

The HeartBeat

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members OF MOUNTAINSIDE



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This Sunday at Mountainside

“Politics and the Church” Romans 13: 1-4

“Respect and Honor”

I think the first questions one would ask at the beginning of a discussion on respect and honor is this: Aren't these the same? The answer is no. Well then, do they go together or are they separate? The answer to that is a frustrating yes to both even though they are two different actions on our part.

As defined by Merriam-Webster, respect is a feeling, attitude, or action that recognizes the importance, worth, and dignity of a person, rule, or thing. If you were raised like I was, you respect your parents, law enforcement, and even your pastor. But if you do not consider something as important, you will have a diminished viewpoint of the person, office, or vocation of an individual. We can say we respect our publicly elected officials but not respect the trash collector. However, let the trash go uncollected for a few weeks and all of a sudden, the worth of that vocation goes up exponentially. The same holds true for the housekeeping staff in the hospital. We respect the doctors and the nurses with their white coats, but let the trash go unemptied or the floors go unmopped for even a day and the worth of the so-called “lowly housekeeper” increases.

Can you honor someone without respecting them? The answer is no. Honor defined is high respect, esteem, or a personal quality of moral integrity, honesty, and adherence to a code of conduct. Then by this definition it is not possible to honor someone without respecting them first, a process we all go through. Think about those in your life who you honor. You first had to respect them. But you may also have people who you respect but do not honor. If you think about it, it's like a glass that you first have to fill halfway (to the respect line) before you can proceed to filling it to the brim (to the honor line).

Do we respect and/or honor our governments? Obeying our laws is a way we show respect for our government whether we agree with them or not. But is honor required as well? I would say honor is more important, and is a Biblical mandate!

The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus because He was constantly speaking against the religious elite. They asked Him, “Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” Ironical because they too didn't like being under Caesar's thumb. Jesus responded, “Whose picture is on the coin?” They responded, “Caesar's.” Jesus then said, “Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's and give unto God what is God's.”

We should obey the laws of the land. We should pay our taxes. Respect is everything, but honor, above all things, goes to God. Remember, we are not citizens of this world, but as we are passing through it, we must obey the laws. Ultimately and foremost, we must respect and honor God's laws above all things, even when they conflict with man's law.

Stand firm. Know the Word. Be prepared to defend it! And finally, know the difference between God's law and man's law!



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE



Calling All Bakers

Pull out your rolling pins and baking pans, we need your sweet skills for two upcoming events:

Fall Arts & Crafts Fair: Sign up behind the fireplace to participate and drop off your baked goods Friday, Nov. 6 between 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Label your creations and indicate if they contain nuts, are gluten-free, etc. A crew will package items. All proceeds benefit the Mountainside Mission Fund.



Crafters and Volunteers Needed

If you're good with a glue gun and have the scars to prove it, we need your help making items to sell at the Mountainside craft booth for the Fall Arts & Crafts Fair, Nov. 7. Call Jo Hoak at 501-693-7818 with questions. We also need volunteers to help facilitate the event. Sign up sheets for different roles are behind the fireplace and you can sign up for more than one task.



Upper Room

Join us **Wednesday, November 12 at 5 p.m.** in the Sanctuary for food, fellowship and songs! Call the office at (501) 922-2626 to let us know if you are bringing a dish (salad, side dish or dessert).



Come for the Upper Room Gathering on November 12 and stay to play Dominoes or just come to play at 6pm. Singles, couples, all are invited to share the fun and get to know each other a little better. See You there!!



