



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERAN'S DAY *celebration*

SUNDAY | 9TH NOVEMBER | 10:00AM

Today we honor you for serving our
country and protecting our freedom.



VISION: Building a vibrant, engaged faith community serving, growing, and transforming Lives." 1 Peter 4:10-11
MISSION: "To grow a congregation of believers committed to the ministry of Worship, Evangelism, Missions, Discipleship, Service and Fellowship with a heart for Prayer, Bible Study and the Great Commission." Matthew 28:19-20
THEME: "Changing Lives One Soul At A Time" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

ANNUAL VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

8:55 a.m.—Church School

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 826 9792 9538 | Passcode: 222125

Deaf and Hard of Hearing & Adult Class.

Lesson 10: "Jerusalem's Fall"

2 Kings 24:18-20, 25:-9

Teacher: Minister Bonita Easter

High School Class. Lesson 10: "Seeking Protection"

Psalms 25, 33:12-22; Proverbs 4

Teacher: Sister Latrice Betz

Preteen Class. Lesson 10: "Thank You" Luke 17:11-19

Teacher: Sister Bernice Hudson

Middlers Class. Lesson 10: "Moses, Aaron, and Plagues"

Exodus 7:1-13

Teacher: Sister Tefera Baker-Warrick

Early Elementary Class. Lesson 10: "God Cares for His People"

Exodus 7-13

Teacher: Sister Wanda Evans

PreK-Kindergarten Class: Lesson 10: "Joseph as a Boy"

Genesis 37:1-28, 39:1, 2

Teachers: Sister Jean Hogan and Sister Linda Lovelace

Young Adult Class.

Topic: "Crisis Prepares Us for Greater Assignments"

James 1:2-4, 12

Teacher: Sister Breanna Jones

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 860 2290 3469 | Passcode: 288112

10:00 a.m. Live Worship Service.

Live Streaming & YouTube

Preacher, Rev. Dr. Willie Elder,

Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Orange, VA

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Nursery Open—Welcome ages 2-5

Pray for Bereaved Families

Sister Willie Bolar, member/mother of Christina Coles and grandmother of Shaw Coles.

For help and encouragement during time of bereavement, call the Grief Line at (571) 533-2963.

Contact: Denise Mackie-Smith,

Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org

Pray for the Sick and Shut-In

ATTENTION MPBC MEMBERS!

Please respond to the recent letter you received regarding your contribution statement preferences and request for updated contact information.

Responses should be sent (preferably via email) to

Loretta.Miller@mtpleasantbc.org, or

Anita.Johnson@mtpleasantbc.org.

Contact the church office or place in the receptacle located in the main Sanctuary vestibule.

Nursery Services. Childcare at MPBC Nursery will be available only during the **10 a.m. service** on the **first, second and fourth Sundays**.

WAYS TO GIVE

1. Visit <https://www.mtpleasantbc.org> and click on GIVE Use the QR Code.
2. Visit <https://www.Givelify.com> and Sign in to Use the QR Code.
3. Mail to MPBC address listed below.
4. Text "GIVE" to 703-215-2545 to use Text-To-Give.



WORSHIP SERVICE
VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION
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10:00 a.m.

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Call to Worship and Invocation
Minister Derrik Allen

Musical Offering "National Anthem"
(congregation stands)

Congregational Hymn of Worship

Scripture
Sister Wanda Haskins

Prayer
Deacon Kenneth Jackson

Video Tribute to Veterans

Welcome and Offering
Minister Stephanie Gillus

Video Introduction of the Preacher

Music of Preparation

The Preached Word
Rev. Dr. Willie Elder
Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church
Orange, VA

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

REV. DR. WILLIE ELDER

Rev. Dr. Willie Elder is a native of Lawrenceville, Virginia home of the world famous "Brunswick Stew." He is the second of two children born to Willie and Helen Towns-Elder.



Pastor Elder was licensed to preach December 3, 2000 and ordained May 2009, both at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (MPBC) in Alexandria, VA. On September 21, 2019, he was privileged to be installed as the 10th Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church (Madison Mills) in Orange, VA.

