

**HISTORY  
OF THE  
MOUNT PLEASANT  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1926 in Deacon Arthur James' house in Spruce Alley on Chestnut by the late Reverend Aaron Burney, his wife, Frances, and children. The Church was named Mount Pleasant Baptist Church by the late Sister Frances Burney. Their son, Herbert Burney, is currently a member of Mt. Pleasant.

Reverend Burney resigned in 1936, and Reverend George W. Mitchell was called to Pastor in 1937. At that time, he was pastoring two Churches, Grace Mary, Robles Pond and a Church in Rubonia, Florida. He later resigned from both Churches and gave full-time to Mt. Pleasant. When Reverend Mitchell became the Pastor, the Church was in debt. Within three years, all debts were paid off and the Church had been enlarged.

The Church became too small and Mr. Ben Lacy had a Sundry (at that time there was no such thing as a bar). He sold his place of business to the Church for the sum of \$18,000, which was paid off in two years. The location was Lincoln Park on the Riverside which is presently the Howard W. Blake Baseball Field. The members sat on boxes and wood benches without backs. They had kerosene lanterns along the walls and a potbelly stove for a heater.

Many members were converted and baptized in the Hillsborough River. Several Deacons were ordained to include: Deacon Arthur James, Deacon Peter Kirkland, Deacon Mac McComb, Deacon James Sampson, Deacon Clev Adams, and Deacon J. Bedden. The late Sis. Mamie Smart served as Church Clerk. Sis. Lillie James succeeded her and served faithfully until her passing in 1959. The Church also had a choir, but no piano so they practiced at Annie Bailey's house and they would sing acapella at Church. Every first Monday the choir went to the Flying Squad (Choir Union) to sing.

**LOOK WHERE GOD HAS BROUGH US FROM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

- ❖ 1951 In 1951, a small building was built so that the Church could host the Association Convention.
- ❖ 1954 The Hillsborough County School Board purchased the former church site on Spruce Street for \$15,000.00. The two lots on Laurel Street were purchased and a new Church was built by Brother Master Martin for \$13,500.00.
- ❖ Feb. 1955 We marched from the old church on Spruce Street to the new Church on Laurel Street.
- ❖ 1959 Sis. Ernestine Rogers became Financial Secretary and Sis. M.S. Jackson, Church Clerk.

❖ May	1962	The Church was demolished because of the expressway and worship services were held at Pallbearers Temple on Main Street.
❖ July	1962	Payments of \$14,500 were paid for the lots on Spruce Street and Rome Avenue.
❖ March	1963	The keys were presented to the present Church. Deacon L.L. Virgil led a group of members in building the Church's dining area.
❖ April	1963	The building was dedicated in time to entertain the District School and B.T.U. Convention.
❖	1965	We began building an annex to our main building and it was completed in April 1966.
❖	1966	Dedication services were held on April 24, 1966. Most of the work was done by members of the Church under the leadership of Deacon L.L. Virgil, who gave his spare time, working both day and night, to get the dining area ready that we might host the District Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention.
❖ Sept.	1967	The cornerstone was laid by the Lily White SBA.
❖ June/Aug.	1973	The air conditioning and heating systems were completed.
❖ Oct.	1976	The 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church was observed and \$12,505.53 was raised to pay off the mortgage of the Church.
❖ Feb.	1977	The Church mortgage was burned.
❖ Dec.	1977	Sis. M.S. Jackson resigned and Sis. Betty Newton, who was the Corresponding Secretary was elected Church Clerk in January 1978.
❖	1978	The Church ceiling was redone and new lighting fixtures were installed.
❖	1978-1980	Improvements continued; pews were cushioned,

carpet installed, pulpit was widened, and installation of railing at the entrance of the Church.

- ❖ 1980  
Choir No. 1 presented Bibles and Hymnals to the Church. The Nurses Guild was organized.
- ❖ May 1981  
Eight members graduated from the Baptist Fellowship Center:  

Sis. Louisa Bigham	Sis. Louis Burton
Deacon Luis Burton	Sis. Easter Gatlin
Sis. Ernestine Rogers	Sis. Leota Taylor
Sis. Luella McAdoo	Sis. Delores Williams
- ❖ April 1982  
The forty-fifth year of Pastorate for Reverend G.W. Mitchell came to an end, and on July 30, 1982 the Reverend Owen Henry was elected to serve as Interim Pastor.
- ❖ May 1983  
Five members graduated from the Baptist Fellowship Center:  

Sis. Jo L. Norton	Sis. Carolyn Hall
Sis. Berteal Johnson	Sis. Doretha Scott
Sis. Betty Newton	
- ❖ Oct. 1983  
Rev. Owen L. Henry was terminated as Interim Pastor.
- ❖ Oct. 1983  
Rev. C.T. Kirkland accepted the Pastorship of the Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church and on November 13, 1983, Rev. Kirkland was installed as Pastor.
- ❖ Dec. 1983  
Sis. Ernestine Rogers resigned after 25 years of faithful service as Financial Secretary.  
  
Sis. Bernice Nelson was elected to serve as Financial Secretary.
- ❖ Oct. 1984  
In order for our children to be taught on their level, Pastor Kirkland organized the Children's Church. Under the direction of Bro. James Franklin, several members of Children's Church were baptized.
- ❖ Nov. 1984  
Sis. Bridgette George was elected to serve as

Church Secretary. A fifteen (15) passenger van was purchased.

- ❖ Feb. 1985 Sis. Anna Taylor was elected Assistant Church Clerk.
- ❖ Sept. 1985 Youth for Christ was organized. The following officers, counselors, and instructors were elected to serve:
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| President            | Bro. Frederick Blaylock   |
| Vice President       | Bro. Jay Jackson  |
| Treasurer            | Bro. Adrian Webb  |
| Asst. Treasurer      | Sis. Charlene Miller  |
| Secretary            | Bro. Dwayne McDuffie  |
| Dean                 | Pastor C.T. Kirkland  |
| Counselors           | Bro. James G. Franklin<br>Sis. Victoria Kirkland<br>Sis. Betty Newton<br>Sis. Jo L. Norton<br>Sis. Mary Richardson<br>Sis. Mary Collins<br>Pastor C.T. Kirkland |
| Executive Instructor | Sis. Victoria Kirkland  |
| Instructors          | Deacon Frank Harper<br>Bro. James G. Franklin   |
- ❖ Nov. 1985 New Public Address System installed.
- ❖ March 1986 Plans were formulated to build educational facilities.
- ❖ July 1986 Junior Women Society organized.

Officers:

President	Sis. Sylvia Salter
Vice President	Sis. Sandra McDuffie
Corres. Secretary	Sis. Michele Norman
Asst. Secretary	Sis. Sonia Franklin
Recording Secretary	Sis. Bridgette Georg
Asst. Rec. Secretary	Sis. Sandra Nelson

Treasurer	Sis. Katie Peoples
Asst. Treasurer	Sis. Annette Filer
Chaplain	Sis. Sadie Perry
Asst. Chaplain	Sis. Mamie McCrimmon
Advisor	Sis. Victoria Kirkland

### Intermediate Mission Organized

#### Officers:

President	Sis. Martha McClendon
Vice President	Sis. Cynthia Bailey
Corres. Secretary	Sis. Christine McCarter
Asst. Secretary	Sis. Mattie Jackson
Recording Secretary	Sis. Cassandra Fuller
Asst. Rec. Secretary	Sis. Ruby Dixon
Treasurer	Sis. Bernice Nelson
Asst. Treasurer	Sis. Carolyn Collins
Financial Secretary	Sis. Selphenia Hudson
Asst. Fin. Secretary	Sis. Rose Sullivan
Chaplain	Sis. Doretha Scott
Asst. Chaplain	Sis. Brenda Williams
Advisor	Deaconess Louise Burton

- ❖ Oct. 1986 Sis. Carolyn Collins was elected to serve as Assistant Church Clerk.
- ❖ Nov. 1986 Construction began on Education Facility.
- ❖ April 1987 Educational Facility and Pastor's new office completed.
- ❖ Aug/Sept. 1988 Choir stand is enlarged, new carpet installed and other repairs were completed.
- ❖ 1989 Plans were formulated to complete the balcony and expansion of the Finance Office, along with paving of the South parking area.
- ❖ Nov. 1989 Sis. Erica Cage was elected to serve as Church Secretary.
- ❖ Aug. 1990 New photocopier purchased, Finance Office expanded, balcony was completed, South side

- parking area completed.
- ❖ Oct. 1990 Front lounge redecorated.
  - ❖ Nov. 1990 Sis. Claudette McAdoo was elected Church Secretary.
  - ❖ May 1991 Sis. Bernice Nelson suggested that a Life Membership in The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Urban League be purchased. The \$500 was submitted for the NAACP membership.
  - ❖ July 1991 Computer purchased and installed. The computer was put into immediate operation. The first major job done on the computer was the Souvenir Booklet for the Sixty-Fifth Church Anniversary.
  - ❖ Aug. 1991 The announcement was made in Quarterly Business Meeting that Brother Gentle Williams would be added to the Deacon Board.  
  
