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Mountainside Church

*A Church seeking
after God's own
HEART*

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THE HEARTBEAT

“The Process of a Puzzle”

I can remember as a young boy watching my parents put puzzles together. They would dump out the puzzle on the dining room table and begin the process. They would put the edge together first, then start in one corner and proceed across the empty space. They got so good at some of them, to make it more of a challenge they would leave the pieces upside down and assemble the puzzle in that fashion.

Recently I picked up the hobby of puzzling myself. It can be very satisfying to some while extremely tedious to others, making them definite “Nos” to the hobby. It’s not just the process of construction I enjoy, but the completion of the entire project. By that I mean the fabrication of the frame, the glueing of the puzzle pieces together and then mounting the puzzle to a board, ordering the glass and then finalizing the assembly with the hanging wire. I try to keep this goal in mind while I’m pouring over the mass of one thousand or more pieces to find the one piece that will fit in the spot that is presently challenging me.

The process of puzzling is unique. It does begin at a snail’s pace. I begin with the classic approach of putting together the edge first. Then I work from either the top or the bottom of the puzzle, whichever has the greatest area of like colorations in it. I isolate all the pieces of those like colors and begin the task of filling in the space. As the process moves along, the number of pieces available diminishes and success moves at a faster pace. I almost feel a sense of pride when I put that one-thousandth piece of puzzle in its proper place. I step back, smile, and begin to plan my next challenge.

When we come to Christ, we come to Him like a new puzzle in a box, in pieces without a picture. God has a plan, a picture if you will and imprints that picture on the individual pieces. Then He begins the process. He sets the boundaries, the edges that we must operate within. Those are His expectations for our lives. He then begins to lead us down paths, filling in places within those edges slowly building the picture He first imprinted on us when we first came to Him.

The Apostle Paul along with Timothy wrote to the church in Philippi. In his letter, he thanked God for them and encouraged them to stay strong in the face of adversity, telling them God had a plan to redeem them no matter what may occur. He specifically said in verse 6, “...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

God did not establish a plan for us only to stop midway. He will see His plan through until one day He places that final piece of the puzzle in place and He says, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” He will smile and the work He began in you, a work He promised to complete.

Special points of interest:

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

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**. They are currently studying the Book of Daniel. 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.



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.



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

This Sunday at Mountainside Church-

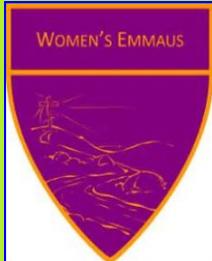
“Validation”

Matthew 17: 1-8

Rev. Doug Walker

VALIDATION

Hospitality team this Kevin Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno BJ Conner.



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.



HOSPITALITY 2026 JAN-FEB-MAR

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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

02/22 Kevin Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno BJ Conner

03/01 Marilyn Sturges, Robin Williams, Gary Rosson, Donna Mahle

03/08 Donna & Bobby Mahle, Scott & Merry Voskuil

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03/15 Judy Sloan, Dorothy Bodine, Mike & Liz Clarno

03/22 Bill & Jo Hoak, Arlene McAlister, Robin Williams

03/29 Kevin Hoak, Peggy Dvorek, Pat Vonastin, BJ Conner

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:

- Donna Ibbotson
- 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