

# PERSPECTIVE

The background of the cover is a photograph of a city skyline at dusk. The sky is a deep, dark blue. In the foreground, a black street lamp stands on the right side, its glass panes glowing with a warm, yellow light. The city buildings are silhouetted against the twilight sky, with some lights visible in the windows. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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## Why Are We Here?

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# Welcome to Mount Vernon!

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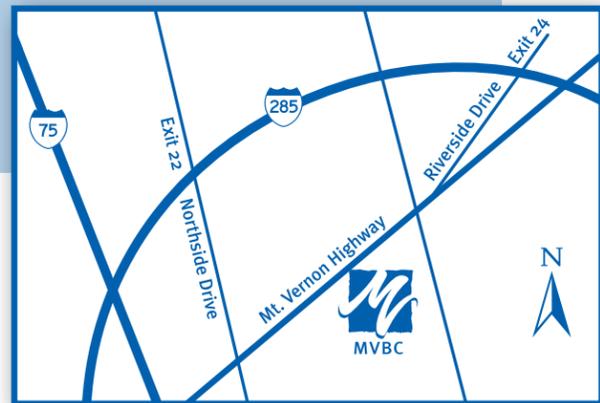
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## SERMON SCHEDULE

April 5 ..... *An Unlikely Appearance*  
Luke 24

April 12 ..... *An Unlikely Mission*  
Acts 1:1-11

April 19 ..... *An Unlikely Witness*  
Acts 9:1-19

April 26 ..... *Pilate: "What Will I Do with Jesus?"*  
Mark 15:1-15  
Guest Preacher: Bert Daniel

## A Conversation with...

**Brad Thayer: Where are you from?**  
Chip Cofer: Americus, Georgia

**BT: That's a fun name for a city. Tell us about your family.**  
CC: I married a wonderful gal, Amy Johnson, on May 10, 1997. And nearly 12 years later, the Lord has given us three wonderful children—Chase (8), Abbey (6) and Emma (2).

**BT: I think many of us know that you are an avid hunter. But what's something else interesting about you we may not know?**  
CC: I once had an invitation to try out for the Atlanta Falcons as a punter.

**BT: Okay, I would love to ask more questions about your near professional, sports career. But more importantly, tell us your testimony. How did you become a Christian?**  
CC: As a teenager, a number of youth leaders began to intervene in my life. They cared for me, listened to me, and cried with me. I saw something different in them, and I wanted to know why they cared. I wanted to know the source of their hope. They taught me of a spiritual Father, a peace that passes understanding, purpose and grace. And I wanted these things, so I questioned every Christian I knew.

One day I went fishing with my grandfather right after I began college. And I think he could tell my heart was ripe for the Gospel. So he told me his testimony and about Jesus, and he challenged me to open my heart. My grandparents were my foundation. Their wisdom was broad and seemingly endless. They had seen the Great Depression, wars, addictions, love, hard work, children, loss, triumph, and salvation. They were Christians, and for the first time in my life I understood their source of hope – Jesus Christ. They told me that He also wanted to be the master of my life. So I asked Him to fill me. I trusted in Him and the price He paid for my sins. I turned from my sins and accepted His grace. And I knew I was changed in both my head and my heart. I began to see my surroundings in a whole new light. Shortly after, I joined the Baptist Student Union at college. I desired Christian fellowship, spiritually grew, and served my community. Life still presented me with difficulties, but I had hope and a victory in Jesus.

**BT: Praise God for His work in your life! How did you come to Atlanta? Did you come to Atlanta for MVBC?**

CC: No. I came to Atlanta following my first job as a hydrogeologist. I lived in Tucker and worked in Stone Mountain.

**BT: Ah! So tell us how you came to MVBC.**

When I moved to town in 1994, about the only person I knew in Atlanta was Mike Clary, the former recreation director. He invited me to play softball on his men's team. I met some great people that season that truly invested in me. I was drawn closer to the church through the singles ministry led by the former Associate Pastor, Dean Ropp. And I then joined the church in 1995.

**BT: Now you've been on staff for a while. How long has it been and what are your responsibilities?**

CC: I joined the MVBC staff in September 2001. My main responsibility on staff is outreach. This is done through youth and adult sports, Rockbridge Day Camp, and other special events.

