

The HeartBeat OF Mountainside

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members



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This Sunday at Mountainside

“Law and Grace” Romans 3: 21-26



“The Law”

I guess I need to start out by stating the obvious: no one has ever kept the law. Some might say, “Oh yes I have!” I would ask if they had ever driven a single mile-an-hour over the speed limit. Yes, even a single “mph” over the limit is breaking the law. As a matter of fact, on a speeding ticket issued by a law enforcement officer, there is a category of “0-5 miles,” meaning a ticket is merited by just going that one mph over the limit! Sounds harsh, but the line has to be drawn somewhere.

Laws can do several things. It states what we cannot do in our everyday lives. It also, if you look at the written statutes, can describe the penalty for breaking that law. There are several levels of laws, meaning some are classified as minor, or misdemeanors, and other felonies with accompanying levels of punishments to be levied.

Most laws are deterrent in nature, in that they described what we cannot do. While the law itself may not be a deterrent, the punishment or sentence for committing such crimes certainly act as a deterrent with most people. But as we all know, there are some who ignore both the crime and the punishment. These are the ones who say, “It’s only illegal if you get caught,” or “The speed limit is only a suggestion.”

The nation of Israel had been in captivity for approximately 400 years. While they still worshipped Jehovah God, they had also picked up some other religious practices. The main point here is you can’t wallow in a mud hole and not get dirty! When God sent Moses to lead the people out of Egypt, He wanted to give them a new start, a new beginning. God wanted the nation to return to Him with all their hearts and live in a manner befitting His chosen people. God, through Moses, gave them the Law.

Throughout the Old Testament, we can read where not a single person lived up to the Law given through Moses. Not one sacrifice was sufficient to completely and forever take away the sins of the nation. In His infinite wisdom, God sent His Son to be that perfect sacrifice.

If you think about it and read, Jesus was a Jew. He observed every single law and statute given to the nation of Israel. He was at every festival, as was required of every Jewish adult male. Jesus was very intentional in keeping every edict of the Law. When challenged about keeping the Law, Jesus told them, “I did not come to do away with the Law. I came to fulfill it.”

We, as Christians, still live under the law, as did Jesus. What we do not live under is the penalty of the law, as we are now, through Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection, live under a covenant of grace. God never rescinded any covenant He made with His children. Therefore, the covenant of the Law is still in place!

Be happy that our sins are covered by a covenant of grace through Jesus’ love exhibited on the cross. Also, be thankful the penalty of death by breaking the law, legally speaking, is off the table! Thank you, Father God.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

Calling all Bakers!

We need cookies, brownies, breads, muffins for the Cancer Walk Bake sale. Please bring in your goodies on by September 24th. Please put cookies, brownies and muffins 2 to a package in Ziplock bags. Label what type of sweet whether it's gluten free, No nuts/nuts, etc. If you have any questions, call Jo Hoak 501-693-7818



Calling all Crafters!

Mountainside Craft Booth is in need of your skills. Any homemade craft donations would be helpful. Please call Jo Hoak if you have any questions 501-693-7818.



July Missions

We are providing supplies for our local school districts- Jessieville, Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine. The supplies that are needed-Crayola crayons, zipper pouches with holes for binders, and 2 pocket folders with and without brads, Kleenex, Germx, hand sanitizer, Expo markers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, construction paper, and youth scissors.

All the Backpacks are supplied by Mountainside Church.

Thank you for helping our local schools!

Your Hospitality Team

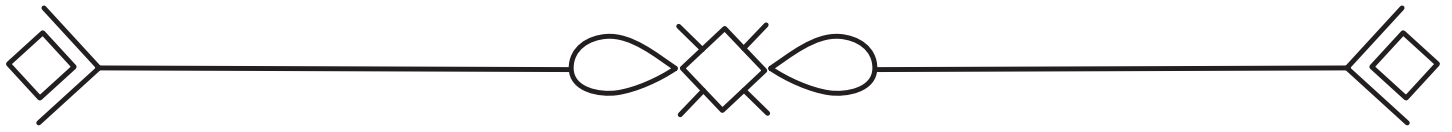
This Sunday's Hospitality Team will be Judy Sloan, Linda Wagon, Dorothy Bodine and Peggy Dvorak

Upcoming servers:

8/02: Marilyn Sturges, Donna Mahle, Jennifer Ellis, Kevin Hoak

8/09: JD & LouAnn Walker, Arlene McAlister and Robin Williams.

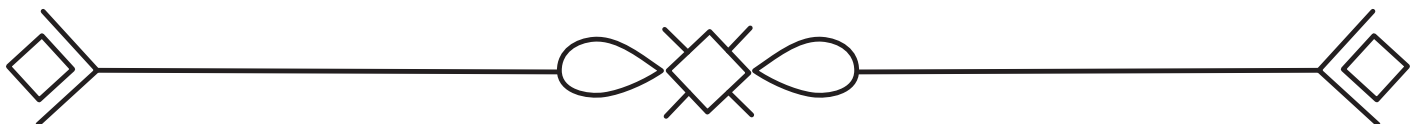




Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for August

Each month, our Mountainside men's group organizes a meal for the kids at Cedar Mountainside Boys & Girls Club. All Mountainside are invited to participate in this ministry, so each month we ask for volunteer bakers and servers. The August meal is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19.

This month we will need five volunteers to bake either cookies or brownies (2 dozen each), and three volunteers servers. Goodies should be delivered to the church kitchen by Tuesday, August 18. Servers need to be at the club by 3:00pm on. Serving starts around 3:30pm and is usually completed by 4:30pm. The food will be prepared by own Terry Crumpler, and will be delivered to the club prior to our arrival. To sign up August please contact Stacy in the church office at 501-922-2626, and she will add your name to the list.



Prayers



Prayers Needed

Jesus said “WHEN you pray...” not “IF you pray” (Matt. 6:5). Please add these people to your prayers this week.

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| • Mary Justina Ackley | • Don Heitz | • Jeff & Melissa Owen | • Carol Willson |
| • Matthew Baker | • Brian Karriger | • Elain Pool | • Richard Wood |
| • Jeff Boor | • Jimmy Newell | • Connor Richardson | • Donna Mahle |
| • Joey Dean | • Brian Little | • Mallory Seibert | • Wendy Lenox |
| • Rickie Barnes | • Renee McKinley | • LouAnn Walker | • Don Pappe |
| • Jeff Fox | | • Marcia Wanner | • Bob Boocker |
| | | | • The Bass Family |

Other Prayers

- The people of Ukraine
- The entire Middle East
- Our state & national leadership
- Mountainside Church & leadership
- Active Military and Family Members

If you would like to make additions/corrections/deletions to the prayer list, please call the church office at (501) 922- 2626 or email Stacy at mountainsidechurch@gmail.com.