Your Hospitality Team for November 1

Thank you JD & LouAnn, Robin Williams, BJ Conner for serving. And speaking of serving, we're looking for big smiles and warm hearts to join the Hospitality Team. Members serve about once every 4-5 weeks. Duties include greeting members and guests, getting guests nametags, handing out bulletins, putting out coffee and snacks, putting out attendance books and more. 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." Email Donna Mahle at donnamahle@att.net or call her at 512-304-0992 for more information or to join.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9am Fellowship 9:30am Worship	2 8:30am GALS 8:30am Emmaus Men 10:00am RT bible Study 1:00pm Mah Jong	3 8:30am 3M Bible Study 1:00pm Card Queens	4 10:00am NEWcomers 3:00pm Women's Bible Study	5	6	7  9:00am Fall Arts & Crafts Fair
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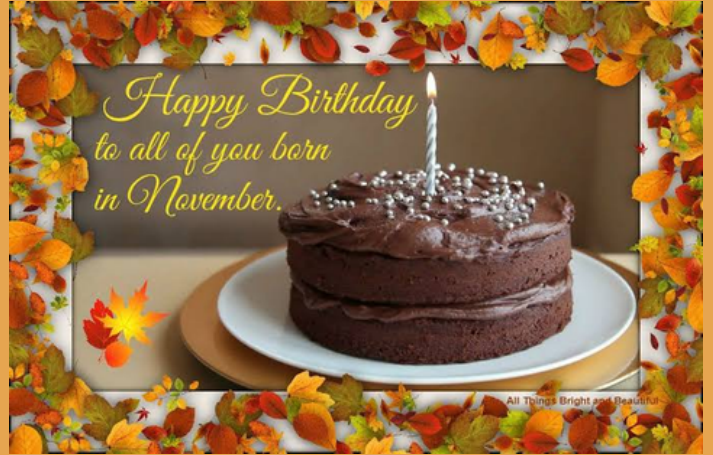


November Birthdays

Frances Wiler 11/05

Jennifer Ellis 11/14

Gail Wildrick 11/21



November Anniversary

Russell & Arlene McAlister 11/26





2026 Leadership Team

Pastor- Rev. Doug Walker

Chairperson- Bill Hoak

Lay Leader- Ted Schramm

Treasurer- Kevin Hoak

Deb Seibert

Bobby Mahle

Larry Brocaw

Ken Guzel

Bart Langford

Marilyn Sturges

Mike Clarno

You can also check out our Leadership Team on our website
<https://www.mountainsidechurch.com/leadership>





Mountainside Christmas Dinner Our church Christmas dinner will be held at Diamante County Club on Thursday, December 10th beginning at 5:00PM. Beverage of choice will be at 5:00, credit cards only. Only cash you will need is if you want to leave a tip for the servers. Dinner will be served at 5:30 beginning with a Caesar Salad and bread followed by Spinach and cheese stuffed chicken, Baby carrots, and wild rice. For dessert a Snickerdoodle bread pudding with Bourbon caramel sauce with whipped cream. The menu price is \$41.00 per person. If you are planning to attend, which we hope you are, make checks payable to Carol Schramm. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, December 3rd.



New Look. Same Warm Welcome!