Bro. Norris and Sis. Carolyn Collins were named Chairpersons for the Church's Sixty-Fifth Church Anniversary, the first husband and wife team to function in this capacity for the Lord and Mount Pleasant.  
  
The Certificate of Life Membership was delivered to the Church. The Tampa Branch President, Mr. Henry Carley and several board members worshipped with the Church to acknowledge our Church's family membership.
  - ❖ Oct. 1991 The Sixty-Fifth Church Anniversary Banquet was held at the Holiday Inn on Dale Mabry Highway. The speaker was Dr. Joseph Webster of Tallahassee, Florida.
  - ❖ Jan. 1992 The offering procedure was changed to provide more time for worship services. One offering would be lifted per service, including tithe and offering using the tithe envelope.
  - ❖ Feb. 1992 Due to changing times, the Church hired a security guard to monitor the exterior

property during services.

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| ❖ May   | 1992 | <p>The motion was made to research the remodeling of the ladies' restroom.</p> <p>Plans were initiated to travel as a church family to the National Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas.</p>   |
| ❖ July  | 1992 | <p>A committee of five (5) ladies were appointed to make recommendations for remodeling the ladies' restroom.</p> <p>The church family traveled long-distance to Houston, Texas to the National Baptist Convention. Twenty members departed from the church on September 7<sup>th</sup> on a high-rise bus for New Orleans, Louisiana, then on to Houston, Texas. Departed Houston, Texas on September 12<sup>th</sup> via New Orleans and a delay in Tallahassee, Florida at Florida A&amp;M University to attend a college football game. The children of the Lord living and traveling together in love and harmony.</p> |
| ❖ Dec.  | 1992 | <p>The new roof for the Church was completed.</p>   |
| ❖ Feb.  | 1993 | <p>Plans, talk and a binder were initiated to purchase several parcels of land around the Church. A campaign was started to raise money for these projects.</p> <p>Office equipment was purchased to upgrade the office operations. A ten-key adding machine, a tape recorder, and a telephone answering machine were purchased.</p>  |
| ❖ March | 1993 | <p>Brother John Luke, Trustee Chairperson assumed the responsibilities for repairs. The closet shelves were purchased and installed; telephones purchased and installed; church painted; remarking the parking lot; and many other necessary repairs were covered by their auxiliary assessments in a short period of time.</p>   |
| ❖ April | 1993 | <p>The Youth Program included all of the youth in the Church displaying their God-given talents. The youth presented a skit, "Where is Calvin?" where</p>   |

young Christians showed unity in Christ through love and caring.

- ❖ May 1993 Sis. Sandra Nelson was elected Church Secretary.
- ❖ Oct. 1993 As we closed on another year, many of the auxiliaries changed into new uniforms. The Male Chorus in burgundy suits; Usher Board No. 1 in their black suits; and Usher Board No. 2 in their burgundy suits and dresses.
- ❖ Jan. 1994 Under the leadership of our Pastor, a drill team for our youth was organized.
- ❖ June 1994 The two lots on the North side of the Church was purchased.
- ❖ July 1994 The Junior Women sponsored Mount Pleasant's First Youth Revival.
- ❖ Aug. 1994 Sis. Bernice Nelson motioned that the Life Membership in the Urban League be purchased. The \$500.00 was submitted for membership.
- ❖ Sept. 1994 The Church Family traveled long-distance to Nashville, Tennessee to the National Baptist Convention.
- ❖ Nov. 1994 Sis. Claudette McAdoo was elected Church Clerk.
- ❖ Dec. 1994 Min. James Franklin and Min. Milton Peoples were ordained Elders. The Ordination Services were held at Mount Pleasant. The guest church and choir was St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Louis Carr, Pastor.  
  
The charge to candidates was given by Pastor G.E. Edwards; Ordination Prayer, Laying on of Hands, Ordination Certificates and Presentations of Bibles was done by Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor.  
  
The Mount Pleasant Drill Team performed for the NAACP Membership Banquet. All of the Drill Team members were given free membership cards for their outstanding performance.



After 36 years of dedicated services, Sis. Bernice Nelson retired from the Hillsborough County Educational System.

❖ Jan. 1995 Sis. Bernice Nelson was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award for Human Rights and Community Service at the Tenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Talent Showcase held at the Tampa Theater.

The guest speaker was Yolanda King, the daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our Pastor, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, was chosen to be among those who made presentations to the honorees. Many members of Mount Pleasant were present to show love and Support to Sis. Nelson, who is the third person at Mount Pleasant to receive this award. Pastor Kirkland and Sis. Carolyn Collins were also the recipients of this award.

❖ Feb. 1995 The Trustees, Pastor Kirkland and some of the brothers of the Church put up the fence to redesign the parking lot. By doing the jobs themselves, the improvements resulted in a big savings of \$3,803.07.

❖ March 1995 The Deacon's Board recommendation at the First Quarterly Meeting was that a scholarship fund be initiated for students of Mount Pleasant who would like to attend college. It was also recommended that Sis. Bernice Nelson be the person to screen the students.

Pastor Kirkland formed a scholarship committee and appointed Sis. Bernice Nelson and Sis. Carolyn Collins as members of the committee.

A suggestion was made that other members may be interested in being on the committee and that it should be brought to the Church body. Two more members have since been added to the Committee: Sis. Anglin Brown and Sis. Mary Brown.

❖ Aug. 1995 The Mount Pleasant Church Family proudly fellowshiped with Amie Chapel in Nichols, FL for the installation of Elder James G. Franklin as their Pastor.

- ❖ Sept. 1995 Twenty-nine (29) members of the Mount Pleasant Church Family traveled together to Dallas, Texas for the National Baptist Convention where Pastor Kirkland preached for the Ushers Department and the choir sung under the direction of Brother William Adams, Minister of Music.
  
- ❖ Oct. 1995 New public address system was purchased and installed.
  
- ❖ April 1996 New pulpit furniture was purchased and installed.
  
- ❖ July 1996 Sis. Claudette McAdoo resigned as Church Clerk and relocated with her job to New York.
  
- Closed (purchased) an 8 lot property on South corner of Spruce Street and Rome Avenue.
  
- ❖ Sept. 1996 Members of the Mount Pleasant Church Family traveled together to Little Rock, Arkansas for the National Baptist Convention.
  
- ❖ 1997 Plans were begun for a Community Center on the eight lots of property on the South corner of Spruce Street and Rome Avenue. Our laymen, following the example of our Pastor, began their labor to bring those plans to fruition.
  
- This year, 32 Mount Pleasant members traveled together to attend the National Baptist Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our members had an opportunity to tour the famous Motown Museum in Detroit, Michigan and for the first time visit a foreign country together when we entered Windsor, Ontario in Canada.

RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidates for Baptism. . . . .	46
Christian Experience. . . . .	31
Restoration . . . . .	12
Rededication. . . . .	1
TOTAL . . . . .	90

❖ 1998 Athletic Program Ministry for Mount Pleasant was formed under the direction of Minister Reginald Franklin. The program which was very successful included basketball, baseball and cheerleader squads.

❖ May 1998 Faith Christian College Satellite Campus at Mount Mount Pleasant under the direction and instruction of Pastor C.T. Kirkland bestowed degrees on the following members:

BA Christian Education Sis. Victoria Kirkland

AA Theology Min. Eddie Gilbert  
Min. Claude Hall  
Min. Lewis Shepherd  
Bro. Edward Quarterman

AA Christian Education Sis. Tammie Gilbert  
Sis. Debra Reid  
Sis. Sonja Shepherd

Faith Christian College bestowed an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Theology to Pastor Kirkland.

Reconstruction of the Fellowship Community Center continued and is on schedule for completion by the year's end. Most of the labor was performed by members of the Church under the direction of Pastor Kirkland and supervision of Deacon L.L. Virgil.

Mount Pleasant hosted two meetings for the local chapter of the NAACP.

The Mount Pleasant Church family proudly Fellowshiped with New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa, FL for the installation of Elder Milton Peoples, Jr., as the Pastor.

❖ Aug. 1998 Min. Ricky Roberts having accepted his calling, gave his first public sermon and subsequently was licensed as a minister by Pastor Kirkland.

Mount Pleasant's Annual Community Revival made history by having five of its ministerial sons as featured evangelists. They were Min. Eddie Reid,

Min. Eddie Gilbert, Min. Larrie Lepard, Min. Jay Jackson and Min. Reginald Franklin.

