



Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Newsletter

# HEART TO HEART

LINKING A HURTING COMMUNITY TO A HEALING GOD

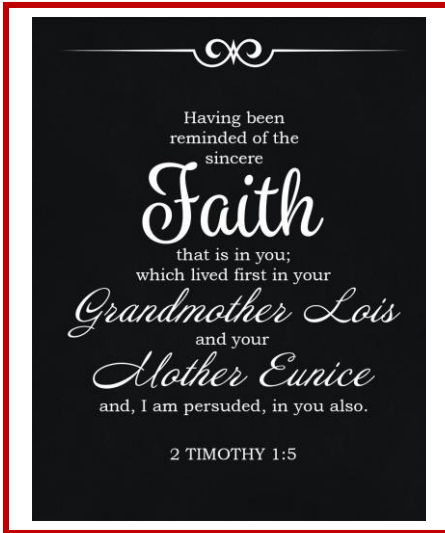
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## *A Mother's Influence*

From the mother's womb springs forth all life. It is said that "In a child's eyes, a mother is a goddess. A poet once wrote, "Mother is the name for God on the lips and hearts of little children." And Kipling stated that since God could not be everywhere, he made mothers.

***Mothers are the first feeders, first teachers, and the first greeters of humanity.*** Mothers take on many roles throughout our lives: nurse, counselor, spiritual advisor, educator, nutritionist, transportation coordinator, maid, consoler, and peacemaker. In fact, the essential virtues of humanity are common traits to most mothers: loving, kind, compassionate, patient, empathetic, determined, strong, tender, wise, and fiercely protective. The Bible gives us many extraordinary examples, which apply to ordinary mothers.

***Of course, Eve is heralded as the Mother of Mankind.*** Then there's Sarah, Mother of Isaac, wife of Abraham, known as the mother who waited. And Hagar, Mother of Ishmael, servant of Abraham, known as the mother who endured. And Rebekah, Mother of Jacob and Esau, known as the Mother who obeyed God. And Bathsheba, Mother of Solomon, mistress of David, known for raising a great man of wisdom. And Jochebed, Mother of Aaron, Moses and Miriam, wife of Amram, known as the Mother with a plan. Samson's mother, the mother who followed the rules. Hannah, Mother of Samuel, the mother who kept her promise. And finally, Mary the Mother of Jesus. The Bible is festooned with stories of great mothers who bore the men God chose to lead His Chosen People.

So as we celebrate Mothers, and the miracle of motherhood, let us remember the awesome responsibility and burden of motherhood and recognize that civilization depends on the success of every mother who has the power to nurture the next generation and give birth to possibilities we could have never imagined. ***And for this, we owe all mothers our deepest gratitude.***

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Charles Bond Jr.



## THE ROCK

**"He is the rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He."**  
(Deuteronomy 32:4 \*NIV)

As a Child of God we have the blessing of being able to lean on the "Rock." For when troubles hit our lives we can always count on God for help. He is always there with us providing strength, comfort and guidance during times of trouble, sorrow, sickness or any other adversity!

The Prophet David wrote, **"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my god is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn (horn means power) of my salvation, my stronghold."** (Psalm 18:2)

So, always put your trust in God to provide you refuge, and be your shield and power as well. After all He loves you very much, and is always with you!

Have a wonderful month, and may; **The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your heart and mind through Jesus Christ.** (Philippians 4:7)



## COVID-19 In Perspective

### COVID-19 *Just a Reminder*

Wash your hands frequently.

Cover your mouth and nose with a flexed elbow or tissue when coughing and sneezing.

If you have to be out, remain 6 feet apart between yourself and others.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

If you have a fever, cough AND difficulty breathing, seek medical care.

I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.

I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.

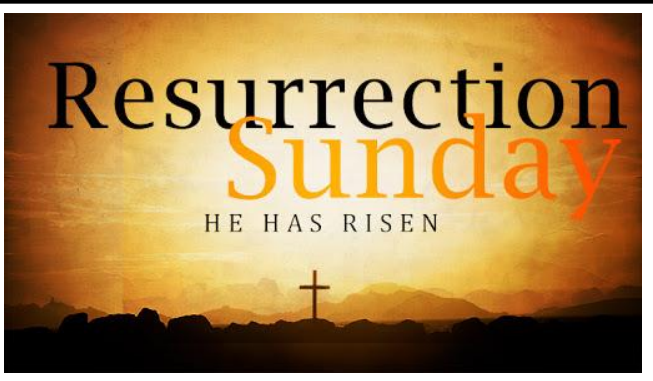
PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.

