The HeartBeat of Mountainside

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members

Mountainside Church A METHODIST CONGREGATION

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This Sunday at Mountainside

"Angels Among Us:
"Power"
Genesis 3: 22-24



"Invisible Helpers"

Do you believe that there are angels among us doing things we cannot understand nor explain? I believe this to be true, and scripture backs me up on this. But I have had several instances in my life that have occurred in which I could not explain the miraculous outcome other than being guarded by unseen helpers!

During my first deployment to Iraq, I was given the task of inspecting an Iraqi National Guard installation from a security standpoint. The four Humvees left the gate but never arrived at our destination. After the vehicle in front of mine was hit by a roadside bomb, we changed the tire and proceeded on our mission. At one point, I noticed trash piles on the side of the road eerily spaced at exact intervals. In the next micro-second, a huge roadside bomb exploded next to the vehicle in front of me. We were only about one-hundred feet behind the vehicle – a distance well within the "blast radius," an area that should have cause damage to my vehicle. After the ambush was quelled, a lieutenant and I inspected the Humvee and found not a turn signal was cracked nor a headlight, and the mirrors that require constant attention just driving down the road weren't even moved. We looked at each other and immediately agreed this was impossible – unless God had placed an angel in front of our vehicle. I believe this to be the case.

There are other things that happen which we cannot explain by people we don't know and for reasons we don't know at the time. There is the stranger who is the first on-scene of an accident, who helps those who are injured until the ambulance arrives. It was their care who saved lives that day, but then no one knew who they were nor did anyone see what vehicle they were in! Who were they?

Traveling highway 71 north out of Alma, Arkansas on rainy, Sunday night, I encounter what I would like to think of as angelic warnings. I had made that trek back to the university many times and knew the road like the back of my hand. Water treacherously pooled on the heavily traveled road. On the way down the north side of Mount Gaylor, I literally heard a voice say, "Slow down." I was coming up to a hairpin curve. I slowed my vehicle down, but the worn-out tread lost traction and I hydroplaned off the mountain. What happened next is a story for another time.

There is a realm we cannot see. It is the realm where spiritual beings exist and do battle for us. Ephesians 6:12 assures us of the battle between the forces of good and evil. Angels do battle for us in accordance with God's directions. Angels also appear as helpers to guide and direct us in accordance with God's instructions (Hebrews 13:12).

Angels really do exist! These are God's messengers sent to us with messages, protections, and guidance. The next time something happens and there are forces around you that you cannot explain, remember, there are helpers among us!

This year's Advent Series is called: "Angels Among Us"



"HANGING OF THE GREENS"

We Will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 6th after service. All help is greatly needed and appreciated!



Mountainside's WINTER FEST Arts & Crafts Fair Bake Sale:
DECEMBER 5, 2026

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS: Please bake pies, cakes, cookies, muffins, cinnamon rolls, breads, cupcakes, breads or anything else that is your specialty! Bring in your items on Friday morning, DECEMBER 4th BETWEEN 9:00-12:00. We will package everything. We also need workers: SIGN UP SHEETS ARE BEHIND THE FIREPLACE



Your Hospitality Team for November 29

Thank you Bill & Jo Hoak, Peggy Dvorak, Kevin Hoak for serving this Sunday!

And speaking of serving, we're looking for big smiles and warm hearts to join the Hospitality Team. Members serve about once every 4- 5 weeks. Duties include greeting members and guests, getting guests nametags, handing out bulletins, putting out coffee and snacks, putting out attendance books and more. 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." Email Donna Mahle at donnamahle@att.net or call her at 512-304-0992 for more information or to join.



Are you hiding a musical gift from us?

Do you love music and have a heart for worship? Whether you sing, play acoustic or electric guitar, keyboard, bass, drums, or another instrument, we'd love to hear from you!

The Mountainside Methodist Church Praise & Worship Team is looking for individuals who want to use their God-given musical talents to glorify Him, inspire others, and help lead our congregation in heartfelt worship.

