

Mount Pisgah Academy SDA Church

July 18, 2026

10:45 am

Prelude

Mission Spotlight

11:00 am

Welcome & Announcements

Call for Offering: Church Budget
Offertory

Praise Singing

Opening Song: *Redeemed*

Children's Story

Morning Prayer

Sermon: *Happy Dependence Day*

Benediction

Glen Hughes
Cassie Horton

Brianna Horton

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Angie May

Anita Grandy

Des Suarez

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Chorister: Brianna Horton
Piano/Organ: Kathy Brannan
Worship Coordinators: Lori Blanco

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To watch online go to: <https://www.mpasda.org/live-stream>

July 18-24		
Today	8:44 pm	Sunset
Monday— Thursday	6:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Service —cancelled d/t VBS
Friday	8:40 pm	Sunset

Prayer Requests
David Garland—loss of father
Denise Wilson—health issues
Hominy Valley Men's Acapella Choir
Max Longley—Pisgah Villa
David Young—Pisgah Manor
APCS Building Project

This Week's Birthdays: Members
18 Ryan Stutes Grant Williams 19 Chris May 20 Michael Garland Stevie Littrell 23 Edward Stutes 24 Sheila Bivins

On Duty Today
Deacon: David Garland Sound: Bruce Bellchambers

Sabbath School Classes

9:30 am

Children

Cradle Roll
Kindergarten
Primary
Junior/Earliteen

Adults

Choir Room: Eunice Pearson
Junior Room: Kitty Ratzlaff
Pastor's Office: Young Adult
Back Hallway: Classy Friends

Announcements

Join us for Vacation Bible School: Mountain of Miracles!

Get ready for an uplifting week of faith, fun, and discovery at **Mountain of Miracles VBS**, happening **July 20-23, 2026**, nightly from 6:30-8:00 pm. Children will enjoy Bible stories, activities, music, snacks and meaningful lessons that point them to God's love and power. Families are encouraged to register early.

Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/dba6f0>

We received a message

from the Conference this week noting that **Eugene Johnson**, a former pastor here at MPA SDA church, went to sleep in Jesus on July 5 at the age of 93. His funeral will be July 24 in Brainerd, Minnesota. Please keep the Johnson family in your prayers during this difficult time.

New Class Name.

Beginning August 1, the Ratzlaff adult Sabbath School class will be renamed the Open Circle class. While Kitty will remain a key leader and teacher, and the class will continue following the SS study guide, the new name will better reflect the diversity of teachers and points of view that come from the discussion.

Club Organization.

The Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs are organizing for a new year, and registration dates will be announced soon. Children ages Pre-K to fourth grade are welcome to the Adventurer Club, with Angie May serving as leader. Children from grades 5-10 are welcome into the Pathfinder club, with Bonnie Garland as leader. Both leaders are recruiting additional staff and volunteers. If you have an interest in working with our youth, please contact them.

Potluck Schedule

Date	Hosts
July 25	No Potluck
August 1	Kitty Ratzlaff

Announcements

Potluck today is hosted by Eunice Pearson's Sabbath School class. Join us for good food and great fellowship!

We have had an attrition of potluck hosts, and are unable to provide meals on all Sabbaths of the month. If this ministry interests you, please see Donna Robertson for more information.

Save the Dates! The new school year is just three weeks away. New student registration is August 5, with returning students coming on August 9. All able-bodied & willing people will be welcome to help us with **We Haul** on those two afternoons. Check your calendars and come join the fun!

Our speaker today, **Des Suarez**, has served in many ways as a member of MPAC. Formerly a teacher in the Adventist system, with a heart of youth ministries, particularly fellowship and hospitality, he brings to our congregation that blend of academy and church. Now in retirement, Des and Pam are still active in church ministry, and we are grateful for his help during the pastoral interim.

Next Sabbath will feature a musical worship, a traditional hymn-sing led by Kathy Brannan. For maximum participation and enjoyment, the back third of the sanctuary will be roped off to encourage everyone to move to the front and sing along. When you think that every hymn is a sermon, the experience will be a rich blessing.

The guest speaker for our worship service on August 1 will be Elder **Leslie Louis**, President of the Carolina Conference. This appointment was scheduled earlier in the year and coincided with the "Let's Talk" program (see special announcement) that will be held in the afternoon.

"Let's Talk" is a conference-sponsored initiative for young adults. It's an opportunity for them to spend time with conference officers in a relaxed, conversational setting. It isn't intended to be a formal Q&A session or a venue for addressing concerns, although that feedback may happen. The purpose and goal is to build relationships, listen, hear experiences, and create an environment where young adults feel seen, valued, and connected with conference leadership, including the President and YA Director, and possibly more. This event is shared four times per year around the conference. The MPA church will host the next session, to take place on Sabbath afternoon, August 1, at 2 pm. The location will be determined by group size. The group is not limited to young adults at MPAC, so spread the word!

Hominy Valley Men's Acapella Choir: If you sing, or know of someone that would enjoy singing old hymns and upbeat Christian harmony, please share with them. All ages are invited. Our rehearsals (Fridays at 6:30 pm in the community center) are open; feel free to come and just listen if you like. We sing at numerous churches, nursing homes and the Billy Graham Center regularly.

Mt. Pisgah Academy SDA Church Directory

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-Noon

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"What's Happening @ MPASDAC," please send an email to

Lynn Miles (lynn.miles@pisgah.us) or join us on Facebook at

"Mount Pisgah Academy Seventh-day Adventist Church (**MPASDAC**)."

Church Information

Warren Ruf	Lead Elder
Calvin Clardy	Elder
Anita Grandy	Elder
Glen Hughes	Elder
Gerard McLane	Elder
Louie Parra	Elder
Eunice Pearson	Elder
Kitty Ratzlaff	Elder
Lynn Hughes	Treasurer
Lynn Miles	Administrative Assistant/Clerk

Looking for Excellent Christian Education?

Asheville-Pisgah Christian School, located on our campus, offers grades PreK-8, with one grade per teacher. For more information, visit www.ashevillepisgah.org or call 828-667-3255. Erin Miller, Principal

Mount Pisgah Academy offers a collegiate preparatory curriculum for grades 9-12. The school serves community and boarding students in a family atmosphere. For more information, visit www.pisgah.us or call 828-667-2535. Dewald Coetzer, Principal

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While attending, your image may be included in the broadcast.

Should you prefer not to be in any of our media, **the balcony is a media-free zone**.

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Following Jesus to New Heights

In Anticipation of His Glorious Return

Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 14

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