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*A Church seeking
after God's own
HEART*

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Special points of interest:

- Missions & Bible Studies
- Prayer Requests

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“Hurry Up and Wait”

A phrase extremely familiar to anyone who has served in the military: “Hurry up and wait!” It seemed an inordinate amount of any basic trainee’s time was spent standing in a line, sweating in the summer heat just waiting to go into the building. All the while the Drill Sergeants would pace up and down the line just waiting to pounce on the first one to wipe the sweat off their brow!

We are not a very patient society. Standing inside a Starbuck’s last weekend, I noticed a clock above the drive-through window. It was keeping the elapsed time from the point of order to the point of service on those utilizing the drive-through. The same can be seen in most “fast-food” restaurants. We, as a society, seem to be obsessed with expediency of service.

Several years ago, I worked with the training arm of the State of Arkansas and had the opportunity to author a training text equivalent to a master’s level leadership course. Within that course I stated a premise when it comes to conducting meetings. The premise stated, “When you hold time to a constant, quality becomes the variable. But when you hold quality to a constant, time then becomes the variable.” So often in corporate meetings, time is set aside for a specific meeting and when that time is up, the meeting is over regardless if the goal of the meeting is met. If not, then another meeting is scheduled. Shouldn’t we be more goal oriented rather than time constrained?

The Apostle Paul was an extremely intelligent man. He was trained by some of the most renowned teachers of his time in the law. He used his knowledge to persecute the early church until his meeting with Jesus on the road just outside of Damascus, and his goals all changed. His earthly goals changed to heavenly ones. His aim of stamping out a new movement was changed to becoming a driving force in it.

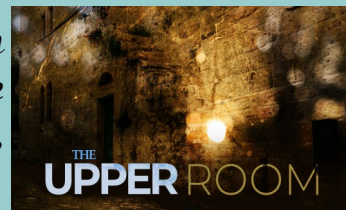
Even though Paul had a life-changing experience and knew Heaven would be his eternal home, he explained he had not yet grasped that prize, that he continued to press on toward that mark. Every day he continued to mold himself into the person that his Savior would want him to be. Paul took the premise that I stated above, not holding time to a constant, and held quality to a constant. Philippians 3:14 bears this out: “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Jesus was never concerned with time; He talked about goals. We should all have the same goal as the Apostle Paul which is to press on toward the goal of becoming more Christ-like each and every day. Then, when our “time” on earth is done, our race, as Paul would say will be over and we will be gain the prize of being with our Heavenly Savior forever, and there will be no more hurry up and wait!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

Upper Room

We will be having Upper Room Wednesday, June 10 at 5pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited and please call the office to let us know if you are bringing food such as salad, side dish, or dessert. See you there!



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 521-304-0992.



Emmaus Men & GALS

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, May 18 at 8:30am.



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.



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

“All Alone”

Acts 1: 1-11

Rev. Doug Walker



Hospitality team this Sunday is Jennifer Ellis, Merry & Scott Voskuil.



PRAYERS

Those Needing our Prayers:

- LouAnn Walker
- Jeff & Melissa Owen
- Jeff Fox
- John Randolph
- 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

Prayers:

- The people of Ukraine
- 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