Paige is a graduate of the Baltimore School of the Bible. He is also a graduate of North Carolina College of Theology where he completed his Doctorate in Theology.

Reverend Paige is married to Marlo Paige and has one daughter, Donyell, grandson, De'yon and granddaughter Dream.

Reverend Paige's favorite scripture is Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

31st Anniversary – Deaf Shall Hear the Word Ministry (1995-2026)

HISTORY OF DEAF SHALL HEAR THE WORD MINISTRY

(Formerly the Hearing-Impaired Ministry and Deaf Outreach Ministry)

In 1993, Rev. Dr. Harry J. Pilson, Sr., then Pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (MPBC) in Alexandria, Virginia, received a vision from God to reach believers who were Deaf and hard of hearing. From this vision, he sought to establish a ministry within MPBC that would minister to and support the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

After prayer and consideration, Rev. Pilson approached Brother Carlton Brown, sharing his God-given vision. In 1995, Bro. Brown accepted the calling of the Holy Spirit to initiate the ministry, which was originally named the Hearing-Impaired Ministry. With guidance from Rev. Pilson and the Trustee Ministry, Bro. Brown drafted a formal proposal, which was presented and approved at a church meeting.

At the start, MPBC had no interpreters for American Sign Language (ASL) or Signed English. Bro. Brown therefore sought assistance from the congregation, leading to the establishment of in-house sign language classes. Classes were also offered at Northern Virginia Community College for those wishing to serve as interpreters. The first interpreters were:

- Bro. Carlton Brown
- Sis. Brenda Edwards
- Sis. Sonia Brown
- Sis. Renee Sheppard
- Sis. Denise Wells
- Sis. Esther Sheppard

As their skills developed, interpreters began translating the morning worship services. Remarkably, services were interpreted faithfully for a year and a half before any Deaf individuals attended. Soon afterward, Deaf believers began joining MPBC, and the ministry expanded to include interpreting for Bible Study, Church School, prayer meetings, weddings, and other church events. Deaf members also began teaching sign language classes, helping to share Deaf culture and build bonds of fellowship between Deaf and hearing members.

As the ministry grew, its name was changed to the Deaf Outreach Ministry. Under Rev. Pilson's leadership, a Bible Study class was created specifically for Deaf members. In 1998, Bro. Brown and Sis. Denise Wells agreed that the ministry should be led by a Deaf or hard of hearing president, further strengthening the ministry's ownership within the Deaf community.

Current Deaf Members and Interpreters

Deaf Members: Kassidy A. Reynolds, LaRee Carter, Lisa Gaye Reynolds, Deacon Carlton Brown, Stacy-Ann James, Minister Jennifer Madison

Interpreters: Trustee Renee Sheppard, Ruby Osia, Minister Kimberly Veney (Former Interpreter)

Hands of Glory Choir

In March 1999, Pastor Pilson approved the formation of a Deaf choir, Hands of Glory, dedicated to interpreting songs through sign language during worship. The choir made its debut in April 1999 and went on to minister at church anniversaries, Easter Cantatas, and special events. On May 4, 2002, they held their first full concert at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, presenting “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord” (Psalm 150:6). Over the years, Hands of Glory traveled to other states, blessing many with their ministry in song.

Deaf Awareness and Prayer Ministries

The Deaf Outreach Ministry hosted several Deaf Awareness Day programs, celebrating Deaf culture and spiritual unity:

- Sept. 2002 – “Hoping to Follow the Right Direction” (Psalm 25:4–5)
- Sept. 2003 – “Continuing to Follow Wisdom” (Proverbs 3:3–5)
- Sept. 2004 – “God Takes Pleasure in His Own People” (Philippians 2:13)
- Oct. 2011 – “Faith Plus” (2 Peter 1:3–11)
- Oct. 2012 – “Always Forever” (Hebrews 13:8)
- Sept. 2014 – “God Knows Best” (Jeremiah 29:11–13)
- Oct. 2015 – “Favoritism Forbidden” (James 2:1–9)
- Oct. 2018 – “Living Right for God” (1 John 1:5–10)
- Sept. 2025 - "Christ is All and in All" (Galatians 3:27-29)

The ministry also hosted Annual Prayer Breakfasts and later partnered with the Ezekiel Missionary Ministry:

- Jan. 2002 – “Come Grow with Us and Establish a Blessed Family” (Acts 2:42–47)
- Jan. 2007 – “Prayer with Expectation” (Ephesians 6:18)
- Dec. 2009 – “Power of Prayer” (Philippians 4:6)
- Dec. 2013 – “The Principle of Prayer” (Matthew 6:5–6)
- Dec. 2014 – “Touching Heaven with My Thoughts” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18)

Ministry Leadership

Over the years, the ministry has been faithfully led by the following presidents:

- Bro. Carlton Brown (1995–1997)
- Sis. Denise Wells (1997–1998)
- Sis. Elizabeth Creamer (1998–1999)
- Sis. Jennifer Cooper (2000–2001)
- Sis. Vitina Johnson (2002–2003)
- Sis. Janice Bivins (2004–2005)
- Minister Jennifer Cooper (2005–2006)
- Sis. LaRee K. Carter (2007–2015)
- Sis. Vitina Tyree (2016–2019)
- Sis. LaRee K. Carter (2021–2022)
- Minister Jennifer Madison (2023–Present)

A New Name and Mission

In October 2022, Rev. Dr. Carl Johnson approved the name change to Deaf Shall Hear the Word Ministry. Its mission is to spread the Gospel to the Deaf, hard of hearing, and people with disabilities in the Washington, D.C. area post-pandemic. The ministry participates in Church School, evangelism, missionary work, MPBC fellowship activities, home visits, and annual Deaf Awareness events.