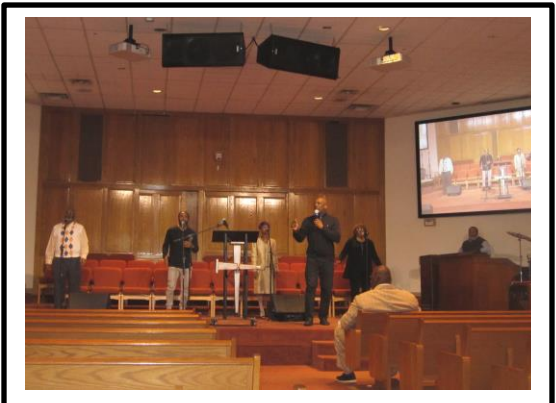
So, after this quarantine . . . will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?

I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

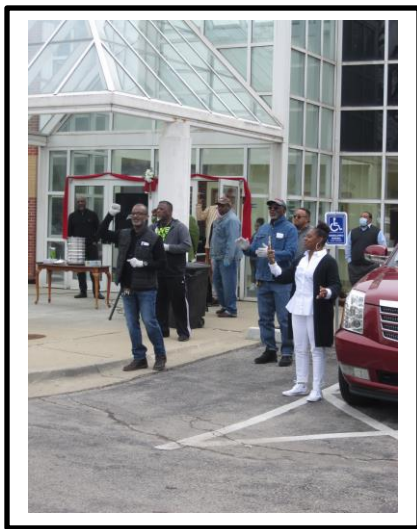
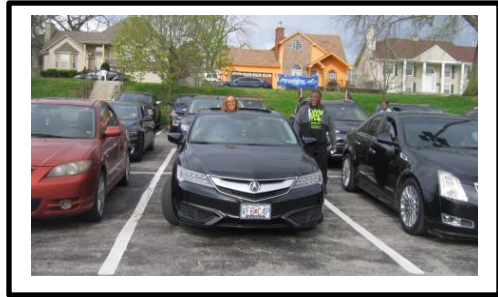
Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year" . . . I'm offended.



The Praise Team sang  
**BLESSED!  
and  
HE'S ABLE!**  
After the sermon  
Communion was served by the Deacons in the parking lot.



Pastor Bond preached a powerful word in the sanctuary and finished on the parking lot.  
Members, family and friends sat in their cars and honked their horns to say Amen!



*Parking Lot Praise!*





## Introducing Lov'ly Nyjah Bell

Hi! My name is Lov'ly Nyjah Bell, I am a 15-month-old who loves to suck my thumb and play with my learning bear. Can you believe I was a Micro Premie! I was born at 22 weeks on January 27, 2019 weighing a "whooping" 15 ounces. Of course, doctors tried to convince my parents that having me would be fatal for my mother and myself, but I'm so glad that their faith prevailed despite the doctor's orders.



**During my "Micro Life" I have overcome several major obstacles.** I spent 423 days in the NICU at 3 different hospitals. In those 423 days 40% of my body was burned due to an allergic reaction. I beat the flu twice and I endured 4 surgeries. On October 20, 2019 my team of doctors struggled mightily to keep me breathing, but needless to say God kept me while they spent 30 plus minutes trying to get a breathing tube down my throat. I'm not totally out of the red because I'm still battling Chronic Lung Disease and Pulmonary Hypertension. Me and my mom are "twinsies" because we both are on oxygen and I also wear leads that tracks my oxygen levels and heart rate. I'm fascinated with my feeding tube so much that I try pulling it out several times a day!! It drives my dad up a wall, ha ha!!!

I will admit that being in the NICU for so long has caused me some separation anxiety. I freak out when I'm in unfamiliar places or if my parents aren't in plain sight. I'm adjusting to home life and the oh so wonderful sounds of my two older brothers who are also a part of the Premie Gang! I love being the youngest because I get all the attention and I enjoy watching them fight and argue over me! **Just a heads up, my oldest brother is overly protective of me and honestly thinks he is my dad.**

**I want to give a big shout out to my parents, especially my mom for sacrificing her life in order to give me life!!** Mother's Day is upon us and she deserves something really special!!! I would like to give a great big shout out to The Residence Inn Hotel in Overland Park (room #134), who housed my family for 8 months. This is where my father perfected his skills in "catch a girl get a girl". He caught my mom in August and got me in January. Thanks Dad!!!

Due to the pandemic we are currently facing, I have not been out the house to see the faces of my church family, **but I did take a few snap shots so you can get a glimpse of what LOVE looks like.** I'm so grateful for the prayers of righteous men and women who interceded on my behalf to an Able God. Please do not stop praying for me and my family. Please continue to pray for every NICU baby and their families around the world because during my stay I lost 3 roommates.

