

The HeartBeat OF MOUNTAINSIDE

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members



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Welcome!

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This Sunday at Mountainside

“Our County” Proverbs 14: 34



“Promised Land”

When you first read the title of this article, your mind undoubtedly went to the land promised to the nation of Israel. It was a vast expanse stretching from the headwaters of the Euphrates River in the north covering most of modern-day Syria, south through what is now Jordan, through modern day Israel (known then as Palestine), on south onto the eastern part of the Sinai Peninsula. This area was rich, fertile ground. Today, this area is commonly referred to as the “Fertile Crescent.”

Just how did this promise come about. God made a covenant with Abram to give him this land. Their conversation (yes, conversation) is recorded in the 12th chapter of Genesis. God told Abram He was going to make him the father of many nations, essentially changing his name from Abram to Abraham. With this change, God was changing his name from “exalted father” to “father of multitudes.” But what would happen if Abraham, or mankind for that matter, rejects what God has in store for them?

When the nation of Israel, led by Joshua, crossed the Jordan River into the land God had promised after wandering in the wilderness for almost forty years, there were two tribes who thought land east of the Jordan was more fertile and suited the needs of the tribes better than the land God had promised. Essentially, they rejected the blessings God had for them. These two tribes were Gad and Reuben. Because of their rejection of God’s blessings and they were outside the protection of the rest of the Hebrew nation, God allowed them to be conquered by the Assyrian nation. These two tribes were carried off into captivity and their history has been absorbed into Assyrian history, whereby erasing it from Hebrew history. In other words, these two tribes ceased to exist because of their foolish desires and thinking they knew better than God.

The history of the nation of Israel as it is played out in the Old Testament shows the nation returning to and running from God. Each time, God would send prophets to warn the nation. It took a catastrophe for the people to realize God had taken His hand of protection off for them to return to their true worship.

During this year, 2026, our nation will celebrate its 250th birthday. Even though we look back to its founding a little over two centuries ago, I believe it is a God-ordained founding. The bedrock of our nation is set upon Godly principles, Holy Scripture, and a belief that God should be the center and the reason for everything we do. I say this not to isolate any other faith in our country, but there is no disputing the facts of our foundation.

Examining our country today and comparing it to the initial days and the beliefs of our founding fathers, the difference is glaringly clear, as well as a similarity to another nation – the nation of Israel. Do we need a catastrophe to wake us up cause us to run back to God? Will God remove His hand of protection from a nation as He has in the past?

We need a revival in our nation to begin. A fire starts with a single spark. Why not let your spirit cause that spark today?

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE



Emmaus Men & GALS

Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month in Classroom A. The upcoming meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6, at 8:30 a.m.



Gardeners needed

We need volunteers to trim bushes around the Memorial Garden and the church. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the lobby. If you have any questions please call Bill Hoak at 501-693-7833.



Card Queens

The Card Queens is a women's group who meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to play Hand, Knee & Foot. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you!

Questions? Contact our lead Queens:

Rita Hoover – 501-993-4041

Jo Hoak – 501-693-7818

Your Hospitality Team

This Sunday's Hospitality Team will be Bill & Jo Hoak, Merry & Scott Voskuil.

Upcoming servers:

7/12: Marilyn Sturges, JD & LouAnn Walker, Jennifer Ellis

7/19: Donna & Bobby Mahle, BJ Conner, Arlene McAlister



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 2:00pm Women's Bible Study	2	3	Independence Day 4 
5 9am Fellowship 9:30am Worship	6 8:30am GAL 8:30am Emmaus Men 1:00pm Mah Jong	7 8:30am 3M Bible Study 1:00pm Card Queens	8 2:00pm Women's Bible Study	9	10	11 8:00am Men's Breakfast
12 9am Fellowship 9:30am Worship	13 1:00pm Mah Jong	14 8:30am 3M Bible Study 1:00pm Hand, Knee & Foot	15 2:00pm Women's Bible Study 3:00pm Boys & Girls Club	16 3:00 Leadership Meeting	17	18
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July Birthdays



July Anniversaries

J.D. & LouAnn Walker 07/10

Kent & Peggy Dvorak 07/14

Mike & Liz Clarno 07/21

Bill & Jo Hoak 07/26

Elzie & Jennifer Ellis 07/28



PRAYERS



Prayers Needed

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

- Mary Justina Ackley
- Don Heitz
- Jeff & Melissa Owen
- Carol Willson
- Matthew Baker
- Brian Karriger
- Elain Pool
- Richard Wood
- Jeff Boor
- Harper Cooper Family
- John Randolph
- Mary Ruth Burres
- Joey Dean
- Jimmy Newell
- Mallory Seibert
- BJ Conner
- Rickie Barns
- Brian Little
- LouAnn Walker
- Jeff Fox
- Renee McKinley
- Marcia Wanner

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**.

