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*A Church seeking
after God's own
HEART*

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THE HEARTBEAT

“Consequences”

Boy, have we heard that word our entire lives! “Your actions have consequences! Your decisions have consequences! Your choices have consequences!” My response is: OF COURSE THERE IS! Do people think things happen and then there are absolutely no outcomes? I mean, put your hand under a running faucet. When you pull it out, is it dry? No, it’s wet! I wonder why!

Isaac Newton’s Third Law of motion states that, “For every action, there is an opposite and equal reaction.” It goes much deeper than just those few words, but you can see Mr. Newton knew actions in and of themselves did not occur without reactions, or consequences.

I learned a good rule early in my professional career which served me well in dealing with, as a famous Senator from Louisiana might say, people on an intelligence diet. If I received an email, which we all have, what is the response? Yes, an email back. “Email Ping Pong” is a time waster in our office settings today and one I warned against in my Time Management course. But in dealing with a real nasty email, I learned to respond, but put the response in my draft folder.... and wait. I would wait at least twenty-four hours and pull the response out of the draft folder for revision. By that time my temperature, blood pressure, and my outlook had greatly improved, and I could respond to the original email with civility. Of course, if it was a truly nasty and demeaning email, not really requiring my opinion on the sender’s lack of intelligence, I didn’t send one. A really important rule to remember is this: No response is a loud response.

We’ve all been in situations like the ones I’ve described above, but what if you are in one and are all alone? You’ve carefully weighed your options, looked at the outcomes, applied Newton’s Third Law of motion (just kidding), and your convictions say you are correct. What do you do? Do you stand when you are the only one standing? As a military mentor of mine used to say, “Is this a mountain you’re willing to die upon?”

Mary was in a predicament exactly like this. Here she was, a devout Jewish young woman. She worshipped God and observed all the laws to the letter. She did her duties as an early teenage girl around the house, preparing meals, teaching the younger children, and helping her mother whenever asked. Even though she lived in a town where people were not thought highly of, she had royal lineage. You see, she was in the lineage of King David himself.

She received news from an angelic visitor that she could have refused, but she didn’t. She knew in her heart this was from her God. She knew the consequences. She knew what people would say. She knew what the law said could happen. But she stood, and stood firm with the words, “May your word to me be fulfilled.”

We may not be put in situations like Mary’s, but if God is leading you, He will not abandon you. Remember, if He is asking you to stand, you are never standing alone!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

All ladies are invited to the Women's Bible Study in Classroom B. The Women's Bible Study will be every Wednesday at 2pm. Please come and join us!



Card Queens

Hand and Foot



Card Game

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!

This Sunday at Mountainside Church-

"Signs of the Times- The Visit"

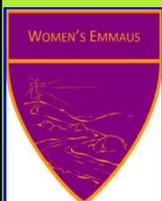
Luke 1: 26-35

Rev. Doug Walker



Hospitality team this Sunday is **Marilyn Sturges**, Judy Sloan, Scott & Merry Voskuil

*Hospitality
Team*



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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for December

Each month, our Mountainside men's group organizes a meal for the kids at Cedar Mountain Boys & Girls Club. All Mountainsiders are invited to participate in this ministry, so each month we ask for volunteer bakers and servers. The December meal is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17.

This month we will need five volunteers to bake either cookies or brownies (2 dozen each), and three volunteer servers. Goodies should be delivered to the church kitchen by Tuesday, December 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 our own Terry Crumpler, and will be delivered to the club prior to our arrival.

To sign up for December please contact Stacy in the church office at 501-922-2626, and she will add your name to the list.



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.



Methodist Men Breakfast



Please make plans to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship Saturday, December 13, 8:00 a.m. at Mountain-side. Sign up to attend at the back of the sanctuary or you may call the church office at 922-2626. We will get you on the list!

PRAYERS

Those Needing our Prayers:

- Joey Dean
- Mallory Seibert
- Carol Willson
- Mary Justina Ackley
- Richard Wood
- Renee McKinley
- Brian Karriger
- Matthew Baker
- Carol Schramm
- Janice Thompson
- Steven Thompson
- Brian Little
- Othie Lloyd
- Danielle Herron
- Marcia Wanner
- Elaine Pool

Sympathies:

- Prayers for Dan Chandler and family on the passing of Kathy Chandler.

Prayers:

- Nation of Israel and the whole middle east
- The people of Ukraine
- Othie Lloyd has prostate and bladder cancer. Othie Lloyd lives at Shawnee Oklahoma. (Gary Rosson)



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