**BT: Isn't God surprisingly kind?! You came to MVBC through the recreation and outreach ministry and here you are leading us in it. Thank you, brother. What do you love most about being on staff?**

CC: I enjoy the opportunity to use my gifts to serve my Creator and to be a part of a team of ministers called to do the same thing. It is an honor to work in an environment that spends all of it's time and resources focusing on Christ.

**BT: There was some change in your position this past January. Tell us a little about that change.**

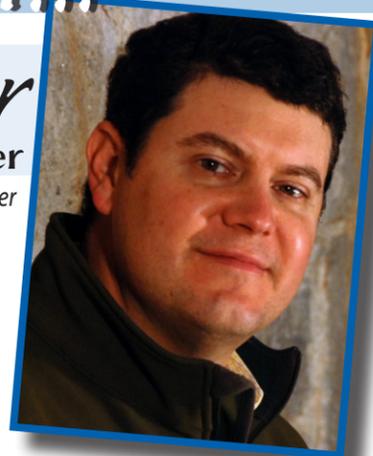
CC: The change in position has been a major adjustment for me and my family. I went from full-time at MVBC to part-time at MVBC and part-time at Skipstone (a Baptist children's adventure camp). However, God is faithful and we trust him. Since the transition, I've had many opportunities to expand my area of ministry and a chance to share my gifts with other organizations with similar focus. I feel more like a missionary of MVBC in some roles, but I am blessed to be a part of the MVBC staff and family.

**BT: If someone wanted to be involved and help support your ministry, what are several things they can do?**

- CC: Be a coach or scorekeeper (softball, basketball, or flag football);
- Be a groundskeeper (always need help on the softball field and ropes course);
- Be a cook (6 to 8 times a year we cookout on the ball field);
- Be a mentor (several boys and girls come through our programs that have a specific need);
- Be a messenger (help tell our community about our ministry);
- Be a donor (we need scholarships that support children for sports and camp);
- Be a player (participate in what we do and impact others for Christ);
- Be a facilitator (learn adventure recreation and help lead groups on our ropes course);
- Be a counselor (come work with children at day camp or basketball camp).

**BT: Brother, thank you for taking the time for this interview. How can we be praying for you?**

CC: Pray that I will continue to grow spiritually as a husband and father. Also pray that I'll trust God and accept the declining health of my grandparents.



**Chip Cofer**  
Recreation Minister

Interviewed by Brad Thayer

**ATTENTION:**

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**SEE YOU IN ROME!**

# Deacon Recommendations



Now is the time to be thinking and praying about what men at Mount Vernon should serve us as deacons. Every year several deacons rotate off the deacon body and we select men to take their place. As a member of MVBC, your input is needed. Who are the men at MVBC that you see living an exemplary Christian life, displaying faithfulness to this local church, and constantly serving wherever a need exists? These are the men you should recommend to the Deacon Nominating Committee.

The qualifications for a deacon can be found in 1 Timothy 3:8-12. Every deacon must be:

Worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons

In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well.

Here are a few observations about these qualifications as you prayerfully consider who to recommend to the Deacon Nominating Committee.

First, someone who is eligible to be a deacon must be known by the congregation. That does not mean that every deacon must be known by every member of the congregation. It does mean that, generally speaking, this individual is present often enough to gain a reputation for faithfulness and service. So, when you are considering who to nominate as a deacon, remember how important it is for this person to be known by the church.

Second, Paul's list of qualifications is not meant to be exhaustive. The main point is that a deacon must be godly. He should not be plagued by a moral scandal such as drunkenness or sexual immorality. Paul is saying that a deacon should be walking with Jesus in a faithful, observable way.

Third, the qualification to be the husband of but one wife is an important one. Married male deacons are to be, literally, one-woman men. Does this mean a single man cannot be a deacon? No, it just means that if a man *is* married he must be faithful to his spouse. What about divorced men—can they serve as deacons? Let me just say that many churches disagree over this very question. I think the best way to answer is, "maybe." If a man has been divorced it *may* disqualify him for this kind of leadership in the church. This is especially the case if the divorce is a direct result of his poor leadership in the home. It has been the practice of Mount Vernon throughout the years to allow men who are divorced to serve as deacons so long as an examination of the reasons for the divorce are taken into account.