Twenty-five (25) members of the Mount Pleasant Church Family traveled to Greenville, SC for the National Baptist Convention, where Pastor Kirkland preached for the Junior Women's Ministry.

Bro. Edward Quarterman accepted his calling to the Ministry and he gave his first public sermon in October.

❖ May 1999

Faith Christian College Satellite Campus at Mount Pleasant under the direction of Pastor Kirkland and Sister Victoria Kirkland bestowed degrees on the following members:

AA Christian Education      Sis. Cynthia Bailey  
Sis. Sonia Franklin

AA Theology      Min. Ernest Boone

Closing on the property at 1901 Spruce (formerly identified as 1901 Fremont) was closed at the Southland Title Company. Plans are to convert it to the Mount Pleasant Kitchen and Thrift Store where meals and clothing will be distributed.

❖ June 1999

Reconstruction of the Community Center Building was completed and named The Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Center. A Dedication and Cornerstone Laying Service and Feast was held on June 20, 1999.

The National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.'s National Congress of Christian Workers and National Youth Children Convention held its annual Convention in Tampa. Pastor Kirkland was the Host Chairman of the Local Committee with many members of the church assisting in helping to make the convention a success.

❖ July 1999

Mount Pleasant hosted the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist Convention of Florida, Inc.

❖ Sept. 1999 Again, God blessed a total of twenty-five (25) Christians, which included Mount Pleasant members and other Christian travelers to journey together to Cincinnati, Ohio for the National Baptist Convention.

❖ Jan. 2000 Deacon Louis Burton (and his wife and helpmate, Deaconess Louise Burton) stepped down from his position as Church Sexton after many years of service. Deacon Burton also relinquished his position as Church Treasurer after 36 years of faithful and devoted service.

Deacon L.L. Virgil was installed as Church Treasurer. Min. Eddie Gilbert was installed as Church Sexton.

❖ March 2000 On March 7, 2000 the Mount Pleasant Family under the leadership of our Pastor, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, participated along with tens of thousands of others in the One Florida March and Rally in Tallahassee, FL. The Church provided two buses for members and friends to travel in order to protest and show solidarity with the NAACP and other civil rights organizations against the Governor's planned abolishment of the State's Affirmative Action Plan.

A Finance Committee was established to help members with their financial planning, money management and counseling to help in improving skills for finding better jobs. Brother Hopkins was installed as the Chairperson.

❖ May 2000 Florida Beacon Bible College, Mount Pleasant Satellite Campus, under the direction of Dr. C.T. Kirkland, bestowed degrees on the following:

AA Christian Education Sis. Jacquelynn Hall

BA Christian Education Sis. Tammie Gilbert  
Sis. Sonja Shepherd  
Sis. Debra Reid

BA Theology                      Min. Eddie Gilbert  
   Min. Claude Hall  
   Min. Lewis Shepherd  
   Min. Edward Quarterman

- ❖ Aug.                      2000                      The First Annual Youth Education and Honor Roll Recognition Banquet was held on August 19, 2000, and it was a tremendous success. The guest speaker was our own Bro. Michael Sails, Jr. who delighted our hearts with jewels from his trip to Africa with the Brooks Bunch as a reward for his academic achievements.
- On August 27, 2000, the Mount Pleasant Church Family showed its appreciation in a Recognition Service to Deacon Luis Burton and Deaconess Louise Burton for blessing the Mount Pleasant Family with many years of faithful and dedicated service.
- ❖ Sept.                      2000                      Eight of the Mount Pleasant Church Family traveled to the National Baptist Convention in Kansas City, MO. Other Mount Pleasant members also traveled by car. Our Pastor, Dr. C.T. Kirkland had the honor of preaching to the national body at the convention.
- Min. Edward Quarterman was called to be Youth Pastor for the Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Tampa, FL, where the Rev. Willie Williams is Pastor.
- ❖ Nov.                      2000                      Bros. Lewis Adkins, Glen Baham, Edward Carlton and Rudene Igles were ordained as Deacons. The Ordination Service was held at Mount Pleasant.
- ❖ March                      2001                      Starting the First Sunday in March, Worship Services were changed to 7:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M. BTU and 6:00 P.M. evening worship were discontinued. Family Series Teaching (5:00 P.M.) and the Lord's Supper (6:00 P.M.) are held on First Sunday only.
- ❖ April                      2001                      Florida Beacon Bible College Satellite Campus

at Mount Pleasant under the direction of our Pastor, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, along with Instructor Victoria Kirkland, bestowed degrees on the following members:

M.A. Theology      Elder Milton Peoples, Jr.  
Rev. James Franklin  
Min. Reginald Franklin  
Min. Jay Jackson  
Min. Larrie Lepard  
Min. Eddie Gilbert  
Min. Ernest Boon

B.A. Religious Edu.    Sis. Cynthia Bailey  
Sis. Colleen Upshaw  
Sis. Sonia Franklin  
Sis. Jacquelynn Hall  
Sis. Marchel Green

A.A. Theology      Min. Ricky Roberts

A.A. Religious Edu.    Sis. Betty Done

❖ June                      2001                      Pastor Kirkland and the Youth Department sponsored approximately forty (40) Mt. Pleasant youth who were taken by bus to Jacksonville, FL, Savannah State University and the First Africa Baptist Church to tour colleges.

Min. Eddie Reid was asked to be Asst. Pastor at the Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, Plant City, FL where Rev. Donald White is Pastor.

❖ July                        2001                      The Second Annual Youth Education and Honor Roll Banquet was held July 28, 2001. A contest for the best essay on the educational trip in June was held and the participants read their essays.

❖ Aug.                        2001                      Min. Ricky Roberts was asked to be an Associate Minister at Beulah Baptist Institutional Church, Tampa, FL where the Rev. James Favorite is Pastor.

❖ Sept.                        2001                      Again, God blessed a total of nineteen (19) Christians, which included Mt. Pleasant members and other Christian travelers, to journey to New Orleans, LA for the National Baptist Convention.

Min. Lewis Shepherd was called to be Youth Pastor at Oak Hill Missionary Baptist Church where the Rev. Victor Ball is Pastor.

❖ Oct. 2001

Two duplex apartments at 1717 and 1723 Spruce Street adjacent to the church property are being purchased.

❖ Dec. 2001

Min. Reginald Franklin, Min. Jay Jackson and Min. Lewis Shepherd were ordained as Elders. The Ordination Service was held at Mount Pleasant. The Charge to the candidates was given by Pastor Victor Ball. Laying on of Hands, Ordination Certificates and Presentation of Bibles were done by Dr. C.T. Kirkland.

Sis. Bernice Nelson-Green retired as Financial Secretary after 18 years of exemplary service. She continued to serve until January 2002 when Sis. Sandra Niles returned from maternity leave.

The purchase of the duplexes next door to the church was finalized and the brethren installed fencing around the property.

RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidates for Baptism. . . . .	50
Christian Experience. . . . .	14
Restoration. . . . .	19
TOTAL . . . . .	83

❖ Jan. 2002

Sis. Cathleen Bradley was hired as full-time Church Secretary.

Sis. Sandra Niles was installed as Financial Secretary, succeeding her mother, Sis. Bernice Nelson-Green.

❖ June 2002

Bro. James Earl Anderson answered his call to the Ministry and gave his first sermon at Mount Pleasant.

❖ July 2002

The Youth and Education Department took the



eligible youth, Grades 6<sup>th</sup> and above, on a 3-day trip to Tallahassee, FL, Albany GA, and Atlanta, GA for college visits.

❖ Aug. 2002

The ladies lounge was converted into a new Finance Office.

❖ Sept. 2002

Reconstruction of the house at 1901 Spruce Street has been completed. Dedication Services are scheduled for November 2002.

This year, ten (10) Mt. Pleasant members and three (3) other Christian friends of Mt. Pleasant traveled to the National Baptist Convention in Atlanta, GA.

A down payment was placed on a bus for the church.

The Deacon Board held their first Annual Deacon's Day. The guest church was Union Missionary Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, where Rev. J. Alexander is Pastor. Financial awards were given to the following members for their untiring and laborious work they have done on church properties:

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| Deacon L.L. Virgil   | Deacon Arthur Tolbert     |
| Deacon Lewis Adkins  | Deacon Rufus Hardwick     |
| Deacon Glen Baham    | Deacon Roosevelt Williams |
| Bro. Eugene Sheppard | Sis. Ida Smith            |
| Sis. Marion Wimbush  |                           |

Carpet has been replaced in the sanctuary.

RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidates for Baptism . . . . .	41
Christian Experience . . . . .	21
Restoration . . . . .	13
 TOTAL . . . . .	 75

A new ministry was started at Mount Pleasant. Min. Eddie Gilbert was chosen to manage the tape ministry.

A new copier was acquired for the Finance Office.

- ❖ Dec.                    2002                    The Dedication Service of the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy was held.
  
- ❖ April                    2003                    The Mount Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy opened and is being managed by volunteer church members.
  
- ❖ June/July              2003                    Renovation of the duplexes was completed for use by the Mt. Pleasant Standard Base Middle School.  
  
The church's classrooms were readied for use by the Mt. Pleasant Standard Based Middle School.
  
- ❖ August                  2003                    The Mount Pleasant Standard Based Middle School opened.  
  
A 31-seat passenger bus was delivered and a VCR/DVD system was installed for use by the Mt. Pleasant family.
  
- ❖ Sept.                    2003                    Twenty-seven (27) travelers took the new 31-seat passenger bus to the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. held in Chicago, IL.  
  
Final architectural plans for the construction of the new school building were presented for approval.
  
- ❖ Oct.                     2003                    The Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church hosted the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association where our own Pastor, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, is the moderator. A golf tournament was held to benefit scholarships and education.
  
- 2003 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST
  
- Candidates for Christ . . . . . 42  
Christian Experience . . . . . 15  
Restoration . . . . . 12
  
- TOTAL . . . . . 69
  
- ❖ March                    2004                    The Mount Pleasant Family traveled to Tallahassee, FL to attend the Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention where our Pastor, Dr. Kirkland, preached for the Senior Women's Ministry.

- ❖ April 2004 The Mount Pleasant Family held its first All Ministries Annual Day where all auxiliaries were recognized.
- ❖ July 2004 One hundred members of the Mount Pleasant Church Family traveled with Pastor Kirkland to New York to enjoy shopping, dining, touring and praising the Lord. The Mount Pleasant Family worshipped at the Star Bethlehem Church in Ossining, N.Y., with Pastor Arthur Lewter and the Star Bethlehem Family on Sunday. Everyone had a wonderful time.
- ❖ Oct. 2004 On October 8, 2003, Sis. Carolyn Collins and Sis. Victoria Kirkland were awarded Honorary Doctorate Degrees during the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association in Lakeland, FL, where Rev. Kirkland serves as the Moderator, for their outstanding service to the church and the community.

The church closed on the property where the new Facility for the Mt. Pleasant Standard Base Middle School will be built.

A Gold Shovel Ground-Breaking Ceremony was held on Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church's 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Mount Pleasant Standard Base Middle School. Members, staff of the school, as well as others in the community paid \$100 per shovel to be a part of this groundbreaking for the school's new facility.

2004 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidates for Baptism . . . . .	55
Christian Experience . . . . .	16
Letter . . . . .	1
Restoration . . . . .	12
 TOTAL . . . . .	 84

- ❖ Feb. 2005 The Mt. Pleasant family hosted the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Mid-Winter Board where our Pastor, Dr. C.T. Kirkland is Moderator.

Pastor Kirkland was a guest evangelist for the St.

Petersburg City-Wide Revival held at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, FL.

- ❖ March 2005 Dr. C.T. Kirkland announced his candidacy for President of the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.
- ❖ April 2005 Mt. Pleasant hosted the NAACP Town Hall Meeting at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ July 2005 Mt. Pleasant hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Revival where Rev. Kim Gladney of Kansas City, MO was the evangelist.
- ❖ Aug. 2005 The Mt. Pleasant Standard Base Middle School began their new school year of 2005-2006 in the new facility which is located at 1906 N. Rome Avenue, Tampa, FL.
- ❖ Sept. 2005 The Mt. Pleasant Church hosted the NAACP Annual Breakfast where many of our community leaders participated.

2005 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidates for Baptism . . . . . 41  
Christian Experience . . . . . 15  
Restoration . . . . . 10  
  
TOTAL . . . . . 66

- ❖ May 2006 Mt. Pleasant Standard Base Middle School earned a test score of “B” on the 2006 FCAT.  
  
Mt. Pleasant Standard Base Middle School held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Awards Program.
- ❖ June/July 2006 Trustees and members fenced the entire property around the school.
- ❖ July 2006 Trustee and members painted the interior of the school.
- ❖ Aug. 2006 Mt. Pleasant assumed the responsibility for

providing Food Service for the schools cafeteria.

Installed Rev. Reginald Franklin as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wauchula, FL.

A new roof was installed on the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.

❖ Sept. 2006

Rehabilitated the duplex apartment in preparation for renting by Dec. 2006.

Constructed a cover over the walkway that leads from school to the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.

Trustees and Deacons keep grass cut and maintain all church property.

❖ Oct. 2006

Repaired and painted the Church steeple.

Mt. Pleasant held her First Homecoming Celebration.

Presented Certificates of Recognition to members who have served over 50 years and more.

Painted Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall outside to match the color of Mt. Pleasant Standard Based Middle School.

2006 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidates for Baptism . . . . . 37  
Christian Experience . . . . . 21  
Restoration . . . . . 8

TOTAL . . . . . 66

❖ March 2007

In collaboration with Dr. Carolyn Collins, the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank, the Community Action Agency, Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church and the Mt. Pleasant Standard Base Middle School had the bank to have their 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> bus in place on the grounds of Mt. Pleasant so the West Tampa Community could obtain information on affordable home ownership,

small business opportunities, as well as financial banking information.

❖ May 2007

The youth activity for the summer was traveling to the District Sunday School and BTU Congress.

Set up computer system for the Education Ministry; Upgrade of computers in the Church Computer Laboratory, in the Pastor's Office, the Finance Office and the Clerk's Office.

❖ June 2007

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Workshop District Congress for Christian Workers for the Senior Women Department was held at Mt. Pleasant.

Installed Rev. Jay Jackson as Pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Lakeland, FL.

Four youths attended the Black Male Explorers Program that was held at FAMU this summer:

Glen Baham III  
Maronte Gilbert  
Tevin McDuffie  
James Staten

❖ July-Sept. 2007

Since the church steeple could not be repaired, it was removed.

New roof was placed at 1717 Spruce Street, 1732 West Spruce Street and at 2002 North Rome Avenue.

❖ Oct. 2007

There were several participants in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Golf Tournament that was sponsored by the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association in Arcadia, FL:

Bro. Alvin Bailey	Deacon Glen Baham, Jr.
Bro. Gent Godfrey	Dr. C.T. Kirkland
Min. Eddie Gilbert	Bro. George Cox
Elder Jay Jackson	Sis. Tamara Cox
	Sis. Georgette Godfrey
	Sis. Victoria Kirkland

Replaced broken glass in the Church Annex Kitchen

and broken windows in 1721 Spruce Street duplex structure.

Youth participated in the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Oratorical Contest that was sponsored by TOBA.

❖ Nov. 2007

All fire extinguishers were serviced. Open membership of the 501(c)(3).

❖ Dec. 2007

Replaced exit door on the West and East side of the Church Sanctuary.

Assisted homeless family for shelter at the New Beginnings of Tampa, Inc.

2007 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidate For Baptism . . . . . 39

Christian Experience . . . . . 27

Restoration . . . . . 19

TOTAL . . . . . 85

❖ Jan. 2008

Clerical 1 – Service Training for Personnel.

Upgrade of membership information was done and the roof was repaired in the Church Annex.

❖ March 2008

Replacement of the stolen Air Conditioning Unit at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.

❖ April 2008

Installation of drywall for ceiling in church annex and kitchen area.

Installation of new lighting in the church annex and kitchen.

Upgraded the Fire System and Hood Extension in the kitchen of the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.

❖ May 2008

Inspection of the hood extension and fire system shut off for use of an electric fryer.

Installation of new water fountain and electrical

upgrade of 1721 Spruce Street duplex.

❖ July 2008 The Youth Department held their Annual Youth Revival with Rev. Hugh Strafford, Associate Minister of the Greater St. Paul M.B. Institutional Church, Lakeland FL, Dr. N.S. Sanders, Pastor.

❖ Aug. 2008 Purchase of new office equipment.

❖ Sept. 2008 Upgrade of computer in Clerk’s Office.

2008 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidates For Baptism . . . . .	47
Christian Experience . . . . .	23
Restoration . . . . .	9
TOTAL . . . . .	79

❖ Jan. 2009 Hired Organist Donyeal Brown.

❖ Feb. 2009 Legal Workshop was held at Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship and was opened to the public.  
  
Renovation project of the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy by The Rebuilding Together with Tampa Bay Project.

❖ March 2009 FAMU Alumni used the Church Bus to travel to Tallahassee, FL  
  
Rebuilding Together with Tampa Bay and members of the Idlewild Baptist Church Youth Class volunteered their time and donated monies to feed the homeless at the Kitchen of Mercy facility.  
  