I really want to thank the newsletter team for allowing me to share a bit of my testimony. I encourage all of you that no matter what it looks like or sounds like, share your testimony with others so they can see that God is still working extraordinary miracles through ordinary people like you and I. **Got to go, my fingers hurt from all this typing!!!**



## May is Stroke Awareness Month

**F**Does one side of the **FACE** droop?**A**Does the **ARM** drift downward?**S**Does the **SPEECH** sound slurred or strained?**T**There's not a lot of **TIME**. Call 911.

A stroke is treatable if you act F.A.S.T.

### What is a stroke?

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain ruptures and bleeds, or when there's a blockage in the blood supply to the brain. The rupture or blockage prevents blood and oxygen from reaching the brain's tissues.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), stroke is the fifth-leading cause of death in the United States. Every year, more than 795,000 U.S. people have a stroke. Without oxygen, brain cells and tissue become damaged and begin to die within minutes.

### Stroke symptoms

The loss of blood flow to the brain damages tissues within the brain. Symptoms of a stroke show up in the body parts controlled by the damaged areas of the brain. The sooner a person having a stroke gets care, the better their outcome is likely to be. For this reason, it's helpful to know the [signs of a stroke](#) so you can act quickly. Stroke symptoms can include:

Paralysis, numbness or weakness in the arm, face, and leg, especially on one side of the body, trouble speaking or understanding speech, confusion, slurring speech, vision problems, such as trouble seeing in one or both eyes with vision blackened or blurred, or double vision, trouble walking, loss of balance or coordination, dizziness severe, sudden headache with an unknown cause

A stroke requires immediate medical attention. If you think you or someone else is having a stroke, have someone call 911 right away. Prompt treatment is key to preventing the following outcomes:

- brain damage
- long-term disability
- death

It's better to be safe than sorry when dealing with a stroke, so don't be afraid to call 911 if you think you recognize the signs of a stroke. [Act FAST and learn to recognize the signs of stroke.](#)

### Types of stroke

Strokes fall into [three main categories](#): transient ischemic attack (TIA), ischemic stroke, and hemorrhagic stroke. These categories are further broken down into other types of strokes, including:

- embolic stroke, thrombotic stroke, intracerebral stroke, subarachnoid stroke

To Learn about the risk of strokes go to: <https://www.healthline.com/health/stroke#risk-factors>

# Sick and Shut-In

Matthew 25:36 "... I was sick, and you visited me..."

Earnest Clark † Jerline Ross † Elease Denton  
Leroy Blanton † Mother Barbara Stewart  
Cecelia Fae Agee † Min Wilson Hammond

## PRAYER REQUEST

We are here to lift you up in prayer.

DeNisha Bell	Arthur Ross	Charlotte Washington
Edna Lampkin	Marc Howard	Leslie Levenson
Ethel M. Like-Bell	Brenda J. Williams	Anna Liggins
Dwayne Crompton	Krystal Kemp	Tonya Crompton
Uneta Hammond	Lov'ly Bell	Min Lereather Carthen

### Bereavement

Helen Harrington & Family on the loss of her Aunt  
Andrea Paige on the loss of her cousins  
The Jackson Family on the loss of Elder Marvin J. Jackson  
Mother Genetter Bradley on the loss of her spouse and our  
beloved Deacon James Bradley

### Separation

**There are many ways you can feel separation.** Perhaps you are separated from ones you love because you live in

different areas. Or maybe you are separated because of marital problems. Whatever the reason, separation can feel like you're being torn in two. The loneliness can knock the wind right out of you and sometimes it's difficult to move forward.

**But take solace in the knowledge that you are never alone,** because you can never be truly separated from God. Any feelings of being apart from the Lord stem from you, not Him. But you can remedy that right now by praying to Him, thanking Him for being your constant companion. Just call on Him and you'll never be distanced from the Lord.

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you"

Hebrews 13:5b



Ebony James – May 1  
Pat Bates – May 3  
James Mitchem – May 3  
Deacon James Brown Jr – May 4  
Tambra Williams – May 8  
Rhona Lewis – May 9  
Charlotte Washington – May 11  
Deacon Arthur Ross – May 21  
Krystal Kemp – May 22  
Marilyn Taylor – May 22  
Caesar Blevins – May 24  
Barbara Walker – May 28  
Willie B. Richardson – May 29

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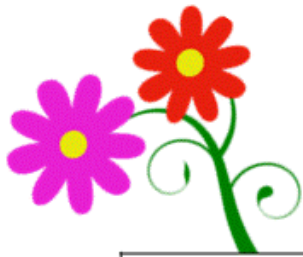
Thank you

To My Mt. Pleasant Family,

Its people like you all that make the world more special, more loving and more rewarding.

