

The HeartBeat OF Mountainside

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members



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This Sunday at Mountainside

“Steward Who?”

Malachi 3: 8-12

“The Ladder to Success”

Over and over, we are told about the ladder of success and how we must climb it rung by rung. We hear about it from our high school counselor and again from our college or technical school counselor. Stories evoked a mental picture of a ladder reaching into the sky with a pot of gold sitting atop the last rung. The only problem is no one tells us where to find this ladder!

When we finish our school, regardless of the level, we go out in search of this elusive ladder. We join a company with stars in our eyes and success in our dreams. Some, however, get disillusioned the rungs on this ladder are too far apart and it takes too long to advance in the company. So, they go looking for another company whose advancement may come faster.

Far too often this scenario plays out in our mid- to larger companies. College graduates expect to enter the workforce making a six-figure income and immediately into a supervisory role! These ideas are engrained in them by college and tech school counselors and only set the graduating student up for mental failure. It's hard to understand why they aren't told the truth about hard work and learning one level completely before moving to the next level.

I would be incorrect to have these statements applicable to every entry-level “youngster” in the workforce. There are those who see things as opportunities and not hindrances. These are the ones who learn as much as they can from those who have gone before them. When they spend time with superiors, they count it as a free education. They possibly even continue their education to a higher level, remember the old adage, “If you don't stay current in your field, your field will leave you behind.”

The same is true in our Christian growth. As a matter of fact, the success in our chosen fields and our Christian growth can be seen as going hand-in-hand. One of the charges to the church is to look after those less fortunate. James 1:27 says, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” This could be a task to both the church and to individuals within the church.

God blesses us in different ways, but they are all from Him. Some are given great abilities to work with their hands while others are blessed with business success and wealth. Both are God-given and He expects us to use our gifts to help others and to build up the Kingdom of God here on earth. Luke 12:48 gives us not only our helping orders but also our giving (tithing) orders: “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

Shouldn't it be apparent that for His continued blessings to flow we must follow His instructions? Luke 6:38 says, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Ah! The ladder to success!



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

The office will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. Have a wonderful weekend!



Calling all Bakers!

We need cookies, brownies, breads, muffins for the Cancer Walk Bake sale. Please bring in your goodies on by September 24th. Please put cookies, brownies and muffins 2 to a package in Ziplock bags. Label what type of sweet whether it's gluten free, No nuts/nuts, etc. If you have any questions, call Jo Hoak 501-693-7818



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 questions 501-693-7818.





19th Annual

Fall Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, Nov. 7 • 9A–2P

301 Elcano Dr., Hot Springs Village



40 Vendors
Handcrafted Gifts
Bake Sale



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"Smokey Mountainside
Brothers" BBQ Pre-Smoked &
Variety Meats for sale



WORK DAY
• at the •
CHURCH

Church Clean-up

We will be needing volunteers to help Clean-up the exterior and interior of the church for our Craft Fairs. The more hands available the quicker it will be done. It will be in October the date is TBD.



Prayers



Prayers Needed

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

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| • Mary Justina Ackley | • Don Heinz | • Jeff & Melissa Owen | • Carol Willson |
| • Matthew Baker | • Brian Karriger | • Elain Pool | • Richard Wood |
| • Jeff Boor | • Jimmy Newell | • Connor Richardson | • Donna Mahle |
| • Joey Dean | • Brian Little | • Mallory Seibert | • Wendy Lenox |
| • Rickie Barnes | • Renee McKinley | • Marcia Wanner | • Don Pappe |
| • Jeff Fox | • Mary Davis | • Travis Blazer | • Bob Boocker |
| | | | • The Bass Family |

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.

