

The HeartBeat

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members OF Mountainside



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This Sunday at Mountainside

“Relax”

Matthew 6:25-27



“Trust”

What do you trust? Who do you trust? What does it mean exactly when we do place our trust in some thing or some body? What has to happen before such trust is given?

Trust is defined by Merriam Webster as, “a firm belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something...” There should be a few things that jump out at you in this definition. First is a “firm” belief. It is almost a contradiction of terms. When we think of firm, we think of something setting, such as concrete. Concrete must “set” or “cure” in order for it to be used, as in a driveway, roadway, or a walkway. The second part of this is a belief. Notice this isn’t a firm knowledge of something or someone. Does this mean trust allows for some room, partial or miniscule, for doubt? If true, what amount of doubt can one have before trust is no longer trust?

With all of this said, imagine what you trust in your life. Did you doubt the structural integrity the last time you drove across any bridge? Of course we don’t, as we drive across it like all the other traffic around us. Did you doubt the safety of air travel the last time you flew? No, as we’ve all heard air travel is one of the safest modes we can experience. But let me throw a monkey wrench into your thinking: is air travel and bridge integrity totally and absolutely safe?

On May 26, 2002 drivers on Interstate 40 in Oklahoma had faith in the integrity of the bridge that spans the Arkansas River at Weber Falls. Unknowingly to them, a river barge struck the base of one of the supports and caused a collapse of a section of the bridge, sending several cars into the Arkansas River. And while air travel is safe, do we know who is in the cockpit? Thinking about the recent attempt to hijack an airliner and use it as a weapon by a jihadist, ala 911, are we absolutely certain, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the trip will be without incident.

Trust in airliners and bridges are just the tip of the iceberg of all the things we trust in. But you’ve probably noticed I haven’t mentioned people yet! How do we trust people, implicitly, explicitly, or completely? Do we have the ultimate trust in them? Sadly, there is only one person who deserves that level or completeness.

Proverbs 3:5-6, written by one who is called the wisest man who ever lived says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Our trust in Christ must be complete and utter trust, with everything we have. We can’t doubt as that brings our thoughts and our devices into the equation. Then, when we’ve trusted completely and totally, we must submit to His wisdom, knowing He knows what is best for us in all things.

Trust. A word we may throw around from time to time. The next time you hear it, you may think differently, but always know our trust in God is the best trust we can extend.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE



Calling All Bakers

Pull out your rolling pins and baking pans, we need your sweet skills for two upcoming events:

Fall Arts & Crafts Fair: Sign up behind the fireplace to participate and drop off your baked goods Friday, **Nov. 6** between 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Label your creations and indicate if they contain nuts, are gluten-free, etc. A crew will package items. All proceeds benefit the Mountainside Mission Fund.



All Hands on Deck

We need many volunteers to help clean up the exterior and interior of the church on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 9 a.m. Please sign up behind the fireplace.



Crafters and Volunteers Needed

If you're good with a glue gun and have the scars to prove it, we need your help making items to sell at the Mountainside craft booth for the Fall Arts & Crafts Fair, Nov. 7. Call Jo Hoak at 501-693-7818 with questions. We also need volunteers to help facilitate the event. Sign up sheets for different roles are behind the fireplace and you can sign up for more than one task.



Looking for a fun night to spend with family and friends? Like to play games? We are looking to start a monthly game night once a month on a Thursday evening from 6-8p.m. We hope to launch this event in connection with the next Upper Room Gathering.

Dominoes will be the game of this evening. Other games to follow. Watch for further details!



Your Hospitality Team for October 11

Thank you l for serving Mike & Liz Clarno, Jennifer Ellis ,and BJ Conner!

And speaking of serving, we're looking for big smiles and warm hearts to join the Hospitality Team.

Members serve about once every 4-5 weeks. Duties include greeting members and guests, getting guests nametags, handing out bulletins, putting out coffee and snacks, putting out attendance books and more.

As Pastor Doug says, "Our greeters make the first impression on our members and guests as they enter Mountainside to worship and fellowship with us."

Email Donna Mahle at donnamahle@att.net or call her at 512-304-0992 for more information or to join.

Sign Up To Bring Sunday Snacks

Sign up by yourself or with a friend to bring a favorite sweet treat or breakfast goodie. We need about 6 dozen servings total, so if you team up, that's just 3 dozen each. Please have your goodies at church by 8:45 Sunday morning, and our hospitality team will plate and serve them. Any leftovers can be taken home or, if they're cookies, donated to our monthly Boys & Girls Club meal. Thank you for helping make our hospitality time special!



2026 Leadership Team

Pastor- Rev. Doug Walker

Chairperson- Bill Hoak

Lay Leader- Ted Schramm

Treasurer- Kevin Hoak

Deb Seibert

Bobby Mahle

Larry Brocaw

Ken Guzel

Bart Langford

Marilyn Sturges

Mike Clarno

You can also check out our Leadership Team on our website

<https://www.mountainsidechurch.com/leadership>





A new Women's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, October 14th at 3:00PM in Classroom A. We will be studying the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah. It will be a participation/discussion. We can all expand our understanding with one another. We're happy to have Cindy Crumpler as our facilitator. If you have questions, contact Carol Schramm.



Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for October

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 October meal is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21.

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, October 20. 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 October please contact Stacy in the church office at 501-922-2626, and she will add your name to the list.

HOSPITALITY 2026 OCT-NOV-DEC

10/04 Marilyn Sturges, Linda Wagnon, Scott & Merry Voskuil

10/11 Mike & Liz Clarno, Jennifer Ellis ,BJ Conner

10/18 Kevin Hoak, Robin Williams, Arlene McAlister, Dorothy Bodine

10/25 Bill & Jo Hoak, Marilyn Sturges, Peggy Dvorek

11/01 JD & LouAnn, Robin Williams, BJ Conner

11/08 Judy Sloan, Mike & Liz Clarno, Jennifer Ellis

11/15 Marilyn Sturges, Scott & Merry Voskuil, Linda Wagnon

11/22 JD & LouAnn Walker, Dorothy Bodine, Donna Mahle

11/29 Bill & Jo Hoak, Peggy Dvorak, Kevin Hoak

12/06 Donna & Bobby Mahle, Marilyn Sturges, Arlene McAlister



12/13 Judy Sloan, Robin Williams, Jennifer Ellis, Linda Wagon

12/20 Bill & Jo Hoak, Scott & Merry Voskuil

12/27 Marilyn Sturges, Kevin Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno

If you cannot serve on a date, please find a substitute or contact
Donna Mahle: 512-304-0992 – donnamahle@att.net



Prayers



Prayers Needed

As a praying church, we value the importance of lifting those up who need a little help and grace. Please add these people to your prayers this week.

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| • Mary Justina Ackley | • Don Heinz | • Jeff & Melissa Owen | • Carol Willson |
| • Matthew Baker | • Brian Karriger | • Elain Pool | • Richard Wood |
| • Jeff Boor | • Jimmy Newell | • Mallory Seibert | • Donna Mahle |
| • Joey Dean | • Brian Little | • Marcia Wanner | • Wendy Lenox |
| • Rickie Barnes | • Renee McKinley | • Chuck Anderson | • Don Pappe |
| • Jeff Fox | • Mary Davis | • Peggy Hadley | • Bob Boocker |

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.

