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*A Church seeking
after God's own
HEART*

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“Perspectives”

We all have them, don't we? We each see the world through our own eyes. We develop our own perspectives through our own experiences – they become our own! There are no two perspectives alike in this world. If we think of them in this fashion and understand them, they can be unique and profitable for sharing. But what if we take them too far?

Biases are perspectives that have grown roots. Just like weeds, biases are hard to get rid of, or maybe better said, hard to kill. That's putting it harshly, as some biases don't need such rude application, but just some tweaking. The *Oxford Language Dictionary* defines a bias as “prejudice in favor of or against one thing, person, or group compared with another, usually in a way considered to be unfair.” Reading this definition, we can see where biases can rear their ugly heads in conversations where one person is unyielding to the viewpoints or opinions of another, and when carried to the extreme can be totally dismissive of any other viewpoint other than their own. I'm sure Dr. Sigmund Freud would have something to say concerning that, but I digress.

Sadly, biblical discussions have begun to take the same path in today's society. Scriptures are being twisted to meet societal dictates instead of Godly desires for mankind. Discussions turn into arguments about the true meaning of scripture and eventually divisions occur. Denominations are splitting over clear mandates in God's Word, only to have one perspective ridiculed to other as close-minded! Is this what God truly wants?

Bible scholars, pastors, and lay people alike enjoy digging into the Word of God. Extreme in-depth study of scripture is necessary to understand intent, setting, context, and the purpose of the writer. The term is called exegesis and means “the critical, systematic process of drawing out the original meaning of a scripture passage, focusing on what the author intended to convey to the original audience.” Sometimes this is easy and sometimes it is not. Some will falsely argue the readability has been altered from original Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek with the addition of commas, periods, or other grammatical additions for readability purposes. Ultimately, we have to realize and admit we have a finite mind and can never fully understand the infinite mind of God and His inspired writings.

Throughout the ages there have been those who have come claiming to know exactly what the scriptures mean and have garnered some support from a few. But there will come a time toward the end of this age when, as Timothy writes, “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.”

Faith as that of a child. That is what we need. There's will be the kingdom of Heaven! There are some scriptures we will never understand. We will just have to rely on God to see us through.

Special points of interest:

- Missions & Bible Studies
- Prayer Requests

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

Directory on your Smartphone

Do you want to add the Mountainside Pictorial Directory to your Smart Phone?

OR if you already have the app on your smart phone is YOUR data profile correct?



To add the directory to your smart phone go to your app store (Apple app or Google Play), select search and type in:

Instant Church Directory

The apple icon will be a pea green square with a white church in the center (it may be the same icon in Google Play). Select get and download the app. When you open the app, you will be prompted to enter your email address (it must be the same email address Mountainside uses for you). You will be prompted then to create your own privately selected password.

After loading, open the app, select Families and you will see all Mountainside families with pictures. Tap the picture and get addresses, phone numbers, etc. There are other special features to explore, like, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.

IF you do not like your picture or later want to update it, send a new picture to Stacy and she will replace it. You can do the same if any of your own data profile is incorrect.

This Sunday at Mountainside Church

"The Great Cover-up"

Matthew 28: 11-15

Rev. Doug Walker



Hospitality team this Sunday is Kevin Hoak, Robin Williams, Scott and Merry Voskuil.



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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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Emmaus Men

The Emmaus Men's & GALS Group is meeting the ***first and third Monday*** of each month in Classroom A. The next meeting will be Monday, April 20 at 8:30am.

Card Queens

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!

Hand and Foot



Card Game

PRAYERS

Those Needing our Prayers:

- Becki Tetu
- Jeff Fox
- Danielle Herron
- John Randolph
- Kathy Jones
- Lisa Riddick
- 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 Heinz

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