Fourth, does Paul place qualifications on deacon spouses? Again, "maybe." The New International Version of the Bible translates verse 11, "In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect." In the Greek it simply says, "the women." The question becomes, is Paul referring to the wives of male deacons (as the NIV argues) or is he referring to deaconesses? I don't think it would be appropriate for Mount Vernon to have female deacons under our

current structure of leadership. At Mount Vernon, deacons presently exercise a pastoral authority that the New Testament reserves for men. However, if we move in the direction of adopting elders *and* deacons, our position might change. In other words, if pastoral authority is placed in the hands of elders (men recognized by the church to serve alongside the pastor as shepherds) then the service-oriented office of deacon may be open to women. This, however, is a topic for another day!

What now?

Please pray about the nomination process and the seven men whom you will recommend as candidates for deacon. As you do, keep this list of qualifications in mind. Remember we are looking for men who are known by the body, exemplary Christians in the body, and have a proven track record of service to the body. A deacon nomination ballot will be provided for all MVBC members at the morning service on April 26 and May 3. In addition, if you will be absent from MVBC on these two Sundays, you can pick up a nomination ballot at the Church Office. A deacon nomination ballot will also be included as an attachment in the April 27 edition of *The Courier*, the new MVBC weekly e-newsletter. You can turn in your deacon nomination ballot in the offering plate on April 26 or May 3, or you can turn in your ballot at the church office by May 3. If you turn in your nomination ballot at the church office, please place the ballot in a sealed envelope marked "Deacon Nominating Committee." As a reminder, only MVBC members should complete nomination ballots and you are required to sign your nomination ballot.

Please pray for the Deacon Nominating Committee. It consists of me, David Dorsett (the deacon chair), Pat Knowles (the deacon vice-chair), Sam Galbraith, Doug Langmack, Lollie DeFreese, and Brent Reid. Pray that we would have wisdom as we consider your recommendations and then, finally, make a recommendation back to you. Our goal is to bring a list of seven men's names to be affirmed by a vote of our active deacons on June 22. If these men are affirmed by the deacon body, we will let you know immediately of the results so that you have several weeks to pray over these recommendations. Lord willing, on July 19, we will have a specially-called Church-in-Conference for MVBC members to ask any questions about the proposed new deacons. After the Q&A session, MVBC members will have a chance to vote and affirm these men as newly appointed deacons.

Please thank God for the leadership that He has given Mount Vernon. I've only been here a few months, but I am so thankful to see how so many individuals in this church sacrificially give of their money and their time for the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the believers in our community. So many individuals serve Mount Vernon on the Leadership Team, in the Deacon body, on committees, and in ministry teams. God has provided for us well—we should thank Him.

Please speak to me or a member of the Deacon Nominating Committee if you have any other questions about this process. It is certainly my prayer that in the weeks and months ahead you will be encouraged by the leadership provided for our body. ☩

~Aaron Menikoff



# Why Are We Here?

One of the most basic questions any of us can ask is, “Why am I here?” Answers fall into two basic categories. First, we are here for ourselves. Second, we are here for God. The famous philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, argued for the former: “morality is primarily a means of preserving the community in general and warding off destruction from it.” Nietzsche tried to explain why people do good things. People do good deeds, he argued, so society doesn’t fall apart—it comes down to self-preservation. We exist, he insisted, for ourselves.

Christianity is a worldview that proposes a different reason for existence—we are here for God. We certainly do good deeds. We are even commanded to do good deeds. But those deeds are not done ultimately for our good but for God’s glory. This is a point made by the Apostle Paul. Everything we do, Paul insisted, is to be done “for the glory of God.” We are not the point of life, God is.

One of the most succinct descriptions of the reason for our existence is found in the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Finished in 1647, the Catechism was meant to give believers a simple and clear understanding of the Christian faith. Though the language is archaic, the point of the first question and answer has stood the test of time: “What is the chief end of man?” The answer: “Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.”

God is the reason for and the point of our existence. As one Christian put it, “To glorify God, is to manifest God’s glory: not only passively, as all creatures do . . . but also actively, men glorify God when the design of their life and actions is the glory and honor of God.” We exist for God’s glory. The Hebrew word for “glory” is *kanod*. It means heavy or weighty. The purpose of our lives is to make it obvious that God is “weighty” in

the sense that He is valuable and deserving of praise. To say that we exist to glorify God is to say that we exist to be living proof that God is great!

