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*A Church seeking  
after God's own  
HEART*

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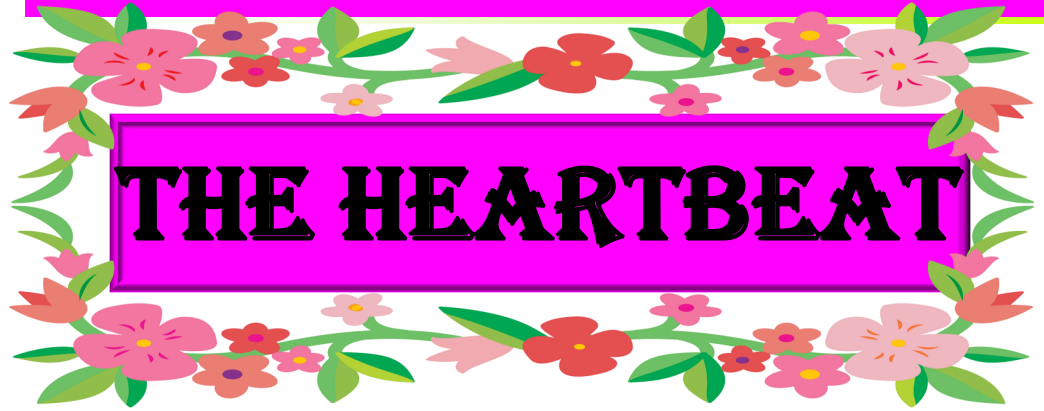
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**Special points of interest:**

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## “Spiritual Hitchhiker”

Years ago, it was nothing to pick up a hitchhiker along the roadside. Someone would be walking along the road with their thumb waving in the air signaling their kindest desires and someone would pull over and ask the magic question, “Where you headed?” The person would hop in and off they would go. Conversations would start, “Where you from?” and “What do you do for a living?” and so on. It was like two people were destined to become brand new friends.

My father told me stories about his early days in the army when he would hitchhike from his house in the city of Ft. Smith, Arkansas all the way out to Ft. Chaffee, some ten miles away and never missed the first formation. He wore his army uniform and said someone would always pick him up and carry him at least to the front gate of the army post. From there it was a short jog to the company area.

But that was long ago. What has happened to our society where hitchhiking isn't a safe mode of travel any longer? Or should I say, picking up hitchhikers isn't safe any longer? Do we not have faith in our fellow human beings any longer? Or maybe our faith has been diminished by the constant barrage of negative news about murder and mayhem not only in our nation but around the world. Things just used to be a lot simpler when you could trust someone at first glance and not have to analyze them from head to toe and determine if they might be the next serial killer on the FBI's top ten most wanted list!

Maybe the practice of picking up hitchhikers isn't around much anymore, but we should still have the mindset, nonetheless. One of the greatest things anyone has ever done for me was to pick me up as a hitchhiker, as I was spiritually wandering. Yes, I was lost and someone noticed that wandering and told me about Jesus Christ and the grace open to me. Even though I had grown up in church (off and on) as a child, I had never really thought much about my “forever” destination, as the person put it. As I climbed into their “spiritual vehicle,” we struck up a friendship and the questions began. “Did you know that no one is perfect?” “Did you know that no one is good enough to get into Heaven?” Question after question led me down the path until we arrived at the destination this spiritual driver was traveling toward, leading me to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and my salvation.

Yes, it was the greatest event in my life, to be picked up as a spiritual hitchhiker, not even knowing I was one! When that man gets to Heaven and Jesus asks him, “Who did you bring with you?” he'll have the pride in saying among others, “I brought Doug Walker with me.”

When you get to Heaven, that too will be the question you'll hear. “Well done, good and faithful servant! Now, who did you bring with you?” Go find yourself a spiritual hitchhiker on your journey today!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

### THANK YOU:



“Thank you” to all the wonderful bakers! We had so many pies, cakes, cookies and goodies. We asked and you answered! Also, big thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who helped set up, take down and package everything. Our congregation is awesome. We couldn’t have done it without you! Mission work is very important to Mountainside.

Jamie Langford & Donna Mahle

### We Need Your Help!

We are looking for people who have a big smile and open arms to join our hospitality team! 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! Call Donna Mahle for more information or to join [donnamahle@att.net](mailto:donnamahle@att.net) 521-304-0992.



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](mailto: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.

### *This Sunday at Mountainside Church*

*“The Gates Are Now Open”*

*Matthew 28: 16-20*

*Rev. Doug Walker*



# OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

## Boys & Girls Club Meal Sign-up for April

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 April meal is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15.

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, April 14. 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 April please contact Stacy or Kelly in the church office at 501-922-2626, and they will add your name to the list.



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF AMERICA**

## Methodist Men Breakfast

Please make plans to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship Saturday, April 11, 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!



Hospitality team this Sunday is JD & LouAnn Walker, Gary Rosson,

Dorothy Bodine.



# PRAYERS

## *Those Needing our Prayers:*

- 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](mailto:mountainsidechurch@gmail.com)*