Rebuilding Together with Tampa Bay continued with the renovations of the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy by painting the exterior and interior, planting of trees, placing bookshelves and building a new rack for clothes.

❖ April 2009 New appliances were placed in 1719 W. Spruce Street.



Upgrade of computer and software was done in Clerk's office.

Organ bench was repaired and tuning and repair of organ was done.

Food Give-A-Way to needy families and individuals who needed non-perishable food.

Roof was repaired at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.

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| ❖ May   | 2009 | The senior members of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church were recognized on Senior Recognition Day that was sponsored by Brother Richard and Sis. Zandra Hopkins for their service that they have given to the Mt. Pleasant Church Family and their community.  |
| ❖ June  | 2009 | Repairs was done on the Church Bus.<br><br>Deaconess Ministry held their 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Father's Day Breakfast at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall for all the dads.<br><br>The Youth Ministry held their Annual Youth Revival with the Rev. Hugh L. Strafford of the Mt. Olive M.B. Church of Medulla, FL as their guest speaker. Min. Eddie Gilbert, Youth Director and Sis. Tammie Gilbert, Youth Directress. |
| ❖ Aug.  | 2009 | Brotherhood Ministry of the Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. held their annual meeting at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.<br><br>Side walk and walk way were repaved.  |
| ❖ Sept. | 2009 | The upholstery chairs were cleaned.<br><br>A new central heating and air conditioning system was installed in the sanctuary.<br><br>The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held their Annual Witnessing Campaign and Tent Revival Meeting at the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church. Six people were saved and candidates were baptized.  |

❖ Oct.

2009

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary Banquet was held at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall where the Youth Ministry and Children’s Church participated.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held their Local Program at Mt. Pleasant with a Letter of Greetings from Mayor Pam Iorio’s office. Greetings were received from the Chief of Police, Jane Castor and President Bartholomew Banks of the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held their 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Session at the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor/Moderator.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary Musical Program was held at the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church where various groups from the Tampa Bay area participated. Sister Erma Griffin, Program Chairperson.

The Greater Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church of Jacksonville, FL, Rev. Kelly E. Brown, Sr., Pastor rendered service at our 11:00 a.m. worship service.

2009 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidates For Baptism . . . . .	26
Christian Experience . . . . .	15
Restoration . . . . .	12
TOTAL . . . . .	63

❖ Jan.

2010

Breaker Switch repaired at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.

Clerical Person attended the Department of Children & Family Access Community Partnership Forum of the Circuit 13 Community Forum.

Heating System repaired at the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy.

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| ❖ Feb.  | 2010 | <p>Repaired leaking in classroom at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.</p> <p>All fire extinguishers were serviced at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church.</p> <p>Clerical personnel attended a program training session.</p> <p>Phone line wiring was replaced and installation of new telephone jack outlet.</p> <p>Installation of new copier.</p> <p>Installation and removal of Emergency Exit Lights and on Pathfinder Light at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.</p> |
| ❖ March | 2010 | <p>Installation of new copier.</p> <p>Installation of Class K Fire Extinguisher at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.</p> <p>Required telephone wiring in Pastor's office.</p>  |
| ❖ June  | 2010 | <p>Installed a new steel door at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.</p> <p>Installed new tile in Classroom #1.</p> <p>Repaired leak in Classroom #5.</p>  |
| ❖ Aug.  | 2010 | <p>Painted Classroom #5 and touched up painting was done in Classroom #1.</p> <p>Repaired broken water pipe at 2002 N. Rome Ave.</p>   |
| ❖ Sept. | 2010 | <p>Installation of new air conditioning unit on west side of the Church.</p>   |
| ❖ Oct.  | 2010 | <p>Purchased a 2010 15-Passenger Van.</p> <p>84<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Musical Program convened at the church at 6:00 p.m., various choirs,</p>   |

praise teams and group participated.

Special guest speaker will bring the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

84<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Banquet was held at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m.

84<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary culminated the third Sunday featuring Rev. Rayford Harper, Pastor of First Baptist Church of West Tampa, Inc.

2010 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Candidates For Baptism . . . . .	26
Christian Experience. . . . .	15
Restoration . . . . .	8
Rededication to Christ . . . . .	3

TOTAL . . . . . 52

Partnered with Florida Department of Correction, Hillsborough County Public School Curriculum and the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit County through the Juvenile Diversionary Program to allow youth to do maintenance work for the Church.

❖ Nov.	2010	Sis. Marchel Green was appointed Youth Director and Bro. Charlie Tolliver was appointed Asst. Youth Director.
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Deacon Rudene Igles was appointed President of the Brotherhood Ministry.

❖ April	2011	Bro. Charlie Tolliver became Deacon Emeritus.
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Replacement of two air conditioning units at the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy.

❖ Aug.	2011	Repaired exit doors of the sanctuary, painted balcony railings and entrance doors.
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❖ Sept.	2011	Floors stripped and waxed in Sanctuary.
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Installation of new carpet was completed in the Sanctuary.

New bulbs were installed in the marquee.

❖ Oct. 2011

Cleaning of the church pews in the Sanctuary.

2011 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Christian Experience . . . . . 23

Baptism . . . . . 32

TOTAL . . . . . 55

❖ Oct-Dec. 2011

Continued to provide Community Service/  
Public Service Hours were performed by:

Florida Dept. of Correction  
Tampa Housing Authority  
Hillsborough County Public School  
Curriculum

Repairs were made to the sanctuary, vacant apartment were also made and passed inspection. The first payment of \$1,000.00 for rent was received.

Two classrooms were tiled.

Ordination of seven Deacons on December 4, 2012:

Deacon Gent Godfrey  
Deacon David Hickmon, Sr.  
Deacon Richard D. Hopkins  
Deacon John Luke  
Deacon Charles Myers  
Deacon Timothy Pierce  
Deacon Charlie Tolliver

Certificates of Completion for the ministry work as Deaconess on December 4, 2012 were given to:

Deaconess Georgette Godfrey

Deaconess Anna Hickmon  
Deaconess Sandra Rene Hopkins  
Deaconess Loretta Luke  
Deaconess Jacqueline Myers  
Deaconess Ethel Tolliver

❖ Jan.-March 2012

Replacement of Air Conditioning Unit in the Dining Room Area. Deacon(s) Pierce, Tolliver & Igles built the housing for the air conditioning unit.

Deacon Luke & Tolliver pledged \$1,000.00 and Deacon Carlton pledged as much as possible in order to replace tiles in additional areas.

❖ April-June 2012

The Deacons and Brotherhood Ministry painted the balcony railings inside the sanctuary, painted the interior and exterior exit doors.

The Church pews were professionally cleaned.

Replaced window screens in the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy.

❖ July-Sept. 2012

New air conditioning units were replaced in two classrooms and the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy.

A new water heater was replaced in the pool area and a new door was installed under the stage area.

Our youth traveled for their summer educational tour to St. Augustine, FL and also visited colleges that were in the area.

New screening was installed in the sanctuary and new ceiling tiles were also replaced.

Regular maintenance upkeep of our A/C units were serviced in the various buildings and fire extinguishers were updated.

TECO Energy Savings Home Improvement for Commercial Buildings made an assessment on how to reduce our energy and save on our

electric bills. Our A/C ducts were sealed.

❖ Oct.

2012

The church organ was repaired.

Cable TV was installed in the Children's Church Classroom. New tile was installed and completed in Classroom No. 2.

Pastor Kirkland paid for the installation of new tile in his office and it has been completed.

86<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Musical Program convened at Mount Pleasant on October 6, 2012 at 6:00 P.M., various choirs, praise teams and other groups participated.

Rev. Kelly E. Brown, Jr., and the Greater Mt. Vernon M.B. Church of Jacksonville, FL were the guest speaker/guest church for the pre-anniversary service.

The 86<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Banquet was held on October 20, 2012.

The 86<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary culminated on October 21, 2012 with Rev. Rayford Harper and the First Baptist Church of West Tampa family as guest speaker/guest church.

Glass socket was sealed and new exit lights replaced in the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.

❖ Nov.

2012

Estimates on Aluminum Awnings for replacement of five awnings.

TECO Home Improvement Program inspected the duct installation of the subcontractors.

Some of the Mt. Pleasant Church Family & Dr. C.T. Kirkland traveled to Jacksonville, FL to render service for Rev. Kelly E. Brown's Pastoral Celebration at Greater Mt. Vernon M.B. Church.

2012 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Baptism . . . . .	23
Christian Experience . . . . .	22
Restoration . . . . .	14
Rededication . . . . .	9
TOTAL . . . . .	68

- ❖ Jan.                    2013                    The parking area was repaved on January 10, 2013 by Tar Seal Company.  
  