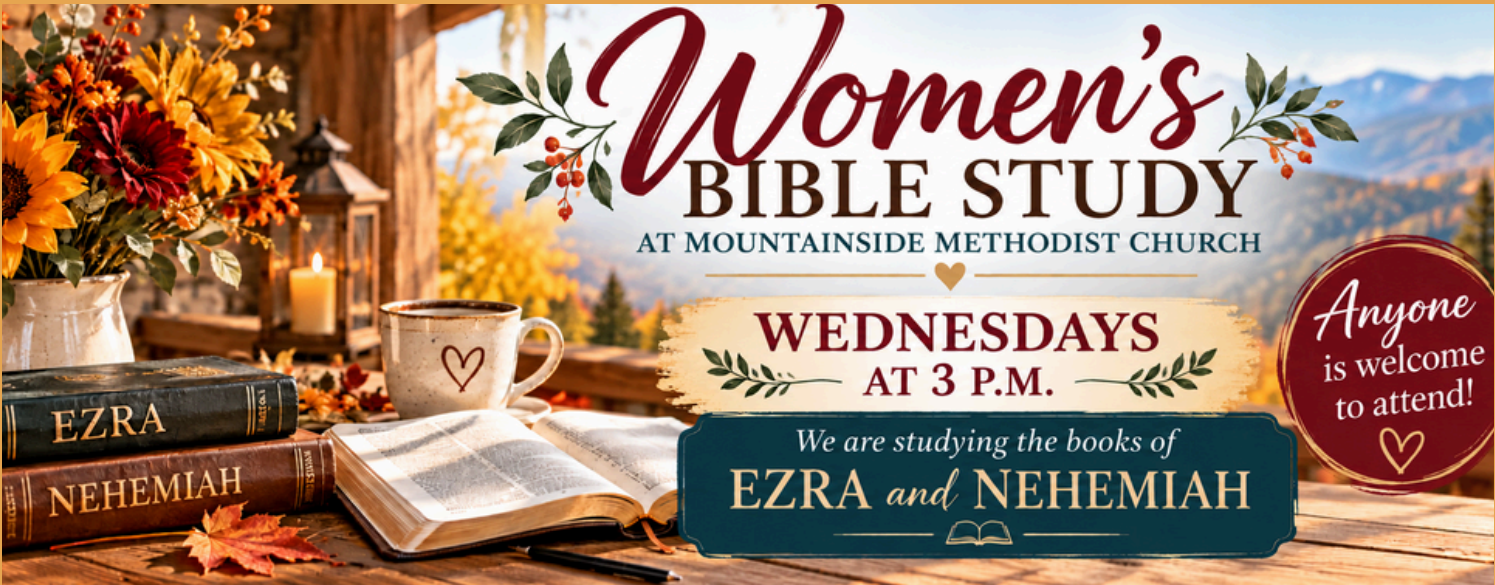
Our new & improved website is **LIVE!**

Explore church events, sermons, ministries & more.

Come take a look—and share it with a friend!



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The background of the banner features a warm, autumnal scene. On the left, there is a vase of yellow and orange flowers, a lit lantern, and a cup of coffee with a heart on it. In the foreground, there are books titled 'EZRA' and 'NEHEMIAH' next to an open Bible. The background shows a mountain landscape with trees in autumn colors.

Women's BIBLE STUDY

AT MOUNTAINSIDE METHODIST CHURCH

**WEDNESDAYS
AT 3 P.M.**

We are studying the books of
EZRA and NEHEMIAH

Anyone
is welcome
to attend!



HOSPITALITY 2026 OCT-NOV-DEC

10/04 Marilyn Sturges, Linda Wagnon, Scott & Merry Voskuil

10/11 Mike & Liz Clarno, Jennifer Ellis ,BJ Conner

10/18 Kevin Hoak, Robin Williams, Arlene McAlister, Dorothy Bodine

10/25 Bill & Jo Hoak, Marilyn Sturges, Peggy Dvorek

11/01 JD & LouAnn, Robin Williams, BJ Conner

11/08 Judy Sloan, Mike & Liz Clarno, Jennifer Ellis

11/15 Marilyn Sturges, Scott & Merry Voskuil, Linda Wagnon

11/22 JD & LouAnn Walker, Dorothy Bodine, Donna Mahle

11/29 Bill & Jo Hoak, Peggy Dvorak, Kevin Hoak

12/06 Donna & Bobby Mahle, Marilyn Sturges, Arlene McAlister



12/13 Judy Sloan, Robin Williams, Jennifer Ellis, Linda Wagon

12/20 Bill & Jo Hoak, Scott & Merry Voskuil

12/27 Marilyn Sturges, Kevin Hoak, Mike & Liz Clarno

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



Community Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, Nov. 25th, pickup at 10 AM—noon
At Mountainside Church, 301 El Cano Dr.



Are you alone, nowhere to go, don't want to cook for one or two, shut- in because of health issues? Celebrate Thanksgiving with a take-out complimentary meal with turkey or roast pork loin, dressing and all the fix-in's from Mountainside Methodist Church. We will be taking orders for Thanksgiving meals for pick-up on Wednesday, November 25. Meals will be in styrofoam containers. Friends and neighbors are welcome to participate. Complete the order form and telephone, e-mail or drop off at the church. RSVP to Mountainside Church at email mountainsidechurch@gmail.com or tel: 501-922-2626 by Monday, November 23rd. Free will donations will be accepted and appreciated. (A Mountainside Methodist Men's function)

(Meals include mashed potatoes & gravy, candied sweet potato, cranberries, choice of meat and dressing. Check which type of meat and dressing you want).

Meat: Turkey: white _____ dark _____
Roast pork loin: _____
(with apple sauce)
Dressing: Cornbread _____
Bread _____

Number of meals: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ email: _____

Prayers



Prayers Needed

As a praying church, we value the importance of lifting those up who need a little help and grace. Please add these people to your prayers this week.

Mary Justina Ackley
Matthew Baker
Jeff Boor
Steve Crumpler
Joey Dean
Rickie Barnes

Don Heinz
Brian Karriger
Jimmy Newell
Todd Lombardi
Brian Little
Renee McKinley
Mary Davis

Jeff & Melissa Owen
Elain Pool
Mallory Seibert
Marcia Wanner
Chuck Anderson
Peggy Hadley
Cindi Walker

Carol Willson
Richard Wood
Donna Mahle
Wendy Lenox
Don Pappé
Bob Boocker
Theresa Young
Gary & Brenda
Putnam

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.



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