

The HeartBeat OF MOUNTAINSIDE

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members



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This SUNDAY at MOUNTAINSIDE

“Spiritual Growth” Hebrews 5: 11-6:8



“Climbing the Ladder”

Think about this; no one sets up a ladder to reach high places and stops on the first rung! Consequently, no one sets an extension ladder against a house to reach a high place and never extends it. What’s my point? People go beyond the first step of any process to reach the top or the goal, and people use the tools available to properly achieve success. Face it, a ladder laying on the ground is just a trip hazard. It must be raised or even extended to be useful, and then it must be climbed! That’s the process.



I’m reminded of another process, that of building leaders. Years ago, I researched how the U.S.M.A. at West Point builds some of the finest military leaders anywhere, or just leaders. They begin with the small and work toward the big. A freshman student, or a “Plebe” concentrates on acclimation during their first year. They learn basic tasks and skills. But in their sophomore year, they are put in charge of one person – a Plebe. They help, instruct, and mentor the newcomer in the attention to detail they will need in later years. In the Junior year, the students have increasing responsibility of ten to twenty other cadets. The purpose is no longer to teach the basics but to groom those below them in rank in the keys to effective leadership, those who are responsible for the one. In their senior year, cadets are at the highest levels of leadership among the cadet ranks and may be responsible for groups of fifty or more, or even the entire Corp of Cadets. This method of ever-increasing responsibility and leadership has produced some of this country’s finest leaders, even presidents, like Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Jesus started with twelve, just twelve. He taught them, oddly enough, over the same number of years a Westpoint cadet learns leadership, for three years. He didn’t start them out on great ecclesiastical concepts. Jesus began with the basics and grew from there. When He finished, the twelve were ready to receive the greatest gift promised by the Father, the Holy Spirit. Then they took on the world!

Why do we set up our spiritual ladder and only climb on the first rung? Many stay in the “honeymoon” period, learning the basic concepts of spiritual growth but never going any further. Hebrews 5:12-14 says, “In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.” Basically, the writer of Hebrews encourages Christians to move past the first rung and climb the ladder of wisdom with God’s Holy Word as the guide.

The only way we can properly use the spiritual tools given us is to read the “Instruction Manual.” Spiritual growth is not mandatory, but the closer you get in your relationship to God, the sweeter the walk will be.

Set up your ladder and begin climbing!

June

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:30am GALS 8:30am Emmaus Men	2 8:30am 3M Bible Study 1:00pm Card Queens	3	4	5	6
7 9am Fellowship 9:30am Worship	8	9 8:30am 3M Bible Study 1:00pm Hand, Knee & Foot	10 2:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Upper Room	11	12	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast
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OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE



Upper Room

Join us **Wednesday, June 10 at 5 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for food, fellowship and songs! Call the office at (501) 922-2626 to let us know if you are bringing a dish (salad, side dish or dessert).

June Birthdays

Cheyenne Benbow 06/05
Joanne Hanson 6/06
Karen Rutan 6/09
Lorrie Lang 06/18
Arlene McAlister 06/23
Scott Voskuil 06/30



June Anniversaries

Milton & Gail Wildrick 06/18
Steven & Janice Thompson 06/26



Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for June

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 June meal is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17.

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, June 16. 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 June please contact Stacy in the church office at 501-922-2626, and she will add your name to the list.



Hospitality Team

This Sunday's Hospitality Team
Kevin Hoak, Dorothy Bodine, Robin
Williams and BJ Conner.



Seeking Your Photos

Have photos from a recent church event, Bible study or activity? We want to add it to the Mountainside website gallery. Send your photos (limit 5 per email) to Ken Guzel at auroablue.kgg@gmail.com.

PRAYERS



Prayers Needed

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

- Mary Justina Ackley
- Matthew Baker
- Brenda Blaylock
- Jeff Boor
- Joey Dean
- Jeff Fox
- Debbie & Perry Garcia
- Don Heitz
- Brian Karriger
- Brian Little
- Renee McKinley
- Jeff & Melissa Owen
- Elaine Pool
- John Randolph
- Mallory Seibert
- LouAnn Walker
- Marcia Wanner
- Carol Willson
- Richard Wood

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.

