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*A Church seeking
after God's own
HEART*

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Special points of interest:

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“The Law versus Grace”

Have you ever been pulled over by a Law Enforcement officer? Notice I didn't say Police? Using the term “Law Enforcement” instead of the more common term “Police” lends a more descriptive application to the position as well as the authority given to the individual. This term also applies to any individual in any position duly authorized to enforce any law within a jurisdiction whether it is a country (federal), state, county, or city jurisdiction. This also includes those who enforce the laws pertaining to commercial transportation and even wildlife protection agencies.

Considering the title of this article, can a Law Enforcement Officer extend grace? There is such a thing as the letter of the law, meaning the black and white enforcement of the statutes whereby the officer has no choice in the matter, and the “grace” portion of the enforcement when the officer can give a “written warning” to the driver in an appropriate situation. Thank goodness the latter can be allowed.

In one such matter, I was involved in a one-car accident when I hydroplaned and skidded off Mount Gaylor as I went was going back to the University on Sunday evening, traveling the old Highway 71 North. My car rolled down a very steep cliff several times eventually coming to rest about 150 feet down in a creek, upside down. A Sheriff's deputy came and investigated the accident. I sat in his car while he disappeared over the edge of the drop off in the rain. He reappeared later, came back to his car with a strange look on his face. He called in the tag number over his radio and the incident. Then he said something very graceful to me. He said, “Son, I could give you a ticket for too fast for conditions, your tires are almost bald, and your license tags expired last month. But after looking at your car, I'm surprised you're even alive, much less sitting here with me. I'm only giving you a warning for all of this.” Grace!

God made agreements, or covenants with mankind in the Old Testament. One of those was through Moses. God had seen the nation of Israel suffer in Egypt for almost 500 years. He sent His servant Moses to lead them out of captivity. For generations they had remembered Him, but they had picked up some bad habits from living in the land of polytheists. God therefore gave the law through Moses to them. He described how He wanted them to live in every aspect of their lives from handling disagreements to disputes, eating, worship, clothing, the priesthood, and much more. The law was perfect, but no one could fully live up to it. God even provided a way to atone for sins within the law.

The last covenant God made was through His Son. Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” (Matt 5:17 NIV). God never did away with any covenant, therefore the Law is still in effect. What we live under however is the covenant Jesus established, the covenant of Grace!

Be overjoyed that God has extended grace to those who has accepted His Son. I'll take grace over the penalty of the law any day!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

Everyone is invited to come to our Maundy Thursday Service on April 2nd at 4pm. Bring friends, family and neighbors!



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 3rd, 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**



This Sunday at Mountainside Church

"Lamb Under Examination"

John 12: 12-19

Rev. Doug Walker



Hospitality team this Sunday is Kevin Hoak, Peggy Dvorak, Pat Vonastin and BJ Conner.



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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.

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Hand and Foot Card Queens



Card Game

The Card Queens meet the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm in the Sanctuary. Please Contact Rita Hoover or Marilyn Sturges if you have any questions/ All ladies are invited to join the fun!



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Ken Guzel is looking for new pictures for the church website "gallery" page.

He wants to keep the pictures fresh. Please email pictures this address 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:

- Jeff Fox
- Danielle Herron
- John Randolph
- Kathy Jones
- Lisa Riddick
- 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