

The HeartBeat

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members

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“Schedules”

Welcome!

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This Sunday at Mountainside

“A Wordly Forecast” 2 Timothy 3: 1-5



Since the beginning of time, mankind has lived by schedules. In ancient times, eras were marked by floods, and the seasons marked the times of planting and reaping. Even the number of full moons during a season dictated the times to harvest crops. Was there a more accurate measure to keep time? Obviously, there was.

In 3500 B.C., the Egyptians were the first to invent a time-keeping device called the “Sundial.” It measured the passage of time using the casting of a shadow from a fixed device, e.g. a stick, and the movement of the shadow on the ground away from the sun. I guess on cloudy days, time stood still (I had to throw that one in)! This device lasted for 2,000 years until another device, the “Water Clock” was invented by the Egyptians in 1500 B.C. They saw the need to continue to measure time after the sun set or on cloudy days (now my cloudy day comment makes sense). Water was measured either entering into or from a container, thereby measuring the passage of time. 1,200 years later, the device was upgraded with a system of gears and dropping mechanisms, making it the most accurate time keeping device for almost 2,000 years until a mechanical clock using gears and weights was invented in the early 1300s.

Today, we are obsessed with time, or at least most are. We rise either by an alarm clock, and if we rose at the same time every morning, we trained our internal clock, our body clock. We watch TV by the clock as our favorite shows or news casts happen every day at the same time. We rise in the morning and go to bed at night by schedules, or set times. Meetings are set on calendars with a beginning time and an ending time. Face it, our days are schedule driven and there is nothing we can do to change it, unless we go back to the earliest times of mankind and start all over again. We are slaves to our schedules, and we may not like to admit it.

We make plans to go to dinner, plans to travel, plans to meet for studies, plans to attend shows or productions, and multiple other types of plans. But what happens if something upends our plans. We don’t like it to say the least. We like order in our days and the ability to carry out our own plans.

Most pastors will tell you they plan their days, but then God has something to say about it. I have been known to say, “I plan, but God laughs!” What we must understand is God will change our plans if they do not fit into His ultimate purpose for our lives! Proverbs 16:9 says, “In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.” Proverbs 19:21 also says, “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

God has a plan for each of us, and finding that plan is essential. How you may ask? Start by remaining in God’s will every day, with much prayer and seeking Him. Do so, and you WILL find God’s plan for your life.

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 20, 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.



July Missions

We are providing supplies for our local school districts- Jessieville, Fountain Lake and Mountain Pine. The supplies that are needed-Crayola crayons, zipper pouches with holes for binders, and 2 pocket folders with and without brads, Kleenex, Germx, hand sanitizer, Expo markers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, construction paper, and youth scissors.

**All the Backpacks have been ordered and are supplied by Mountainside Church.
Thank you for helping our local schools!**

Your Hospitality Team

This Sunday's Hospitality Team will be Marilyn Sturges, JD & LouAnn Walker and Jennifer Ellis.

Upcoming servers:

7/19: Donna & Bobby Mahle, BJ Conner, Arlene McAlister
7/26: Judy Sloan, Linda Wagon, Dorothy Bodine, Peggy Dvorak



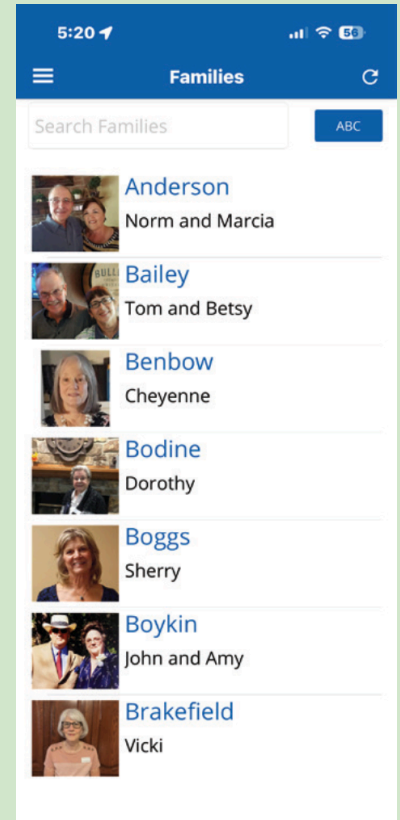
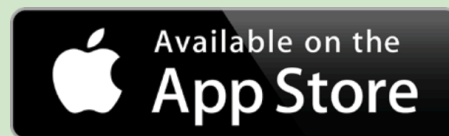


Mountainside Members at Your Fingertips

Did you know you can add the MountainsideChurch Directory to your Smart Phone? You can also edit your information in the app. The directory includes church member details such as address, phone number, anniversary dates, birthdays, neighborhoods and photos.

1. Go to the App Store or Google Play on your phone and search for “Instant Church Directory.” The icon is a pea-green icon with a white church.
2. When you launch the app, enter your email address (must be the same one the church has) and create your password.
3. You’re in!

You can edit your profile in the app, including your photo, or you can email your updates to Stacey at mountainsidechurch@gmail.com and she will update it for you.



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
- Donna Mahle
- Joey Dean
- Jimmy Newell
- Mallory Seibert
- Wendy Lenox
- Rickie Barns
- Brian Little
- LouAnn Walker
- Marcia Wanner
- Jeff Fox
- Renee McKinley

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.