New exit signs were installed in the sanctuary and dining area. New emergency lights were also placed in the Men & Women’s Restrooms.
- ❖ Feb.                    2013                    Gas Masters removed gas lines and capped the lines where gas heaters were removed to heat the interior of the sanctuary.  
  
The Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy applied for a Grant from the Allegany Franciscan Ministries.
- ❖ March                    2013                    The piano and organ was repaired.
- ❖ April                    2013                    Five new awnings were installed outside the exit doors of the church.  
  
Staff received updated Online Training on Membership Management.
- ❖ May                    2013                    Security System was upgraded and so was our Current telephone lines.  
  
The Allegany Franciscan Ministries received the Tau Project Grant for the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy.
- ❖ June                    2013                    The Youth traveled to the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Congress Number Six that was held at Union M.B. Church in St. Petersburg, FL, Rev. Jerry Alexander, Pastor.  
  
Dr. C.T. Kirkland and Sis. Victoria Kirkland attended the National Baptist Convention of America Inc.’s Annual Session in Louisville,



KY.

The Youth attended all sessions and those who were college students and/or college graduates from the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church spoke at the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association District Sunday School and BTU Congress at the Greater New Jerusalem M.B. Church in Lakeland, FL where Dr. Jimmie L. Downing is Pastor/Vice Moderator.

❖ Aug. 2013

Ingalls Organ Service completed repairs on the organ.

Kool Running Air Conditioning Services, Inc. repaired the air conditioning unit at the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Assoc. Congress Number 6 Session, Rev. Arthur Smith, President was held at the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor/Moderator.

❖ Sept. 2013

Verizon's downed power lines were removed from the church.

Commercial Fire Equipment upgraded all fire extinguishers.

Sis. Katrease James, Spiritual Leader of the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary of the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held their Annual Breakfast at the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.

❖ Oct. 2013

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Assoc. 98<sup>th</sup> Session was held at the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor/Moderator.

The Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church celebrated their 87<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary. Various guest Pastors and their congregations came to help us celebrate.

❖ Nov. 2013

Dr. C.T. Kirkland and some of the Mt. Pleasant Family traveled to the Greater Mt. Vernon M.B. Church in Jacksonville, FL to render service for

Rev. Kelly E. Brown's Pastoral Anniversary Service.

Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy submitted its Mid-Winter Progress report to its grantee.

2013 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Baptism . . . . .	28
Christian Experience . . . . .	5
Restoration . . . . .	9
Rededication . . . . .	0
TOTAL . . . . .	42

- ❖ Jan.                    2014                    The Mt. Pleasant Standard Base Middle School held their Annual Inspiration.
  
- ❖ Feb.                    2014                    The Youth Ministry held their annual Black History Program at the 11:00 am Service, and was enjoyed by all.
  
- ❖ March                    2014                    Verizon upgraded our telephone services.  
  
The Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church hosted Congresswoman Kathy Castor's Honor Proclamation Program for Dr. Carolyn Collins.
  
- ❖ August                    2014                    The Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church was the host church for the South Florida Baptist Association Congress No. 6, Rev. Arthur Smith, President and Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor/Moderator.
  
- ❖ Sept.                    2014                    The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Women's Intermediate Auxiliary held their Annual Breakfast hosted by Sis. Katrease James, WIA Spiritual Leader, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor/Moderator.
  
- ❖ Oct.                    2014                    The 88<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Musical was held at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church, chaired by Sis. Valerie Newton and Sis. LaShawn Huff.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held their Annual Session from October 4, 2014 through October 11, 2014 at St. Matthews M.B. Church, Rev. Michael Collier, Pastor, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Moderator.

The Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church celebrated its 88<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary. Various guest Pastors and Congregations came to join us in the celebration.

❖ Nov. 2014

Dr. C.T. Kirkland, along with the Mt. Pleasant Family traveled to Jacksonville, FL to render Service for Rev. Kelly Brown’s Pastoral Anniversary at Greater Mt. Vernon M.B. Church.

New gutters were installed on the exterior of the sanctuary on both sides of the Church.

The Church continues to upgrade its staff in the technological field by sending them to training.

2014 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Baptism . . . . .	15
Christian Experience . . . . .	2
Restoration . . . . .	5
 TOTAL . . . . .	 .22

❖ Jan. 2012

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Assoc. held their Mid-Winter Board Session at Macedonia M.B. Church of Thonotosassa, FL, Rev. Willie L. Jackson, Pastor, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Moderator.

Several companies were called to place proposals for installation of a fire alarm system in the Sanctuary.

Youth Director, Sis. Marchel Green-Wall and Sis. Valerie Newton, Youth Choir Directress took the Youth Ministry to attend Youth Explosion 2015 at St. Mark M.B. Church, St. Petersburg, FL, Rev. Brian K. Brown, Pastor.

The Youth Ministry held its Annual Black History

Program with their Director, Sis. Marchel Green-Wall and Sis. Colleen Upshaw with a presentation of “Who Am I” along with other participants who read poems, dance team and a soloist.

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| ❖ March     | 2015 | A decision was made to replace the Christian flag and United States flag in the Mt. Pleasant sanctuary.   |
| ❖ April     | 2015 | Telsa Electric Service Company was selected to install the Fire Alarm System. Several changes are still being made per the Fire Department recommendations.   |
| ❖ June      | 2015 | The Tau Grant Project Follow-Up Report for the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy was completed on July 9, 2015.   |
| ❖ July      | 2015 | Kool Running Air Conditioning, Inc. repaired the air conditioning unit in the church annex.<br><br>The computer system was upgraded.<br><br>A new door was installed in Pastor’s office by Deacon Timothy Pierce and Deacon David Hickmon, Sr.  |
| ❖ August    | 2015 | Telsa Electric Service Corporation installed the Panel Box on August 11, 2015.<br><br>The Church Bus was repaired by TLCC Custom Fiberglass.<br><br>The Mount Pleasant Standard Based Middle School name was changed to Legacy Preparatory Academy and the school relocated from 1906 N. Rome Avenue to a larger facility located at 302 East Linebaugh Avenue, Tampa, Florida.<br><br>The pews in the balcony of the church were removed pursuant to the directive of the Tampa Fire Department. |
| ❖ September | 2015 | All billing for 1906 N. Rome Avenue (previous location of Mount Pleasant Standard Based Middle School) was changed to the church name.  |

❖ October

2015

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Centennial Celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Session was held at the St. Mark M.B. Church, Host Pastor, Rev. Brian K. Brown/ Vice Moderator, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Moderator.

Dr. Kirkland purchased a table for the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Banquet and was attended by several members of the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church.

Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Moderator brought his Annual Message for the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association during the 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Session on Friday, October 9, 2015 at St. Mark M.B. Church where the Mt. Pleasant Sanctuary Choir and Ushers served during the service.

❖ Oct.

2015

The Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church celebrated its 89<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary which included the following Guest Pastors and churches:

- Beulah M.B. Church of Ft. Mead, FL  
Rev. Lewis Shepherd, Pastor
- Mt. Olive M.B. Church, Lakeland, FL  
Rev. Jay Jackson, Pastor
- First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens,  
Tampa, FL  
Rev. Anthony Greene, Pastor
- Greater Mt. Vernon M.B. Church,  
Jacksonville, FL  
Rev. Kelly Brown, Pastor
- First Baptist Church of West Tampa Inc.,  
Tampa, FL  
Rev. Rayford Harper, Pastor

❖ Nov.

2015

Lawn maintenance for all church property was completed by Deacons John Luke, Rudene Igles, Edward Carlton and Bros. Calvin Wright, and Kenneth Rolle.

The roof over classroom #1 was repaired due to a water leak.

The church air conditioner was repaired by 3H Contracting Company due to a compressor

breakdown.

The piano bench was recovered by Deacon Timothy Pierce.

The door to the women’s bathroom was replaced.

The gutter at the 1906 N. Rome Avenue location was repaired and cleaned out.

2015 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Baptism . . . . .	12
Christian Experience . . . . .	17
Restoration. . . . .	3
Rededication to Christ . . . . .	1

TOTAL . . . . . 33

❖ Jan. - Feb.                    2016

Lawn maintenance for all church property was completed by Deacons John Luke, Rudene Igles, Edward Carlton and Bros. Calvin Wright, and Kenneth Rolle.

Deacon Rudene Igles and Brother Kenneth Rolle removed trash from the Aaron Burney/G.W. Mitchell Fellowship Hall.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Congress #6 Session where the Rev. Arthur Smith is President, was held at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor/Moderator.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Mid-Winter Board Meeting was held at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor/Moderator.

