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after God's own
HEART*

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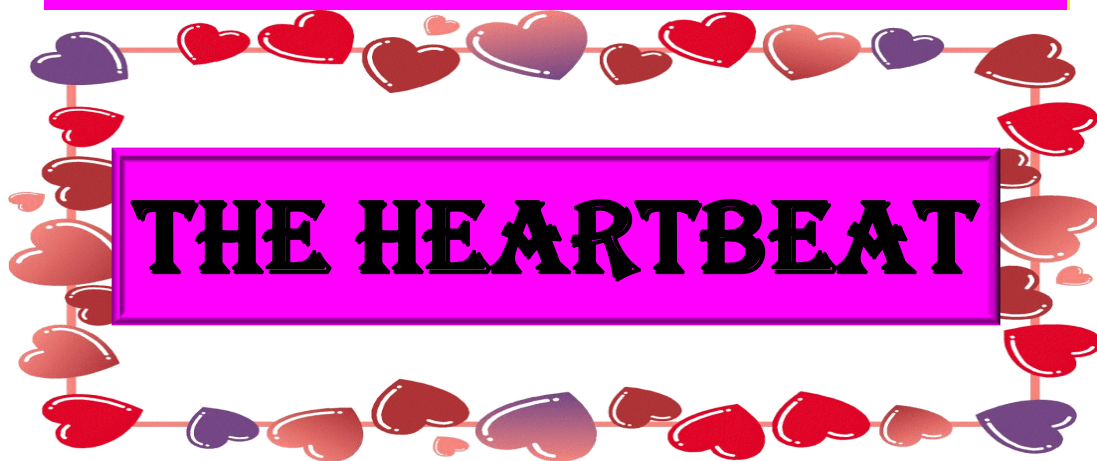
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“Fantasy Land”

Are the places we have in our minds real or not? Do we have a utopia conjured in our intellect where things are ideal? Or maybe there is a place you can go where you consider to be peaceful and totally relaxing? I would then ask the question, is the place relaxing or is it the state of mind it evokes relaxing? And you're thinking all these questions are far from relaxing!

Here is a question: Is New York City a real place? Of course it is. We see pictures of it even if we have never been there, we can find it on the map, and if we wanted, we could drive there. The same could be said about any other place on the planet. But how do we know they exist if we have never been there? Do we know with certainty that Moscow, Russia really exists even though few of us can say we've been there?

Keeping in mind the questions I previously asked, do we create fantasy lands in our minds? For any young couple just starting out who have their dream home in mind, the response would be yes. But does that home exist? Now we're getting into the realm of maybe it does and maybe it doesn't. That doesn't stop us from creating it in our mind, however.

Walter Elias Disney was an animator, producer, voice actor, and entrepreneur who had a dream. His imagination as an animator brought several innovations to the animated cartoon world. At some point he had to ask himself, “Can I bring these characters to life in a real place?” Disney bought a 160-acre tract of land near Anaheim, CA in 1953 and construction began the following year on his “fantasy land.” It would be a place where fantasy characters could come to life and a place where children's dreams would be made. The entire construction project lasted less than a year and Disneyland opened its gates to the public in 1955. It was the realization of what one could fantasize, one could create.

Places exist because there is proof of their existence, even though we may never have visited the site. Does Jerusalem exist? Does the Dead Sea exist? Does the Garden of Gethsemane exist? Certainly all do. Even though we may never have visited them, we can read about them in the Bible and we know for certainty they are there. But does Heaven exist?

We can call our individual “Utopias” our little slice of Heaven or our Heaven on earth, but does Heaven really exist? Even though we may never have laid eyes on Heaven nor more than we have ever been to Moscow, Russia, we can say with certainty the place exists.

Jesus told His disciples as recorded in the Gospel of John, “My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?” Jesus, God the Son, cannot lie. If He said a place exists, it is there. But just where is the question.

Heaven is real, just as real as New York City. Jesus is the way to it and He has the map. That's the clue to finding it!!

Special points of interest:

- Missions & Bible Studies
- Hospitality Schedule
- February Birthdays & Anniversaries
- February Calendar
- Prayer Requests

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE



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

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.

3M Bible Study



Mountainside
Methodist
Men

The Mountainside Men Bible study/discussion is every Tuesday at 8:30am. All men are invited to attend!

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.

donnamahle@att.net

512-304-0992



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

RE: NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – “14 Signs of the End of Time”

Dear Mountainside Ladies –

I am excited to tell you about our new Women's Bible Study beginning...

