

The HeartBeat OF Mountainside

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members



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This Sunday at Mountainside

“Spiritual Ear Muffs” Isaiah 30: 19-21



“It Takes Work”

We’ve all heard the expression, “Anything worth having is worth working for.” I heard that more times than I care to count from my own father. Looking back, I had to work for the majority of major things in my teenage years such as a car, new baseball equipment, etc. But I don’t bemoan a single struggle to secure the funding for any of them. You see, it created a sense of value in each item. If I had to work for it, then I had an investment in it!

The talents and skills each of us have is no different. My father grew up in the post-depression era, and as such had to learn multiple skills on the farm because money to hire someone was non-existent. My father knew the value in learning multiple skills and passed that down to me and my siblings. When my first car needed a new engine, he said, “Here’s a manual and a socket set. Go pull that engine!” Not only did he teach me basic mechanical skills, I learned how to roof a house, wire a house, lay carpet and linoleum, how to hang drywall, carpentry finish work, paint, lay concrete, and a myriad of other skills I still use today. If he was still alive today, I would have to say, “Thanks Dad!” But learning all those skills took work.

In his book “Outliers,” author Malcolm Gladwell posits that it takes approximately 10,000 hours to completely master a task. He calls it the “10,000-hour rule.” The Beatles didn’t become an overnight success. They played in concerts all over Europe in all genres of music from German polka, to classical music, and many others. Dr. Gladwell says they compiled around 10,000 hours of performance before hitting it big in England and the world. Gladwell also estimated it takes around 10,000 hours of classroom and outside study, beginning in one’s freshman year of college to earn a doctoral level degree. Essentially, a person becomes an expert in their field. To achieve that level of knowledge doesn’t come easy. It takes work!

Our prayer life with our Heavenly Father can be examined through the same lens. Talking to an entity we can not see does not make human sense. However, when the Holy Spirit “quickens,” as the Old King James puts it, our spirits, we have a connection with God. Our prayers begin as simple ones like learning to say “grace” when we were young. Over time, our prayers become more meaningful, richer as some might say. Our relationship with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit grows stronger as our prayer life becomes stronger and deeper. In other words (and you guessed it), it takes work!

Our relationship with God is like any other relationship – it takes work. A marriage takes work, friendships take work, and our relationship with our Heavenly Father takes work. But as we learn from Him, it doesn’t get harder; it gets easier. And with this ease comes strength.

If you want to walk closer with God, then you have to work for it. And the old adage is so true: anything worth having is worth working for. The value in this is eternal life through Jesus Christ. There is nothing more valuable than this!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

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!

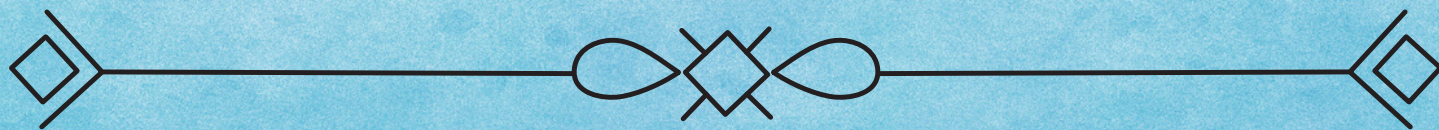
Mountainside Craft Booth is in need of your skills. Any homemade craft donations would be helpful. Please call Jo Hoak if you have any questions 501-693-7818.



"Save the Date" for our Mountainside Christmas Dinner It will be on Thursday, December 10th at 5:00. Details to follow.



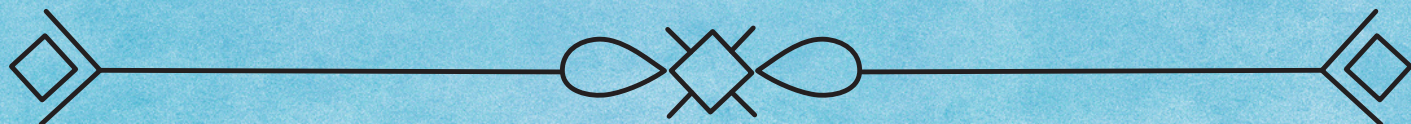
There will be an organizational meeting for the Mountainside fall arts and crafts fair on Monday, August 17 at 10 AM in classroom B at Mountainside Church. If you're interested in learning more about the craft fair or want to volunteer please come; everyone is invited. Hope to see you there. If you need more information please call Donna at 512-304-0992.



Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for August

Each month, our Mountainside men's group organizes a meal for the kids at Cedar Mountainside Boys & Girls Club. All Mountainside are invited to participate in this ministry, so each month we ask for volunteer bakers and servers. The August meal is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19.

This month we will need five volunteers to bake either cookies or brownies (2 dozen each), and three volunteers servers. Goodies should be delivered to the church kitchen by Tuesday, August 18. 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 own Terry Crumpler, and will be delivered to the club prior to our arrival. To sign up August please contact Stacy in the church office at 501-922-2626, and she will add your name to the list.



NEWcomers

AT MOUNTAINSIDE

NEW TO
THE VILLAGE?

NAVIGATING A NEW
SEASON OF LIFE?

JOIN US!



"NEWcomers at Mountainside will give you hope, joy and friendship."

NEWcomers is a Bible-based 12-week class for women who want to forge new friendships and learn more about the Village while having a little fun. Enjoy tours, activities, guest speakers and more. This class is *open to all women*.



CLASS #41 STARTS AUG. 26, 2026

Wednesdays • 10 AM-Noon
Through Nov. 11, 2026

- Mountainside Methodist Church, 301 Elcano Drive (just inside East Gate)
- Optional lunches in the Village after each class
- Cost for 12-week program is \$10
- Each class includes snacks and coffee
- Tours with Peggy Hadley scheduled outside of class

REGISTER with Rita Hoover at:
rhoover0506@sbcglobal.net
or text/call 501-993-4041

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 | | • 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.