How, then, do we live for God’s glory? How do we show the world that God is the point of our lives? If the goal of a business is to make a profit, we need to know how to make a profit. If the goal of a race is to win, we need to know how to win. If the goal of our life is to glorify God, we need to know how to do that. Without attempting an exhaustive answer, let me suggest how one local church can exist for the glory of God. *Mount Vernon Baptist Church exists for the glory of God in the midst of our community.* What do I mean by this?

*First, we should glorify God in the midst of our church community.* We are uniquely called by God to serve one another as members of Mount Vernon Baptist Church. We read in Galatians 6:10 where Paul instructed the churches scattered throughout Galatia to “do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Mount Vernon is a “family of believers.” Those who are part of this family have a special and unique responsibility to love and serve one another.

We find this focus throughout the New Testament. The author of the letter to the Hebrews expressed a similar concern: “Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24). We glorify God by spurring one another on toward love and good deeds. Many groups of people serve one another. Non-Christians band together for all sorts of humanitarian activities. Here’s the difference. As Christians, we serve one another for the glory of God. God’s glory is both our motive (we serve others because God is glorious) and our ultimate goal (we serve others so that God will be seen as glorious).

The glory of God and service within the family of believers is forever intertwined. We honor Jesus when we love one another in the church. He said: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35). When Christians exercise sacrificial love toward one another the world comes to understand what it looks like to follow Jesus. In other words, God is glorified when we care for one another.

When, in the name of Christ, you deliver a meal to someone in the church; the next time you give somebody a lift home; the next time you make a donation toward the benevolence fund; the next time you have a brother or sister over for dinner, you are doing more than serving. You are exemplifying Christ-like love to an unbelieving world. You are bringing glory to God the Father. We glorify God in the midst of our church community.

*Second, we should glorify God in the midst of our civic community.* In God’s providence, Mount Vernon is located in Sandy Springs, a suburb just north of Atlanta-proper. In the few months I’ve been here, I have had more than one person tell me, “We are not a community church.” I know what they mean. The reality is that we have children who come to church here but go to dozens of different schools. We have church members who drive from miles out of town. Because we are near a highway it is relatively easy to get to our church from all over North Georgia. Praise God for cars! In the twenty-first century, the age of the neighborhood or community church is, in a sense, over.

However, we are still responsible to glorify God in the midst of our civic community—and that com-

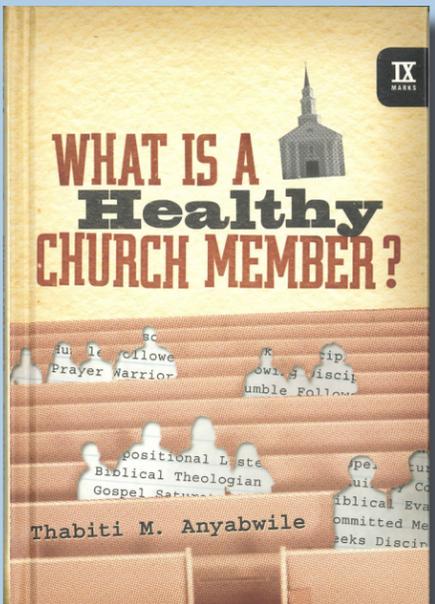
munity is Sandy Springs. The members of Mount Vernon have a unique responsibility to pray for Sandy Springs, to meet non-Christians in Sandy Springs, and to strategize for the spread of the Gospel in Sandy Springs. We should take this responsibility seriously. Jesus told the believers in Acts 1 to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Sandy Springs is our Jerusalem. Our mandate is to see the Gospel taken to all the nations. As a missionary told me, the churches with the most impressive international ministries are similarly committed to their local community. If you are a member of Mount Vernon and you live in Sandy Springs, are you thoughtful about where you shop, where you eat, and with whom you do business? Remember, you are a member of a church in the Sandy Springs neighborhood. We glorify God in the midst of our civic community.