❖ March – June                    2016

Repair of church pews and replacement of light bulbs was completed by Deacon John Luke.

Deacons Rudene Igles and John Luke and Bros. Sammie Jackson, Leroy Mack and Kenneth Rolle dismantled the stove in the church annex.

Mr. Alvin Davis installed an electrical line (220) in the church annex kitchen after the removal of the

gas stove. Deacon Carlton relocated the electric stove from the apartment to the kitchen in the church annex.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Session District School of Christian Education was held at the host church Mt. Tabor M.B. Church, Rev. T.D. Leonard, Pastor/President of the District School of Christian Education. The theme was “Glorifying In The Cross of Our Lord Jesus” Galatians 6:13-14. The guest speaker was Rev. F.D. Simpson, Pastor of Friendship M.B. Church of Houston, Texas. The Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church Sanctuary Choir and Ushers rendered service and the Mt. Pleasant Deacons rendered the Devotional Services.

❖ July

2016

Mt. Pleasant Church Education Committee Ministry held their Salute to Mt. Pleasant 2016 Graduates.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Church Pre-Anniversary Services began with the Beulah M.B. Church of Fort Mead, FL where Rev. Lewis Shepard, Pastor rendered our 3 p.m. service speaking on the Church Anniversary Theme of “Holding Forth the Word of Life in Jesus Christ” Phil. 2:16.

The Youth Ministry held their Vacation Bible class and Revival Services. The guest speaker was Bro. Willie James Haynes, II. The Youth Ministry fellowshiped with various choirs and soloists in the Tampa Bay Area. The theme was “Our Souls Matter”, St. Mark 8:33-34.

Pastor C.T. Kirkland held a Bible Institute on “Home, The University of Life.”

The Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.’s 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Congress of Christian Education was held in Orlando, Florida at the Double Tree by Hilton which was attended by Pastor C.T. Kirkland, Mt. Pleasant Deaconess Ministry, Senior Women’s Ministry and several other ministries from Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church.

- ❖ Aug. – Sept.
2016


The Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church Souvenir Booklet Committee began preparation to receive advertisements for the 90<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration.
- ❖ Jan. – Feb.
2017


The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Mid-Winter Board Meeting was held at the St. Mark M.B. Church in St. Petersburg, Florida where Rev. Brian K. Brown is Pastor.
- ❖ March – June
2017


The Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.'s 2017 Annual Session was held at the Sheraton Bay Point Resort in Panama Beach, Florida.

Dr. Kirkland met with Tom Baker of Telsa Electric Service regarding completion of the Fire Alarm System installation at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Youth Mass Choir Rehearsal held a Meet & Greet Program at St. Mark M.B. Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, Rev. Brian K. Brown, Pastor/Moderator.

Members of the Mt. Pleasant Mission attended the 500 Women In Yellow Services at the Mt. Tabor M.B. Church, Tampa, Florida, Rev. T.D. Leonard, Pastor/Vice-Moderator, Rev. Brian K. Brown, Moderator.

Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church hosted the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association's Health Care Wellness Fair at the church. All participants learned various ways to better their nutrition, exercise and learn about other wellness programs available to them for a healthier lifestyle.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Ministers Wives & Widows, Dr. Victoria Kirkland, President, held their annual workshop at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church.
- ❖ July
2017


The kick-off of the 91<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary began with Rev. Lewis Shepherd and the Beulah M.B.



Church of Ft. Mead, Florida rendering service.

The Progressive Missionary Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. held its 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress Education Session at the Innis brook Golf Resort & Spa. The Mt. Pleasant Youth Department attended the session and had a wonderful time.

Congress Number 6 held it's Annual Session at the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church, Rev. Arthur Smith, President, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor.

❖ Aug. 2017

Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church traveled to Wauchula, Florida to help celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Reginald Franklin, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Wauchula, Florida and a son of Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church.

On August 20, 2017, Rev. Jay Jackson and the Mount Olive M.B. Church of South Lakeland, Florida rendered service at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church for its 91<sup>st</sup> Pre-Anniversary Services. A blessed time was had by all.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Musical of the Mass Choir at Mt. Tabor M.B. Church, Rev. T.D. Leonard, Pastor/Vice Moderator, Rev. Brian K. Brown/Moderator. Several members from Mt. Pleasant participated in the Mass Choir.

On August 30, 2017, the Rev. Anthony Greene and the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens family rendered service for Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church's 91<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary Pre-Service.

❖ Sept. 2017

Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church traveled with Dr. C.T. Kirkland to render service for Rev. Dr. Lewis Shepherd for his Pastoral Anniversary at Beulah M.B. Church, Ft. Mead, Florida. The Sanctuary Choir and Ushers rendered services along with various members of the Mt. Pleasant Church Family.

Several members of the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church attended the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Mass Choir Rehearsal held at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor/Moderator Emeritus. This choir will participate in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session of the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association.

Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church went with Pastor C.T. Kirkland to render service for Rev. Anthony Greene's Pastoral Anniversary at the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens. Dr. Kirkland brought the sermon and the Deacons, Sanctuary Choir and Ushers rendered services.

❖ Oct. 2017

On Saturday, October 7, 2017 our 91<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary Musical program was held at the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church at 6:00 p.m. Sis. Valerie Newton was the 91<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary Musical Program Chairperson, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, Pastor.

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association, Rev. Brian K. Brown, Moderator, held their 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session that began October 3, 2017 through October 7, 2017 in Tampa, Florida. The theme: "Stronger Together Building On The Legacy – Strengthening Our Faith, Family and Future" Nehemiah 2:18. The session was hosted at the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church.

On Sunday, October 8, 2017, Rev. Kelly E. Brown, Pastor of the Greater Mt. Vernon M.B. Church of Jacksonville, Florida was our featured guest rendering service at our Church Pre-Anniversary Service.

On Sunday, October 15, 2017, we culminated the 91<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary with our guest church and Pastor, First Baptist Church of West Tampa, Inc, Rev. Rayford Harper. Our theme was "Jesus Christ And His Church." Matthew 16:18-19.

❖ Nov. – Dec. 2017

On November 26, 2017, the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church rendered service for the 8<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Eddie Gilbert, Pastor of the

Macedonia M.B. Church of Bartow, Florida. Dr. Kirkland rendered the sermon and the Mt. Pleasant Sanctuary Choir and Ushers served. The Mt. Pleasant Deacons provided the devotional Services.

2017 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Baptism . . . . . 7  
Christian Experience . . . . . 3  
Restoration. . . . . 1

TOTAL . . . . . 11

❖ Jan. – Oct. 2018

February 25, 2018, the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church Sanctuary Choir, Ushers and the Mt. Pleasant Church family rendered service at the Revelation Community M.B. Church of Tampa, Florida for the Pastoral celebration of Pastor Gregory Robinson.

Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church worshipped with the First Baptist Church of West Tampa, Inc. to celebrate their Church Anniversary. Rev. Kirkland provided the afternoon sermon. The Deacons rendered devotional services and the Sanctuary Choir and Ushers served.

On April 14, 2018, the Mt. Pleasant Youth attended the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Annual Youth Gospel Service. Dr. Kirkland and several members came to support them in their participation during the youth session at Macedonia, M.B. Church, Lakeland, Florida, Rev. Kendrix L. Gardner, Pastor.

On April 19, 2018, Youth Choir Rehearsal was held for those who would be singing with the Association Choir.

On April 21, 2018, the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held the Association Choir Rehearsal at the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church.

Congress No. 6 of the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association's Annual Session was held

at the Macedonia M.B. Church of Thonotosassa, Florida.

The Brotherhood Ministry held their Mother's Day Breakfast on May 12, 2018, for all the mothers at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church Annex, Deacon Rudene Igles, Brotherhood Ministry Leader.

From June 11, 2018 through June 15, 2018, the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association District Congress of Christian Workers was hosted at Union M.B. Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. The host Pastor was Rev. Jerry B. Alexander, Sr. Several members of Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church attended.

On July 8, 2018, the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church celebrated its 92<sup>nd</sup> Church Pre-Anniversary Service featuring Rev. Dr. Lewis Shepherd, Pastor of the Beulah M.B. Church of Fort Mead, Florida. Both Church families fellowshiped together in the Lord singing praises and giving glory to the gospel as it is written in the Bible.

July 16, 2018 through July 20, 2018, the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention, Inc. 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of Christian Workers, Rev. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., President was held at the Hilton Orlando, Florida, where Dr. C.T. and Sis. Victoria Kirkland attended.

August 11, 2018, the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association WIA Worship Service was held at host church Macedonia M.B. Church, Bartow, Florida, Rev. Eddie Gilbert, Host Pastor. Several Senior Mission and Junior Women Mission Ministry members of Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church attended.

