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CONNECT TO MOUNT PISGAH

CLASS I

INTRODUCTION

KEY THEMES

1

What you are looking for in a church?

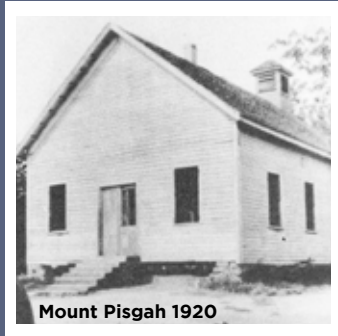
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History of Mount Pisgah Church

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History of the United Methodist Church

Mount Pisgah has been living out the greatest commandments to Love God, Love People since 1831. Notice in the highlights of our 189-year history, that our focus has always been on serving and loving our neighbors — the Cherokee Indians, early frontiersmen, those devastated by war, the local community, and the Spanish speaking community.



Mount Pisgah 1920



Mount Pisgah 1972

WHAT CHARACTERISTICS ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN A CHURCH?

Probably the same things people were looking for the past 189 years; community, compassion, grounded in God’s Word, responsive, and supportive.



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A **People**
Focused on the
Good News

A **Personal**
Relationship
with Christ

Small Group
Support and
Accountability

**HIS
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Here, There, and Everywhere

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OUR VALUES

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A **Place** to call **Home** A **Partner** for Spiritual **Growth** A **Platform** that launches Us to **Serve**

**OUR DISCIPLESHIP
APPROACH**

—
Serving
Others

A Life
of
Stewardship

**Sharing the
Gospel**
with Others



TIMELINE

● MOUNT PISGAH CHURCH

● UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

John and Charles Wesley start a Bible study with fellow Oxford University students who were methodical in their way of life and became known as Methodists.

Methodism arrived in America, led by Francis Asbury.

A conference of Methodist preachers formed the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1750s

1760s

1784

The preschool program began.

The South Hall Worship and Family Life Center allows Mount Pisgah to more than triple its membership.

The United Methodist Church was created from the fragmented segments of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1986

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1968

A new education building and family life center was added to South Hall.

The church purchased 17 acres on Nesbit Ferry Rd.

North campus building was completed and worship moved to this sanctuary.

1988 - 1990

1999

2002



Several churches and denominations were formed as descendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1780s - 1960s

Ms. Martin's one room log house, Martin's Chapel, was one of six circuit churches in the Georgia frontier.

1831

A new brick church was built on Jones Bridge road to replace the original chapel burned by Union troops.

Late 1860s

Another one room frame house was built near the cemetery on Nesbit Ferry Rd.

1920s

A brick home was moved to the church property to serve as a residence for pastoral staff.

1967

An educational building was added.

1962

A new sanctuary building was completed.

1940s

Mount Pisgah en Espanol began on south campus.

2002

The Underground student center was added on north campus.

2010

All church activities are now on north campus, and we continue to update and adapt to meet the needs of our congregation.

2017

The United Methodist Church is one of the largest protestant churches in the world.

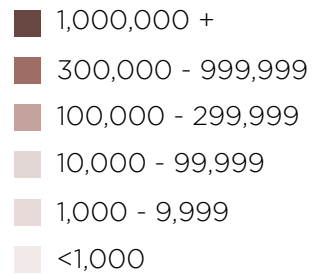
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GLOBAL MAP



TOGETHER,
WE ARE
THE CHURCH



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What interested or surprised you about the history of Mount Pisgah?



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Ms. Martin served Cherokee Indians, then those devastated by the Civil War. As the demographic around Mount Pisgah changed, the church adapted. Who do you see as the focus of serving and loving our neighbors today?

What have you found that you like about Mount Pisgah so far? What do we need to change?



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TAKE AWAY

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO THE CHURCH.
IT'S PEOPLE, **PEOPLE LIKE YOU**, WHO MAKE
THE CHURCH **SPECIAL** AND
LASTING, ETERNAL CHANGE.



MOUNT PISGAH ROADMAP KEY THEMES

1

Greatest
Commandments

2

Mission, Vision,
and Values

3

Discipleship
Approach

When asked “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:36-40

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How does knowing these tenants are commandments from God revealed in Scripture change your thinking about them?