*Third, we should glorify God in the midst of our daily community.* Many of us do not live in Sandy Springs. We live in Decatur, East Cobb, Smyrna, and Alpharetta. We may work in Atlanta. Wherever we happen to be is our community. Do people in your office know you are a Christian? Does your work ethic commend the Gospel to them? Do your words indicate that you love Jesus? What about your neighbors? Wherever you live, have you made an effort to get to know your neighbors? I knew a couple years ago who invited their neighbors over on a hot summer day for an ice cream party. An MVBC member recently told me how he and his wife delivered Christmas cookies to meet their neighbors. What a great idea! Sandy Springs may be where the church is located geographically, but the community that you are called to reach is the one where you spend your time, day in and day out. When you reach out to your daily community, God is glorified. Remember what Jesus said, “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). We serve our neighbors not simply to be good neighbors, but with the hope that they will one day glorify God.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church exists for the glory of God in the midst of our community. That community is three-fold. It includes our church community (the members of MVBC), our civic community (Sandy Springs), and our daily community (wherever you happen to be). May God be glorified in each and every place. That, after all, is why we are here. 🙏

~ Aaron Menikoff

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## WHAT IS A HEALTHY CHURCH MEMBER?

by Thabiti M. Anyabwile

Reviewed by Dan Nable

WHAT IS A HEALTHY Church Member? by Thabiti Anyabwile

may be compared to cheap perfume—it does not last long (only 117 pages) but it hits really hard! It is definitely an insightful and penetrating look at what a healthy church member should look like in the “light of Scripture.” Characteristics of a healthy church member are everything from true conversion to saturation in the Gospel to evangelism; from working in the church to seeking discipline to being a humble follower immersed in prayer. Anyabwile describes these characteristics in turn and offers guidelines to help us evaluate our degree of “health.”

We begin our health evaluation by listening to God’s Word. Anyabwile wrote, “Just as the pastor’s preaching agenda should be determined by the meaning of Scripture, so too should the Christian’s listening agenda be driven by the meaning of Scripture” (19). We should listen for and be receptive to God’s message to us. Why? He continued, “It is hearing the message and the Word that leads to saving faith (Rom.10:17)” (25).

Once a listening habit is developed, it should lead us to desire an increased knowledge of God; a knowledge of who He truly is and not just who we think He is. Anyabwile says this is what it means to be a “biblical theologian” (ch. 2). As a biblical theologian, we “deepen our understanding of and facility with the Gospel” (31, author’s emphasis). Furthermore, “ultimately knowing God means being ‘more than a conqueror’ by exulting in the adequacy of God in all things” (36).

A healthy church member is also “Gospel Saturated” (ch. 3). The greatest need in the world—and the greatest need in the church—is the Gospel! Thus, Anyabwile notes that the Gospel is not the message we are okay, that God is

love, that Jesus wants to be our friend or that we should live right. Rather the Gospel is literally the “good news” of how rebellious sinners created in God’s image may be reconciled to their Creator God through His Son, Jesus Christ (40-41). In light of the Gospel experienced in our lives, Anyabwile directs us to “cultivate and protect a ravenous desire for this message” (41). We are to order our lives around the Gospel, share the Gospel with others, and guard the Gospel from corruption and abandonment (Gal.1:8-9). “In the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God offers himself for sinners and to sinners” (46).

In discussing genuine conversion (ch. 4) and biblical evangelism (ch. 5), Anyabwile digs more deeply than in the preceding chapters. For without genuine conversion, all else is just playing a part. From restating the Gospel, to looking at our “daily walk” and to questioning who we love, the author pulls no punches in helping us to validate our conversion. Furthermore, “apart from a biblical understanding of conversion and evangelism,” noted Anyabwile, “a church member will be most *unhelpful* in completing the church’s mission of making disciples” (58, emphasis added). Therefore, a healthy church member must be a “biblical evangelist.” Biblical evangelism requires that we faithfully share the good news of Jesus Christ, and the local church is a central part of our evangelistic efforts.

Some Christians, however, never join a local church and many who do never become “committed members.” Each “non-member” will always have a reason for not joining and committing because at the root of such decisions is “a failure to understand or to take seriously God’s intent that the local church be central to the life of His people” (64). A “committed member” is one who, according to Romans 12:6-8, “gives resources, time and talent to the furtherance of the Gospel in the local church,” said Anyabwile (70).

