

*A Church seeking
after God's own
HEART*

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Special points of interest:

- **Missions & Bible Studies**
- **Hospitality Schedule**
- **Prayer Requests**

THE HEARTBEAT

“Masks”

Halloween was a great holiday growing up. My brother and I got to put on a costume, walk around the little town we lived in, and get candy from neighbors just for saying, “Trick or Treat?” Many times, they would say something like, “Oh, you’re scary,” “That’s a good costume,” or “Who are you behind that mask?” We only revealed who we were if we weren’t planning on being a little mischievous later!

Later in life I had the opportunity to meet a wonderful gentleman by the name of James Freeman. It was during the disco days and James could dance! But as we walked around the campus at our little community college, James was shy and introverted. He was a warm but humble person. But when he got on the dance floor, it was as if he became a different person. Later in our academic careers, we both transferred to the University of Arkansas. James was still the same quiet, humble person I knew a few years before, but he became the Dancing Razorback. I knew who it was inside that suit. It was my humble, quiet friend. But when James put on that Razorback costume, it was as if he was transformed into someone else. He was able to hide behind a mask and entertain people without them knowing the real person inside the suit.

Thinking about being transformed or being different to different people, do we not do that as adults? I mean, do we not wear different masks or have different personas for different areas of our lives? If we are honest with ourselves, the answer is not one we like.

Counseling at-risk youth at a position, I would tell them to be honest with themselves, and to basically be who they are. God made them a specific way and the best person they could be is that one person. Sure, they could act like they were someone different, essentially putting on a mask, but could they be the best in that role? Eventually they would get the idea.

In His “Sermon on the Mount,” Jesus spoke these words: “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” On the outside, we can play the part and appear to be devoted to any movement or group, but on the inside something just doesn’t seem quite right. The mask we wear for this group doesn’t quite fit. Or the persona we portray at one civic group doesn’t line up with the persona we have at church. How can we justify both, or maybe even more? The fact is we can’t.

A person who doubts themselves is said to be scripturally like a double-minded person. James writes, “for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.”

Do you pray and doubt? Are you unstable in your Christian walk? My advice is to take off every mask you have, be who you really are in Christ, and let God build the real you! Remember, a house built on unstable sand cannot stand.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE



Ken Guzel is looking for new pictures for the church website "gallery" page.

He wants to keep the pictures fresh. Please email pictures to this address aurorablue.kqq@gmail.com

Note: Keep the number of pictures attached to about 5 in order to limit total file size. He is looking for pictures featuring people and recent or upcoming events.

3M Bible Study



The Mountainside Men Bible study/discussion is every Tuesday **at 8:30am**. All men are invited to attend!

HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for people who have a big smile and open arms to join our hospitality teams!

Hospitality teams serve about once every 4-5 weeks.

Duties are fun: hand out bulletins, make and set up coffee, set out snacks, put out attendance books,

collect offerings, clean up after Sunday service, etc.

And most important of all, welcome members and new visitors with a Smile!

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".

Call Donna Mahle for more information or to join.

donnamahle@att.net

512-304-0992



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

New Facebook Page

Please check out our new Facebook page
HSVmountainsidemethodistchurch
and hit follow. There will be some things posted to that page. Right now, we are trying to show the church service livestream to the new page on Sunday afternoons.



We need 100 followers so that on February 14 we are hoping to go live on the new page and not have to use the old page!

Directory on your Smartphone

Do you want to add the Mountainside Pictorial Directory to your Smart Phone?

OR if you already have the app on your smart phone is YOUR data profile correct?

To add the directory to your smart phone go to your app store (Apple app or Google Play), select search and type in:

Instant Church Directory

The apple icon will be a pea green square with a white church in the center (it may be the same icon in Google Play). Select get and download the app. When you open the app, you will be prompted to enter your email address (it must be the same email address Mountainside uses for you). You will be prompted then to create your own privately selected password.

After loading, open the app, select Families and you will see all Mountainside families with pictures. Tap the picture and get addresses, phone numbers, etc. There are other special features to explore, like, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.

IF you do not like your picture or later want to update it, send a new picture to Stacy and she will replace it. You can do the same if any of your own data profile is incorrect.



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This Sunday at Mountainside Church-

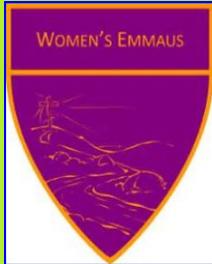
“When The Leaves Fall Away”

Psalm 32: 3-5

Rev. Doug Walker



Hospitality team this Sunday JD & LouAnn Walker, Scott & Merry Voskuil



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.

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.



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for February

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 February meal is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18.

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, February 17. 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 February please contact Stacy in the church office at 501-922-2626, and she will add your name to the list.



Methodist Men Breakfast



Please make plans to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship Saturday, February 14, 8:00 a.m. at Mountainside. 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!



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 February 23**. There is a sign up sheet in the Lobby if you would like to join us. We will meet for food, fellowship and fun!

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01/04 JD & LouAnn Walker, Peggy Dvorek, Pat Vonasten

01/11 Bill & Jo Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno,

01/18 Marilyn Sturges, Bart Langford, BJ Conner, Judy Sloan

01/25 Judy Sloan, Dorothy Bodine, Scott & Merry Voskuil

02/01 Donna & Bobby Mahle, Robin Williams, Gary Rosson

02/08 Marilyn Sturges, Peggy Dvorek, Pat Vonasten, Linda Wagnon

02/15 JD & LouAnn Walker, Scott & Merry Voskuil

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

PRAYERS

Those Needing our Prayers:

- Lundy Colvert
- Shawn Foster
- Joey Dean
- Mallory Seibert
- Carol Willson
- Mary Justina Ackley
- Richard Wood
- Renee McKinley
- Brian Karriger
- Matthew Baker
- Brian Little
- Marcia Wanner
- Elaine Pool
- Ralph & Ronda Haynes
- Michael Elliot
- Don Heitz

Prayers:

- The people of Ukraine
- Don Heinz– rectal cancer



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