August 12, 2018, the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church Family traveled with Pastor C.T. Kirkland to render service for the 12<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Reginald Franklin at the First Baptist Church of Wauchula, Florida. It was a blessing to fellowship with the First Family as they celebrated

their Pastor.

August 19, 2018, the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church held its 92<sup>nd</sup> Church Pre-Anniversary Service with Rev. Jay Jackson and the Mt. Olive M.B. Church of South Lakeland, Florida family. Both churches had a joyous time giving praises unto the Lord.

August 26, 2018, the Mt. Pleasant Family held its 92<sup>nd</sup> Church Pre-Anniversary Services with Rev. Anthony Greene and the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, Tampa, Florida.

From September 10 through 14, 2018, Dr. C.T. Kirkland and Dr. Victoria Kirkland attended the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc. held in Lombard, Illinois.

On September 23, 2018, Pastor Kirkland and the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church Family rendered service at the Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Anthony Greene. The Deacons provided the devotional service and the Sanctuary Choir and Ushers served.

On October 14, 2018, Rev. Kelly E. Brown, and the Greater Mt. Vernon M.B. Church Family of Jacksonville, Florida rendered service for Mt. Pleasant's 92<sup>nd</sup> Church Pre-Anniversary Service.

On October 21, 2018, Rev. Rayford Harper and The First Baptist Church of West Tampa, Inc. rendered service for Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church's 92<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary Services. The theme was "Working Together To Make A Difference In Serving The Lord." II Corinthians 6:1.

2018 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Baptism . . . . .	7
Christian Experience . . . . .	3
Restoration. . . . .	2
Rededication To Christ . . . . .	0

TOTAL . . . . .12

❖ Feb. 2019

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held their Mid-Winter Board on February 6-9, 2019 was held at St. Mark M.B. Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, Rev. Brian K. Brown, Pastor/Moderator.

The Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc. observed their 118<sup>th</sup> Founder’s Week from February 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the First Baptist Institutional Church, Lakeland, Florida, Rev. Dr. Alex Harper, Sr., Pastor/President.

February 25, 2019, Dr. Kirkland, along with the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church Sanctuary Choir, Ushers, and Mt. Pleasant Church Family rendered service at Revelation Community M.B. Church of Tampa, Florida for Pastor Gregory Robinson’s 14<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary Celebration.

❖ March 2019

The South Florida Baptist Association held their Junior Women Ministry Meet and Greet to kick off the upcoming year at Mt. Tabor M.B. Church, Tampa, Florida, Rev. T.D. Leonard/Vice Moderator, Brian K. Brown/Moderator.

On March 18-22, 2019, Dr. C.T. Kirkland and Dr. Victoria Kirkland attended the Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc., Rev. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., President. The 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Session was held at Double Tree by Hilton at Universal Orlando.

March 25, 2019, the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church worshipped with the First Baptist Church of West Tampa, Inc. to celebrate their 105<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary where the Sanctuary Choir and Sanctuary Ushers served and the Deacons rendered Devotional Services.

Congress No. 6, Auxiliary to the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held their session from March 27-30, 2019, at Macedonia M.B. Church, Thonotosassa, Florida where Rev. Arthur

Smith is Pastor/President, Rev. Brian K. Brown/  
Moderator.

❖ June 2019

The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Brotherhood Ministry will have their 100 Men in Black and White program on Sunday, June 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Mt. Zion M.B. Church, Lakeland, Florida, Rev. Kendrix J. Gardner, Pastor. The guest speaker was one of Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church's son, Rev. Eddie Gilbert, Pastor of the Macedonia M.B. Church of Bartow, Florida.

From June 10 through June 14, 2019, the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association District Congress of Christian Workers was held in Punta Gorda, Florida.

❖ July 2019

The Church began its annual pre-anniversary service celebrating the 93<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary with Rev. Dr. Lewis Shepherd and the Beulah M.B. Church Family of Ft. Mead, Florida. Deacon David Hickmon and Deaconess Anna Hickmon served as Chairpersons. Both Church families had a great time praising the Lord.

The Mount Pleasant Education Ministry held their Annual Students and Senior S-A-L-U-T-E of the 2019 students and graduates. Dr. Carolyn Hepburn Collins, Education Ministry Leader, and other members, along with the Church Family joined in the celebration of our honor students and graduates. The theme, "Praying Hands For Our Student's Academic Success." Pastor Kirkland congratulated the students on their academic success and future educational endeavors.

On July 22-26, 2019, Pastor Kirkland and Sis. Kirkland along with twelve Mt. Pleasant Youth, Sis. Valerie Newton, Directress, Sis. Cynthia Echols and Bro. Maceo Walker attended the Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.'s 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Session held at the Double Tree By Hilton at Universal, Orlando, Florida. The Theme was "Experiencing The True Essence Of God Through Praise and Worship." Psalms 100 and St. John 4:24.

❖ Aug. 2019 The Mt. Pleasant Family continued the celebration of the Church's 93<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary with a pre-anniversary service with Rev. Jay Jackson and the Mt. Olive M.B. Church of South Lakeland, Lakeland, Florida. A good time was had by all.

❖ Sept. 2019 On September 15, 2019, Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church traveled with Dr. C.T. Kirkland to render service for Rev. Dr. Lewis Shepherd for his Pastoral Anniversary at Beulah M.B. Church, Ft. Mead, Florida. The Sanctuary Choir and Ushers rendered services along with various members of the Mt. Pleasant Church Family.

On September 22, 2019, the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church Family, with out Pastor, Dr. C.T. Kirkland, rendered services for the Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Anthony Greene, Pastor of The First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, Tampa, Florida. Deacons, Sanctuary Choir and Ushers served.

❖ Oct. 2019 On October 13, 2019, the Rev. Kelly E. Brown, Pastor of the Greater Mt. Vernon M.B. Church of Jacksonville, Florida rendered service for Mt. Pleasant 93<sup>rd</sup> Church's Pre-Anniversary Service.

The church celebrated it's 93<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary with the First Baptist Church of West Tampa, Inc., Rev. Rayford Harper, Pastor. Our Theme was "Faith To Move Forward" II Corinthians 5:7. The service was enjoyed by all.

2019 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Baptism . . . . . 4  
 Christian Experience . . . . . 5  
 Restoration. . . . . 2  
 Rededication . . . . . 2

TOTAL . . . . . 13

❖ Feb. 2020 Bro. Arthur Shepherd, Jr. accepted his calling and gave his first trial sermon to the Mt. Pleasant Church Family and public.



❖ March 2020

The Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church in accordance with the guidelines of the CDC in regards to the COVID-19 epidemic, Dr. C.T. Kirkland canceled all services in order to ensure the safety of the Mt. Pleasant Family and public. Church services were rescheduled to be held via teleconference with Sunday services taking place at 2:00 p.m., Bible Study held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights and Sunday School Lessons on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

The Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc., Rev. Bartholomew Banks, President, was held virtually March 18-22, 2020.

Congress No. 6 Auxiliary of the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association held their session virtually March 27-30, 2020.

❖ Oct. 2020

Pastor Kirkland attended the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association Session held at St. Mark M.B. Church, St. Petersburg, Florida where Rev. Brian K. Brown is Pastor/Moderator.

Minister Richard Gollman, Associate Minister at Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church preached at the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association which was held virtually.

Lopez Tree Service, LLC removed the dead large water oak tree.

2020 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Baptism . . . . .	0
Christian Experience . . . . .	2
Restoration. . . . .	2
Rededication to Christ . . . . .	0

TOTAL . . . . . 4

❖ Jan. 2021

Tampa Bay Gutters, Inc. installed new gutters on the church annex.

Affordable Roofing System did repairs at 1906 Rome Avenue.

- ❖ June 2021 Koala T. Painting & Pressure Washer repainted the exterior of the sanctuary.

A new Church ID sign was replaced by C & S Graphics, Inc.

BVMEDS Owner, Dr. Carolyn Collins, installed an Air Filtration System inside the interior of the sanctuary.

An electrician installed electricity for the Air Filtration System.

Cintas Fire Protection Company did a Fire Safety Inspection at 1906 North Rome Avenue and 1732 West Spruce Street, Tampa, Florida.
- ❖ July 2021 Kool Running AC, Inc. replaced a new air handler in the annex.

3H Contracting AC, Inc. repaired plenum in the Church balcony. Two bad capacitors were also replaced.
- ❖ Oct. 2021 The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Session will be held virtually at the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, Rev. Brian K. Brown/Pastor/Moderator.

2021 RECRUITS FOR CHRIST

Baptism . . . . . 3  
 Christian Experience . . . . . 1  
 His Belief In Jesus Christ . . . . . 1  
 Restoration. . . . . 2 (Year 2020)

TOTAL . . . . . 7