To God be the Glory for the great things He has done!

Announcements

*September is National Emergency Preparedness Month.
“Americans Stand Ready” For more information, visit: Ready.gov*

Sunday, September 27—8:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall). Young Adults "Chat & Chew" Virtual & In-Person. Inviting all young adults to join a special time of bible study, food, and fellowship. Zoom: <https://06web.zoom.us> | Meeting ID: 860 2290 3469 | Password: 288112.

Monday, September 28—6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Dial-In: 1-848-220-3300 | Conference ID: 1571206. (This is a toll number. Charges may be incurred.) Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

Monday, September 28-November 2—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Virtual Grief Ministry Session. To register: <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/295057>. Zoom ID and passcode will be forwarded after registration. Contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org.

Tuesday, September 29—6:45 p.m. Rehearsal (Sanctuary Choir)

Wednesday, September 30—12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study. Topic: “Walking in Destiny” Scripture: Acts 2:14-41. Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>. Meeting ID: 870 0476 6539 | Passcode: 366816.

Thursday, October 1—6:30 p.m. Virtual Prayer Service. Led by Deacon Maurice Evans, Deaconess La'Tonia White, and Deaconess Allie Hollister. Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>. Meeting ID: 883 5803 1485 | Passcode: 730650.

Thursday, October 1—7:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study. Topic: “Walking in Destiny” Scripture: Acts 2:14-41. Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>. Meeting ID: 883 5803 1485 | Passcode: 730650.

Saturday, October 3—8:30 a.m. Virtual Hour of Prayer. All invited. Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/>. Meeting ID: 874 1517 9751 | Passcode: 829086

Saturday, October 3—10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. AI Basics Workshop For Everyone! (Fellowship Hall) Curious about Artificial Intelligence? AI Certified Marketing Coach Nikki Givon will lead an encouraging, easy-to-understand session on how AI works. No tech skills needed—just bring your curiosity! Morning refreshments will be served.

Sunday, October 4—10:00 a.m.—“Pink Up” October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Plan to wear pink in honor and memory of those who were touched by this disease. Contact Mrs. Phyllis Jordan, Director of the MPBC Health Wellness Team.

Sunday, October 4—10:00 a.m.—Ministers' Appreciation Day. Special thanks to our MPBC Ministerial Staff for your time, support, service, mission efforts, and prayers for the members, community, and people worldwide!



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE & ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

Theme: "For Such A Time As This" Esther 4:14 (KJV)

Colors: Gold and Black



Thursday, October 8—7:00 p.m. Virtual Women's Conference. Guest preacher, Minister Esther Sheppard, First Lady of First Baptist Church of Merrifield, Falls Church, VA.



Sunday, October 11—10:00 a.m. Women's Annual Day. Guest preacher: Dr. Angela Corprew-Boyd, Founder of Women Empowered in the Millennium, Inc., Chesapeake, VA.

Saturday, October 24—5:00 p.m. Virtual Quarterly Church Conference. Members Only. Request minutes from the April 25, 2026 church conference by contacting the church clerk at clerk@mtpleasantbc.org (preferred) or call the Church Office at 703-256-1268 extension 16.

Attention Voters In DC, Maryland and Virginia!



Tuesday, November 3, 2026—Mid-Term General Election for Voters in DC, Maryland and Virginia. Elections for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and Governor. Are you registered? Everything you need to vote at <https://www.vote.org>.

Friday, November 6, 2026—1:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory Photo Session Phase 2 Make-Up Date. Email Sister Katie Smith at Smithkef49@verizon.net for more information.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the church directory layout. Contact Pictorial Directory Coordinators Deacon John White, jmanofdallas@gmail.com or Sister Katie Smith Smithkef49@verizon.net.

Each ministry should designate a contact person to schedule a group photo after Sunday services. For scheduling, contact Minister Stephanie Gillus at Stephanie.Gillus@mtpleasantbc.org or Deacon Maurice Evans at Sevanssr@gmail.com.

Business Advertisements can reach over 400 active member families. Submit by October 15 to Smithkef49@verizon.net. Rates: Business Card \$25, Half Page \$50, Full Page \$100. Make checks payable to Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.



CONCERN FOR OTHERS—Galatians 6:2

APPRECIATION—1 Thessalonians 5:18

RESPECT—1 Peter 2:17

EMPATHY—Romans 12:15 and Colossians 3:12

Acknowledgment



***Thank you for participating
in our Deaf Awareness Day!***

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Family

Deaf Shall Hear the Word Ministry

MPBC Sign Language Interpreting Service

Ministerial Staff

Music Ministry

A/V Team Ministry

Usher Ministry

Prayer Team Ministry

Transportation Ministry



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