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*A Church seeking
after God's own
HEART*

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Special points of interest:

- Missions & Bible Studies
- Hospitality Schedule
- Prayer Requests

Mountainside Church



“Game Plan”

What is your game plan for today? Don't tell me you don't have a plan! None of us goes about our day as the old saying says, “Willy-nilly.” We have routines, we have chores, we have meetings, and we have jobs to do. If you're a doctor, you have patients. If you're a pilot, you have a flight plan, an estimated time of departure and an estimated time of arrival. We almost live and breathe by a plan.

If you've ever played on an organized athletic team with a coach, there was a plan. Football teams have specific plays for any given situation during the game. Basketball coaches have plays to move a five-member team around on the court like a well-oiled machine. I can remember our basic play in high school basketball: Pass and go through, then rotate. Simple yet effective in moving all five players in concert with each other. Even in baseball, a plan is made where the ball would be thrown in the event of a hit.

Teams have overall game plans as well. It's like an exquisitely written classical piece of music that ebbs and flows with different rhythms and movements. Coaches spend hours upon hours researching, planning, and developing game plans. And the good ones win games more often and make huge amounts of money at the college and professional levels. In other words, game plans are important.

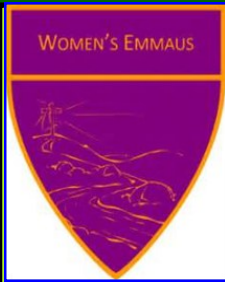
Should we, as Christians, have a game plan? The Apostle Paul likens the Christian walk as a race. 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 say, “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.” It takes effort to run, and so does the Christian walk. The great evangelist Rev. Dr. Billy Graham is quoted in saying, “The Christian's journey through life is not a sprint but a marathon.” If you have ever run a marathon, you know it takes training, discipline, and mental toughness to run and finish the 26-mile route.

God also has a plan. Does that surprise you? Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord.” God wants us to live within this plan, and to do so receive His blessings and favor. We don't always do this, choosing rather to cut our own path, trying to do things on our own. Eventually we tire and remember the blessings of God's chosen path for our lives, so we return. Don't feel bad. The Hebrew Scriptures tell the tale of the Hebrew nation doing the same thing – over and over again!

So, what is a good game plan for the day? Talk with the One who has your plan as early as you can, each day. Step out with His message on your mind and in your heart. Be prepared for hurdles placed by the one who wants to see you fail. And at the end of the day, thank the Master Planner for guiding you on His game plan for your life.

Don't be misguided this week. Be God-guided and you won't go wrong.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE



The Women's Emmaus Reunion group, GALS, meet the first and third Monday of the month. We gather at Mountainside Church, 8:30, in classroom B.

Ladies Fellowship Breakfast

We are going to having a fourth Monday Breakfast each month for the ladies. It's at **Debra's in the Village at 8:30 a.m. on August 25**. There is a sign up sheet in the Lobby if you would like to join us. We will meet for food, fellowship and fun!



Village Walk for Cancer Research

There are forms in the back of the lobby if you would like to register for the walk on September 27. Registration fee is \$35 and includes a t-shirt (\$40 after September 5th). The goal is to raise \$100,000 for cancer research. Come and enjoy the fun!



HOSPITALITY SNACKS

The sign-up sheet to bring snacks for our hospitality time is on the counter behind the fireplace.

This is great time to show off your favorite snack recipe, whether it be a sweet treat or breakfast

goodie! Please have it at the church Sunday morning before 8:45. Our hospitality team will be happy to plate it and present it for you. You can sign up solo or with a friend; we ask that you bring enough

for about 50-60 servings. Any leftovers, (there's usually not much), should be taken back by you.

Cookies can be frozen to be donated for our monthly meal at the Boys & Girls Club.



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This Sunday at Mountainside Church-

“The Good Shepard”

John 10: 11-15

Dr. Cathy Staton



Card Queens

The Card Queens meet the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm in the Sanctuary. Please Contact Rita Hoover or Marilyn Sturges if you have any questions/ All ladies are invited to join the fun!

Hand and Foot



Card Game



Hospitality team this Sunday Kevin Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno, Peggy Dvorak.

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 501-693-7818.

HOSPITALITY 2025 JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

07/06/2025	Bill & Jo Hoak , BJ Conner, Gary Rosson
07/13/2025	JD & LouAnn Walker , Carol McClelland, Judy Sloan
07/20/2025	Kevin Hoak , Bart Langford, Dorothy Bodine, Robin Williams
07/27/2025	Marilyn Sturges , Mike & Liz Clarno, Joanne Hanson
08/03/2025	Donna & Bobby Mahle , Scott & Merry Voskuil
08/10/2025	JD & LouAnn Walker , Judy Sloan
08/17/2025	Bill & Jo Hoak , Gary Rosson, BJ Conner
08/24/2025	Kevin Hoak , Mike & Liz Clarno, Peggy Dvorak
08/31/2025	Donna & Bobby Mahle , Joanne Hanson, Bart Langford
09/07/2025	Marilyn Sturges , Judy Sloan, Scott & Merry Voskuil
09/14/2025	JD & LouAnn Walker , Donna Mahle,
09/21/2025	Bill & Jo Hoak , Bart Langford, Dorothy Bodine
09/28/2025	Kevin Hoak , Peggy Dvorak, Mike & Liz Clarno
	<p>If you cannot serve on a date, please contact Donna 512-304-0992</p> <p>donnamahle@att.net</p>

PRAYERS

Those Needing our Prayers:

- Kathy Chandler
- Mallory Seibert
- Doris Walker
- Carol Willson
- Mary Justina Ackley
- Ryan Barnes
- Richard Wood
- Renee McKinley
- Brian Karriger
- Matthew Baker
- Carol Schramm
- Janice Thompson
- Brian Little

Sympathies:

- For friends and family of Carol McClelland on her passing last week.

Prayers:

- Nation of Israel and the whole middle east
- The people of Ukraine



If you would like to be taken off the prayer at home list, please call the church office at 922-2626

For our Military and Family in Service: *Let us all be mindful of those who have sacrificed and still stand on the front lines so that we may have freedom.*

For the Leaders of our Nation and State.

For additions, corrections or deletions to the weekly prayer list, please email Stacy at mountainsidechurch@gmail.com