Before accepting the pastorate at Bethel, Dr. Elder served faithfully for nine years at Christian Way Baptist Church in Falls Church, VA. Five of those years as Assistant-Pastor. For several years prior to that, he served the MPBC in several capacities: Prison Ministry Director, Adult Church School Teacher, Men's Ministry President, Deacon Vice-Chair, and Usher.

He is a former President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Northern Virginia and Vicinity (2014-2016) and currently serves as the 2nd Vice-Moderator of the Wayland Blue Ridge Baptist Association, Inc.

Dr. Elder attended the University of Maryland where he received a *Bachelor of Science Degree* in Business Management. He is also a graduate of Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA earning a *Master of Divinity Degree*. He attended the Virginia University of Lynchburg Leonard N. Smith School of Religion where he obtained his *Doctor of Ministry Degree*. His dissertation project was titled: *Restructuring the Ministry of a Small Rural Church: Posturing for a Post-Pandemic Environment*.

Pastor Elder is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Army and a former Department of Defense employee retiring in 2019.

He is married to the former Angenette Eddie. He is a father, grandfather, and husband.

Pastor Elder firmly stands on the words of Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



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History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day is observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The observance of Veterans Day not only preserves the historical significance, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

~ Romans 12:9-13

Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.

~ Hebrews 13:18

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

~ 2 Timothy 2:3

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

~ John 15:13



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ARMY

Tyrone Bradley
Robert Brooks
Bernard Carter
William Cheek Jr.
James Collier
Alvin Eason
Penni Ford
Stephanie Gillus
Mary Gleaton
Bradley Gordon

Wanda Haskins
Christine Hayes
Loucious Hires
Denise Holley
Allie Hollister
Carl Hollister
Geraldine Green
Gregory Johnson
Norman Johnson
Ceonia Jones

Ceonia Jones IV
Yolanda Peterson-Jones
Henry Phillips
J. Keith Powell
Cora Spratt
Bridie Timbers
John Tyler
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Arthur Robert Smith, US Army

Zoom conference ID's and passwords will be provided prior to virtual meetings via e-mail or view details on services and events by visiting: <https://www.mtpleasantbc.org>

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ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Need Donations & Volunteers! Ezekiel Missionary Ministry & Emergency Preparedness Team Support Jamaica Relief!

Donations are needed throughout November to support disaster relief efforts in Jamaica and assist federal employees in need. You received an email list of items for this project. MPBC members are needed to support this effort to help pack and organize these items. This list is available on the table in the vestibule. **Drop-off donations:** In the Picket & Sheppard Chapel: Now through November 22 during church office hours on Monday-Friday at 10:00 a.m.-5:30 pm. **Packing dates:** Friday, November 21—9:00 a.m. and Saturday, November 22—9:00 a.m. Contact: Sister Yvette Collier at colliery@verizon.net or call the Church Office on Monday-Friday—10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at (703) 256-1268.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, November 9—10:00 a.m. Children's Worship Hour. (Fellowship Hall) For details contact: Rev. Chris White at Chris.White@mtpleasantbc.org

Monday, November 10—6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting. *(New Date)*

Dial-In: 1-848-220-3300 Conference ID: 1571206# Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

Monday, November 10—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Grief Ministry Session. All interested persons are welcome.

Register at: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/272168>. Zoom details will follow.

Contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org.

Monday, November 10—6:45 p.m. Rehearsal (Hi-Def Choir)

Tuesday, November 11—6:45 p.m. Rehearsal (Sanctuary Choir)

Wednesday, November 12—12:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study. Led by Pastor Carl M. Johnson.

Meeting ID: 863 2373 8575 | Passcode: 966812

Thursday, November 13

6:30 p.m. Virtual Youth Bible Study "TNT."

6:30 p.m. Virtual Prayer Service. Led by Deacon Michael Wilson, Deaconess Marcia Gilbert-Gregory, and Deaconess Sherri Morgan. Submit prayer requests at prayer@mtpleasantbc.org.

7:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study. Led by Pastor Johnson.

Meeting ID: 827 0887 7528 | Passcode: 727996

Saturday, November 15—8:30 a.m. Mighty Men of Valor Fellowship. Inviting all men and male youth for Word study and fellowship. Meeting ID: 823 5206 8259 | Passcode: 883382

Saturday, November 15—9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Virtual Evangelism Workshop. All invited to learn biblical, practical strategies, and overcoming challenges in sharing one's faith. Topic: Digital Evangelism. Facilitator: Minister Aleia Taylor-Ellington. Meeting ID: 849 9620 7699 | Passcode: 466628

Saturday, November 15 and November 22—9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Virtual Gifted to Serve Class Sessions. All are invited to learn what the Bible says about spiritual gifts; examine Jesus' model of service; and complete an assessment to determine how God has gifted you to do the work of ministry. Meeting ID: 884 6403 5416 | Passcode: 711196

Saturdays, November 15—9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. ACCA Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal. Host: John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. Choir members and interested are welcome to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 16—12:00 p.m. Missionary Ministry Visitation. All invited. Annandale Healthcare Center, 6700 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. Accompanied by MPBC Minister.

Wednesday, November 19—6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Grief Ministry Virtual Video Presentation “Surviving the Holidays.” A special video to help encourage and comfort those who are grieving during the holiday season. Persons planning to attend are asked to register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/272168>. The book is available. Cost: \$5.00. To purchase a copy, contact the Church Office, secretary@mtpleasantbc.org or call (703) 256-1268. For details contact: Denise.Mackie-Smith@mtpleasantbc.org.

Thursday, November 20—7:00 p.m. ACCA Ecumenical Thanksgiving Community Worship Service—Host: John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. All invited to this benefit event with area churches of ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action).

Saturday, November 22—9:00 a.m. Community Food Drive Up Give-Away. (MPBC Parking Lot). Must be in car. One box per car. Contact: Yvette Collier at Yvette.Collier@mtpleasantbc.org.

Sundays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21—10:00 a.m. Advent Celebration. A special time of celebration and candle lighting each week in preparing for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Saturday, December 13, 2025—12:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Christmas Fellowship Luncheon. Wildfire Tysons at Tysons Galleria, 2001 International Drive, McLean, VA 22102. All invited. Cost: \$65 per person—includes tax and gratuity. **Deadline: November 21.** For reservations and payment details contact: Merle Summers, Katie Smith, Deaconess Marlene Fields or Beatrice Jones. Sponsored by the Golden Gem’s Senior Ministry.

Sunday, December 14—9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Church School Visits Leewood Nursing Home. During Church School students in grades pre-K thru high school will give gifts to residents who have no visitors from family and friends.

2025 Winter Messenger Newsletter. Theme: “The Promise” Genesis 3:15 (KJV). Submit articles, poems, and notices at mpbcnewsletter@mtpleasantbc.org by **December 7.**

MPBC & FRIENDS! SPECIAL TRAVEL EVENT!

February 26, 2026—March 7, 2026. South Africa Mission & Cultural Tour. Join Mount Pleasant (Pastor Carl Johnson) and First Baptist Church of Merrifield (Pastor Paul Sheppard) in partnership with Know the Truth International Ministries, Inc. For trip details visit: <https://ktt.managedmissions.com/ourtrips>. Contact: Japera Rahming: japera@kttministries.org, 703-382-8181 or Rev. Gerald Robinson: revgerald@kttministries.org, 703-425-3838.

ATTENTION: MOUNT PLEASANT MEMBERS & FRIENDS—SAFETY ALERT!

When crossing the street to church, please use the crosswalk. These areas have been marked for your protection.

Vehicles are required to stop and allow safe crossing.

Persons have been observed crossing in areas outside of the crosswalk.

Download Our Church App!

Register for events and worship services with the convenience of your phone.

Scan the QR code or visit

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