Don't keep your talent a secret—put it to work for the Kingdom of God!

Interested? See Luci Fortune to learn more about becoming part of the Praise & Worship Team.

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing." — Psalm 100:2 (KJV)

2026 Leadership Team

Pastor- Rev. Doug Walker
Chairperson- Bill Hoak
Lay Leader- Ted Schramm
Treasurer- Kevin Hoak
Deb Seibert
Bobby Mahle
Larry Brocaw
Ken Guzel
Bart Langford
Marilyn Sturges
Mike Clarno

You can also check out our Leadership Team on our website
https://www.mountainsidechurch.com/leadership

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Winterfest
Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, Dec. 5 • 9A–2P

301 Elcano Dr., Hot Springs Village

40 Vendors • Handcrafted Gifts
Bake Sale • Raffle

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



Mountainside Christmas Dinner Our church Christmas dinner will be held at Diamante County Club on Thursday, December 10th beginning at 5:00PM. Beverage of choice will be at 5:00, credit cards only. Only cash you will need is if you want to leave a tip for the servers. Dinner will be served at 5:30 beginning with a Caesar Salad and bread followed by Spinach and cheese stuffed chicken, Baby carrots, and wild rice. For dessert a Snickerdoodle bread pudding with Bourbon caramel sauce with whipped cream. The menu price is $41.00 per person. If you are planning to attend, which we hope you are, make checks payable to Carol Schramm. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, December 3rd.

The photo gallery is now active on the new website. It can be found under the Calendar heading. Several pictures from the recent fair set up and fair in process have been sprinkled in the gallery.







Cindi Walker 12/05
Milton Wildrick 12/08
Larry Brocaw 12/14
Mike Clarno 12/18
Lucy Fortune 12/19



Marilyn & Dave Sturges 12/18

December

2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 8:30am 3M Bible Study 1:00pm Card Queens	**2** 3:00pm Women's Bible Study	**3**	**4**	**5** Winterfest Arts & Crafts Fair 9am-2pm
6 9am Fellowship 9:30am Worship	**7** 8:30am GALS 8:30am Emmaus Men 10:00am RT bible Study 1:00pm Mah Jong	**8** 8:30am 3M Bible Study 1:00pm Hand, Knee & Foot	**9** 3:00pm Women's Bible Study	**10** 5:00pm Christmas Party Diamante	**11**	**12** 8:00am Men's Breakfast
13 9am Fellowship 9:30am Worship	**14** 10:00am RT bible Study 1:00pm Mah Jong	**15** 8:30am 3M Bible Study 1:00pm Hand, Knee & Foot	**16** 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 3:00pm Boys & Girls Club	**17** 3:00 Leadership Meeting	**18**	**19**
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HOSPITALITY 2026 NOV-DEC

11/29 Bill & Jo Hoak, Peggy Dvorak, Kevin Hoak

12/06 Donna & Bobby Mahle, Marilyn Sturges, Arlene McAlister

12/13 Judy Sloan, Robin Williams, Jennifer Ellis, Linda Wagnon

12/20 Bill & Jo Hoak, Scott & Merry Voskuil

12/27 Marilyn Sturges, Kevin Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno

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



Prayers



Prayers Needed

As a praying church, we value the importance of lifting those up who need a little help and grace. Please add these people to your prayers this week.

Mary Justina Ackley
Karis Alderson
Matthew Baker
Jeff Boor
Steve Crumpler
Joey Dean
Rickie Barnes
Brenda Brown
Don Heinz
Brian Karriger
Todd Lombardi
Brian Little
Renee McKinley
Mary Davis
Steven Thompson
Ray Jones
Kathy Jones
Jeff & Melissa Owen
Elain Pool
Mallory Seibert
Marcia Wanner
Chuck Anderson
Peggy Hadley
Leon Hadley
Jeff Ahlf
Linda Wild
Carol Willson
Richard Wood
Wendy Lenox
Don Pappe
Bob Boocker
Theresa Young
Gary & Brenda Putnam

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**.

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