Chapter 5, “A Healthy Church Members Seeks Discipline,” says that if we are to grow, we need to establish and submit to discipline in humility and meekness. Discipline has two general purposes: formative/positive or corrective/negative. Both are challenging when utilized fully. We are to take seriously not only our own discipline but also our responsibility to care for others. Anyabwile wrote, “It is a basic responsibility and privilege of every church member to help sustain the discipline of the local



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church” (80). When a healthy church member embraces discipline, the result will be a growing disciple (Heb. 6:1). The growth we want to see is growth that brings glory to God, not to ourselves.

Now comes the CAT SCAN, the MRI, so to speak, that detects the core strength of a healthy church member—the “attitude” toward church leadership (ch. 9). Our attitude toward leadership determines the “altitude” that the local church will be able to achieve. Anyabwile said, “Church members are the people who generally make or break a local church” (95).

There are three areas of concern regarding attitude toward the leadership. A healthy church member, first, honors the elders (pastors, deacons, leaders). This includes providing appropriate and sufficient wages, especially to those in full-time ministry to the body. We are also to protect their reputation. “We honor our pastors because on the day of the Lord they shall be our boast and we shall be theirs (2 Cor. 1:14)” (97). Second, members show open hearted love to the leaders. A shepherd should receive no less than respect coupled with love (2 Cor. 6:11-13). Third, they present, with a teachable spirit, the evidence of a humble heart and a desire to grow in Christ. Leadership in the local church is established by God for the blessing of His people. However, effective leadership needs encouragement and support by the members of the church (103).

Lastly, Anyabwile turns to prayer (ch. 10). Every Christian

verbalizes that prayer is important and vital to the Christian life. Yet, despite this claim, “prayer remains for many Christians a difficult task, a duty without joy and sometimes seemingly without effect” (105). Why? We lack “a Gospel-centered understanding of prayer” (107). Believing the Gospel changes our status from outsiders to members of the family of God. So now “we stand before God receiving a full hearing” in our prayers (108).

The how and when of prayer boils down to two biblical teachings: pray constantly and in the Spirit. Paul exhorted the Thessalonians to ‘pray without ceasing’ (1 Thess. 5:17). Paul helps us in Romans 8:26-27 to identify the work of the Spirit in our praying. Anyabwile wrote, “Prayer in the Spirit is prayer controlled by the Spirit, and prayer controlled by the Spirit is prayer according to the will of God” (110). It is by such prayer that we wage our warfare as Christians (Eph. 6:18).

To conclude, Anyabwile’s heart as a pastor is evident throughout the book. As Christians and members of a local church, we are well served, challenged, and encouraged by reading *What Is a Healthy Church Member?* <sup>✝</sup>

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**Events Key**

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- New Members
- Preschool
- Children (1st-6th grade)
- Singles
- Youth
- Women's Ministry
- Adults

# Happy Birthday!

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| 9 Drew Clayton     | Ben Tingle          |
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**→ LORD'S SUPPER**  
APRIL 5 - 10:30 PM  
Church family, we will be partaking of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection. We encourage members to examine their hearts and relationships with one in preparation.

**→ GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
APRIL 10 - 12:00 PM  
This is a unique service where we will be gathering to remember and celebrate Christ's death. Please invite your friends, family, coworkers, and members of the community.

**→ EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**  
APRIL 11 - 10:00 AM  
This event will feature a blow-up slide, games, prizes, and, of course, an egg hunt! Please bring a picnic lunch, something to sit on, and a basket for each child. We are asking for donations in the form of individually wrapped candy. Donations can be dropped off at Connections Corner or at the Preschool Desk. In the event of rain, it will be held in the gym and Fellowship Hall.

**→ YOUTH LOCK-IN**  
APRIL 17 - 9:00 PM  
Mount Vernon will be partnering with other churches in the Atlanta area for an experience that will include worship and all other kinds of fun. The cost is \$10. For more information, please contact Jacob Hall at 404-255-3133 x228 or at jacobhall@mvbchurch.org.

**→ FIRST LOOK**  
APRIL 19 - 9:15 AM  
Join us for a First Look at Mount Vernon in the Mount Vernon Room! Come and learn more about our church as you make your membership decision. No need to RSVP—just come!

**→ CHURCH IN CONFERENCE**  
APRIL 26 - 4:30 PM  
Members, please join us for our quarterly Church In Conference. We will consider church matters including the budget and membership.

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