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*A Church seeking  
after God's own  
HEART*

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**Special points of interest:**

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## Mountainside Church



### “What Gear Are You In?”

What gear are you in today? Have you started the day going as fast as you can go, therefore you're in top gear? Maybe you're not feeling your best today and you're proceeding at half-speed, so you're in a gear somewhere in the middle. Or just maybe you are feeling under the weather, and your gear box is still in park! Whatever gear you are in (or not in), hopefully you are in one where you are moving forward.

We begin our lives kicking and screaming, wanting attention. We learn how to crawl, not for crawling sake, but because we want something. Then we learn to walk, again not for walking's sake, but because we want something. It has been said that humans do not move unless we have a reason. If we didn't have a reason, we wouldn't move. Think about that for just a moment. We eat because we are hungry. We get up and go to bed because we are tired (unless you're old like me and you've gotten comfortable in your favorite recliner!). In essence, we move because we have a reason. The same can be said for actions in the workplace. There are always reasons for people doing things or saying things. When I accepted an invitation to go to the capital and visit with a legislator, it was always like a blueprint. There was the opening, the chit-chat, the deeper topic and then the actual reason for the meeting. It was like starting from a stop sign in a standard transmission. First gear, then second, then third, then fourth. The predictability of human behavior is sometimes laughable.

Do you think God takes us through the gear box, sometimes even putting us in reverse? If you're willing to admit it, He has pulled us all back from paths we didn't need to be traversing, putting us in reverse. We had to begin again at a place where He wanted us to be, which was probably on our knees, and I've been there a time or two in my life. Then God allows us to shift gears, slowly and methodically, progressing through life as we learn the lessons He has for us all the while growing more into the likeness of His son.

Consider Daniel. He was of royal descent in the tribe of Judah. He was carried off in captivity to Babylon. Because he and others were young, strong, and smart, they were singled out to be trained to serve the king directly in his court. It is through God's blessing that Daniel rose through the court to become one of the most trusted advisors to the king. God used Daniel to influence many individuals who would eventually come to see his God as the one true God of Heaven.

Tired of grinding your gears lately? Open God's Word and let Him have control of the speed. Through His Holy Spirit, He will take you places and teach you things you can never imagine possible. And when, at the end of this life's journey you look back, you'll be amazed at the places He has taken you.

# OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

## Mountainside's Annual Easter Bake Sale:

April 4, 2026

**ATTENTION ALL BAKERS:** Please bake pies, cakes, cookies, muffins, cinnamon rolls, breads, cupcakes or anything else that is your specialty! Bring in your items on Friday morning, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00-12:00. We will package everything. All proceeds go to our Mountainside Mission fund. **We also need workers: SIGN UP SHEETS ARE BEHIND THE FIREPLACE**



### Methodist Men Breakfast

Please make plans to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship Saturday, March 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!

### *This Sunday at Mountainside Church-*

*"Whose Plans?"*

*Jeremiah 29: 10-14*

*Rev. Doug Walker*



Hospitality team this Judy Sloan, Dorothy Bodine, Mike & Liz Clarno



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## Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for March

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 March meal is scheduled for Wednesday, March 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, March 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 March please contact Stacy in the church office at 501-922-2626, and she will add your name to the list.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF AMERICA**

**The March 17<sup>th</sup> 3M Bible Study will not meet but will resume the following week on March 24.**



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.kgg@gmail.com](mailto:aurorablue.kgg@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.

# PRAYERS

## ***Those Needing our Prayers:***

- The family of Debbie Tuck
- John Randolph
- 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
- Don Heitz

## ***Prayers:***

- The people of Ukraine
- Don Heinz– rectal cancer
- The entire Middle East



***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](mailto:mountainsidechurch@gmail.com)*