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What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ?



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Our second core value is, “A place to call home.” Do you feel at home in Mount Pisgah? What exactly makes you feel this is a place to call home?



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“Discipleship isn’t a program or an event; it’s a way of life. It’s not for a limited time, but for our whole life. Discipleship isn’t for beginners alone; it’s for all believers for every day of their life. Discipleship isn’t just one of the things the church does; it is what the church does.”

Bill Hull, *The Complete Book of Discipleship: On Being and Making Followers of Christ*

“Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you.”

Dallas Willard

BE A DISCIPLE,
MAKE A DISCIPLE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & GROW

KEY THEMES

1

Finding your
PLACE

2

Opportunities
to Serve

“We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”

Romans 12:4-8

PLACE

ASSESSMENT



WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

The PLACE assessment can help you discover how God has uniquely designed you, and it will help you realize His purpose for your life.

You find your life as you give it away ... but first you have to know what you have to give.

God created each of us for a purpose...

“For we are God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

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What is PLACE?

PLACE is an intentional process to connect you into purpose-driven ministry. Through the PLACE assessment, you will discover that God has created and gifted you with a unique capacity to serve others.

Why PLACE Works

PLACE is a process of self discovery and service for all Christians. Through the PLACE assessment, you will discover that God created you with unique personality, spiritual gifts, abilities, passions and experiences. Discovering God's purpose and plan for your life helps you find your PLACE of service within the body of Christ.

**LEARN
MORE,
AND TAKE
YOUR **FREE**
ASSESSMENT
TODAY!**

mountpisgah.org/place

“The PLACE Assessment was both enlightening and confirming. The follow up counsel was invaluable! What a tremendous resource for me to have clarity, to know and understand my God given abilities to serve in both business and ministry”.

– Mike Poline

Mount Pisgah Member & Volunteer

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Name a time you served/volunteered and knew you were doing what you are made to do.



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What exactly about that experience made it so rewarding for you? The task, the people, their response, the outcome?



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Would you be more encouraged to serve if you had information on how you're wired and what you're good at?



START
SERVING NOW.

WE NEED YOU
ON OUR TEAM.

YOU CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE.

MOUNT VOLUNTEER 0

Worship Ministries

worshiparts@mountpisgah.org

Worship Arts
Choir
Orchestra
Praise Team

Technical Ministries

technicalministries@mountpisgah.org

Lights
Sound
Camera
Video
Production

DiscipleLife

Adult Classes
Teaching
Assisting

disciplelife@mountpisgah.org

Women's Ministry
Men's Ministry

women@mountpisgah.org

men@mountpisgah.org

Children's Ministry

childrens@mountpisgah.org

Small Group Leader (K-5th)
Leaders for Collide (K-5th mid-week program)
Greeters for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights
Special Events
Vacation Bible School
SCREAM (spiritual retreat for 3rd-5th graders)
Special Needs Team

Service Opportunities

caring@mountpisgah.org

Blanket Ministry
Lunch for the Troops (USO)
Nursing Home Ministry
Prison Ministry
Loving Meals
Stephen Ministry
Prayer Team

PISGAH OPPORTUNITIES

Global Missions globalmissions@mountpisgah.org

Disaster Response Team disasterresponse@mountpisgah.org

Early Response Team (ERT) is trained, equipped and ready to respond when disaster hits local and surrounding areas.

Community Partnerships engage@mountpisgah.org

Bread Ministry

The Drake House

Habitat for Humanity

North Fulton Community Charities

Homestretch

Student Ministries studentlife@mountpisgah.org

Small Group Leader (Grades 6-12)

Bible Study Leader (Grades 6-12)

Cafe Volunteer (Sunday AM)

Pizza Volunteer (Sunday PM)

Special Events (Various Times)

Connect Ministry connect@mountpisgah.org

Usher

Greeter

Coffee Team

Parking Lot Team

Pisgah Fosters Ministry pisgahfosters@mountpisgah.org

Foster Parent

Family Support Volunteer

Child Mentor Volunteer

Foster Ministry Advocate

Foster Care Event Volunteer

Fresh Expressions Ministry freshexpressions@mountpisgah.org

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