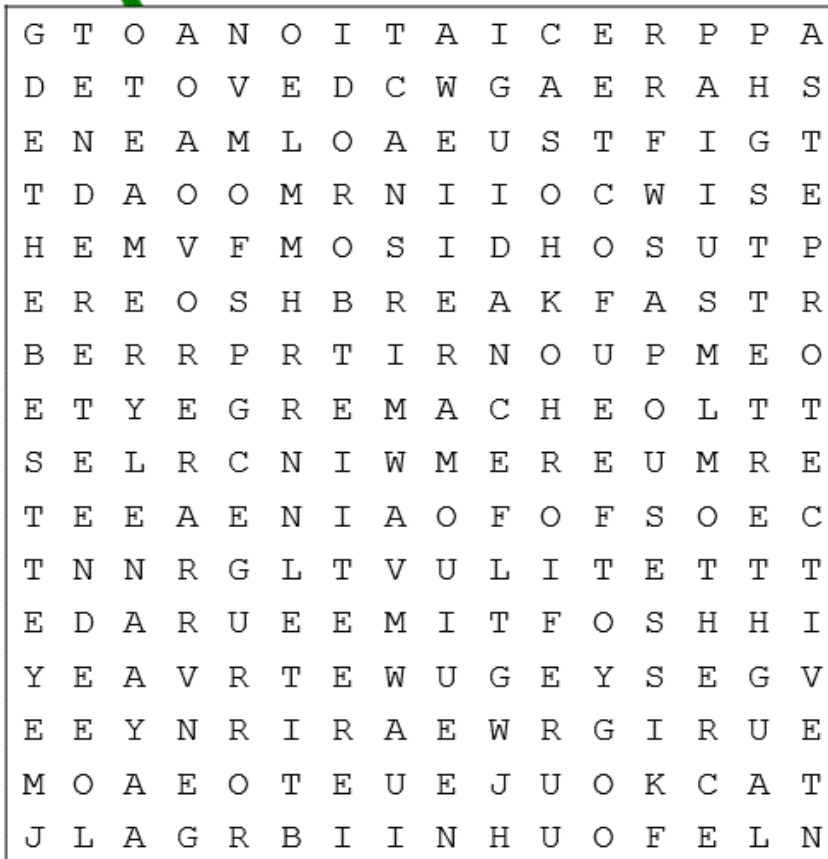
That's why I'm so happy that you're a part of our lives.

Deacon James Bradley and  
Mother Genetter Bradley



# Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May



**A mother's love for her child does not waver.**

She may not be the smartest, or always say the right things, or wear fancy clothes, but she shows up for her child, time and time again, in unexpected ways.

Her care and concern is always there, even when her child is fully grown. It's a heart and soul connection that transcends the test of time.



APPRECIATION  
BEAUTIFUL  
BREAKFAST  
CANDY  
CHARMING  
COMFORT  
DEVOTED  
FLOWERS  
FORGIVING  
GIFTS

GUIDANCE  
HUGS  
JEWELRY  
JOY  
KISSES  
LAUGHTER  
LOVE  
MATERNAL  
MOM  
MOTHER

NURTURE  
PERFUME  
PROTECTIVE  
SHARE  
TELEPHONE  
TENDER  
THE BEST  
WARM  
WISE



- **Sarah:** The Mother Who Waited
- **Hagar:** The Mother Who Endured
- **Leah and Rachel:** The Mothers Who Had to Share
- **Naomi:** The Mother-in-Law Who Shared Her Faith
- **Hannah:** The Mother Who Kept Her Promise
- **Elizabeth:** The Mother Who Believed in Miracles
- **Mary:** The Mother Who is Blessed among Women

### Schedule of Services

Sunday School 8:30 am • Sunday Morning Worship 9:45 am  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN THE WORD

Join us at 7:00 pm

Join us via Facebook Live  
or call in to the Zoom  
Conference Call  
929.205.6099  
ID Code 8461912693

Invite a friend to join the  
service online!

## Upcoming EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 10th**  
Mother's Day
- May 25th**  
Memorial Day - church office closed
- June 14th**  
Graduate Recognition - TBD
- June 27th - 9:00 am**  
Scholarship Committee  
Sponsored - Breakfast Bash  
TBD
- June 28th**  
101st Church Anniversary  
Celebration - TBD

## Tithes & Offering

GIVING BACK TO GOD

### 2020 Building Fund

**EACH MEMBER** is asked to  
give \$25.00 **per month**  
towards the  
Building Fund

*Over and above your tithes &  
offering*

### Sunday Morning Service † 9:45 am

Join us via Facebook Live at [mtplesantkc](#) or Zoom Conference  
call: 929.205.6099 ID Code 8461912693

SUNSET SERVICE  
CANCELED  
Due to COVID-19

**WAYS TO GIVE**

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**MT. PLEASANT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH KC**

Pastor  
**Charles E. Bond, Jr.**

### The Newsletter Committee



Freda Crompton † Ardell Pierce  
Diana Brown

Your suggestions on topics of  
interest are welcome

*Please submit by the 15th of the month*

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