Wednesday February 4, 2026 @ 2:00pm in Classroom B

Pastor Doug has offered to teach our next Women's Bible Study class, and the title is “14 Signs of the End of Time”. This is the same study that he recently completed with our Men's group. It is an in-depth study. Doug has spent a tremendous amount of time and effort to this end, and I hear great things about this study. The subject will captivate and enlighten us in many ways.

If you would like to attend this study, please let me know via email, phone, or text. You DON'T HAVE TO pre-register so please feel free to just show up because we want you to join us regardless.

The first class will begin on Wed. 1/28/26 @ 2pm in our Classroom B.

I am looking forward to seeing you there and think this will be a wonderful time of learning and fellowship.



In Christ,

Karen Rutan

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New Facebook Page

Please check out our new Facebook page HSVmountainsidemethodistchurch and hit follow. There will be some things posted to that page. Right now, we are trying to show the church service livestream to the new page on Sunday afternoons.



We need 100 followers so that on February 14 we are hoping to go live on the new page and not have to use the old page!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

This Sunday at Mountainside Church

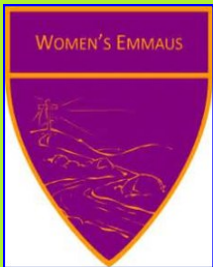
"Is Heave a Real Place?"

John 14: 1-7

Rev. Doug Walker



Hospitality team this Sunday Marilyn Sturges, Peggy Dvorek, Pat Vonasten, Linda Wagnon.



The Women's Emmaus Reunion group, GALS, meet the first and third Monday of the month. We gather at Mountainside Church, 8:30, in classroom B.

HOSPITALITY SNACKS

The sign-up sheet to bring snacks for our hospitality time is on the counter behind the fireplace. This is great time to show off your favorite snack recipe, whether it be a sweet treat or breakfast goodie! Please have it at the church Sunday morning before 8:45. Our hospitality team will be happy to plate it and present it for you. You can sign up solo or with a friend; we ask that you bring enough for about 50-60 servings. Any leftovers, (there's usually not much), should be taken back by you. Cookies can be frozen to be donated for our monthly meal at the Boys & Girls Club.



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for February

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



Methodist Men Breakfast



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



Ladies Fellowship Breakfast

We are going to have a fourth Monday Breakfast each month for the ladies. It's at **Debra's in the Village at 8:30 a.m. on February 23.** There is a sign up sheet in the Lobby if you would like to join us. We will meet for food, fellowship and fun!

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01/11 Bill & Jo Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno,

01/18 Marilyn Sturges, Bart Langford, BJ Conner, Judy Sloan

01/25 Judy Sloan, Dorothy Bodine, Scott & Merry Voskuil

02/01 Donna & Bobby Mahle, Robin Williams, Gary Rosson

02/08 Marilyn Sturges, Peggy Dvorek, Pat Vonasten, Linda Wagnon

02/15 JD & LouAnn Walker, Scott & Merry Voskuil

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If you cannot serve on a date, please find a substitute or contact
Donna Mahle: 512-304-0992 – donnamahle@att.net

February Birthdays

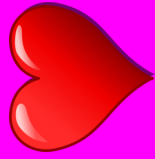
Marcia Anderson	02/13
Kevin Hoak	02/17
Cheryl Boggs	02/18
Marilyn Sturges	02/19
Robin Williams	02/21
Steven Thompson	02/23
Joy Dressler	02/25



February Anniversaries

<i>Scott & Merry Voskuil</i>	<i>02/08</i>
<i>Norman & Marcia Anderson</i>	<i>02/18</i>





February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 8:30am GALS 8:30am Emmaus Men 10:00am RT Bible Study	3 1:00 Card Queens	4 10:00am Newcomers 2:00pm Womens Bible Study	5	6	7
8 9:00am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship	9 10:00am RT Bible Study	10 8:30am 3M Bible Study 1:00pm Hand, Knee & Foot	11 10:00am Newcomers 2:00pm Womens Bible Study	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day! 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
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PRAYERS

Those Needing our Prayers:

- Lundy Colvert
- Shawn Foster
- Joe Woodward
- Joey Dean
- Mallory Seibert
- Carol Willson
- Mary Justina Ackley
- Richard Wood
- Renee McKinley
- Brian Karriger
- Matthew Baker
- Brian Little
- Danielle Herron
- Marcia Wanner
- Elaine Pool
- Ralph & Ronda Haynes
- Michael Elliot
- Don Heitz
- Mark Dixon

Prayers:

- The people of Ukraine
- Don Heinz— rectal cancer



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