

# The HeartBeat OF Mountainside

A weekly newsletter for Mountainside Church members



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## Welcome!

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## This Sunday at Mountainside

### “What is Truth?”

1 Thesalonians

5:12-21

What is  
TRUTH?

### “What Do You Trust?”

I could begin by asking many questions like “Who do you trust” or “What do you trust?” We go about our daily lives extending trust like its water in a dry desert. People need water there the same as they do trust in our everyday lives. Don’t think so? Here’s my reasoning.

As you are driving down the interstate, there are lane markers or lines indicating the spaces within which the vehicles organize themselves in their direction of travel. We trust the person driving next to us will not suddenly decide they want our space and veer over into our lane. While we trust, we also play “What if?” What if the person in the next lane does suddenly change lanes? Where will we steer? We need to be constantly aware of our surroundings, repeatedly checking our mirrors and maintaining a 360° inventory of the vehicles and spaces around us – just in case. So, we trust, but not completely even though the person has done nothing to receive it, other than being a fellow driver on the road.

There is an overlook at the southern rim of the Grand Canyon. It is visited by thousands of people each year. To get the full effect of the view, an individual must walk out onto a suspended walkway overhanging the edge of the canyon. There are rails on either side for safety, but the floor of this walkway is not concrete or wood. The floor of the walkway is glass! You can look through the bottom and see the canyon in the abyss below! The first thought that almost everyone must have is, “Will that glass hold me and not break?” But then we see people traversing the glass-bottom ahead of them, we trust the glass will hold us as well as it is holding them (if we don’t bunch up!).

We trust medicines without knowing what’s in them. We trust mechanics without having the knowledge of the workings of an engine. We trust airliners to not fall from the sky when we fly from one place to another. As I said earlier, we extend trust in so many areas of our lives without even considering not trusting, and sometimes for good reason. So, I ask this: why do we not trust God in the same way we trust the glass bottom on an observation walk?

Before Jesus left the apostles to ascend into Heaven, each one was concerned what would happen to them. There was a foundation in each of their lives that was solid; it was their trust in God. Jesus tells them, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” Jesus went from a solid foundation to a possible unknown with them. They had been with Jesus for three years, but were now seeing their leader, their Messiah preparing to leave them. They were undoubtedly worried for their futures.

Jesus continues to say the same thing to us. We know there is a Creator of the universe, God. He sent His son for us, to be our sacrifice for our sins. Jesus asks us to trust Him. Some may ask why? My response would be, “Have you ever met someone who would give their very life for you?” This is the Jesus we all need to trust!

# OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & ENGAGE

## Calling all Bakers!

We need cookies, brownies, breads, muffins for the Cancer Walk Bake sale. Please bring in your goodies on by September 24th. Please put cookies, brownies and muffins 2 to a package in Ziplock bags. Label what type of sweet whether it's gluten free, No nuts/nuts, etc. If you have any questions, call Jo Hoak 501-693-7818



## Calling all Crafters!

**Mountainside Craft Booth is in need of your skills. Any homemade craft donations would be helpful. Please call Jo Hoak if you have any questions 501-693-7818.**



## 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 are supplied by Mountainside Church.  
Thank you for helping our local schools!**

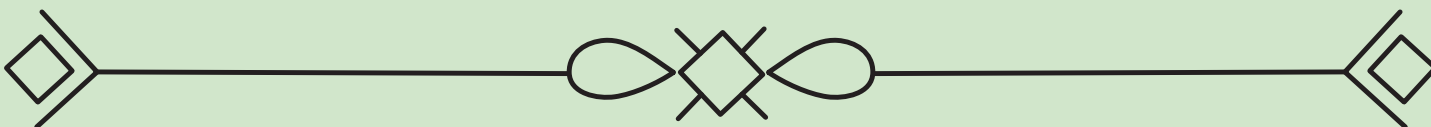
## Your Hospitality Team

This Sunday's Hospitality Team will be Judy Sloan, Jennifer Ellis, BJ Conner, Arlene McAlister

Upcoming servers:

7/26: Judy Sloan, Linda Wagnon, Dorothy Bodine, Peggy Dvorak  
8/02: Marilyn Sturges, Donna Mahle, Jennifer Ellis, Kevin Hoak



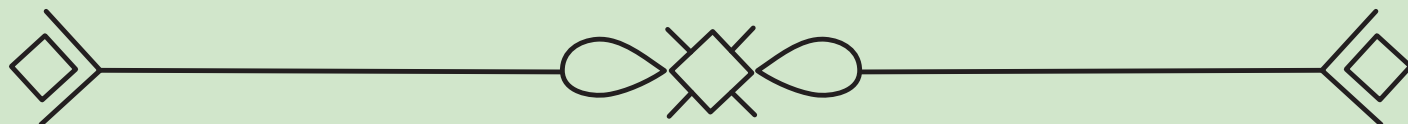
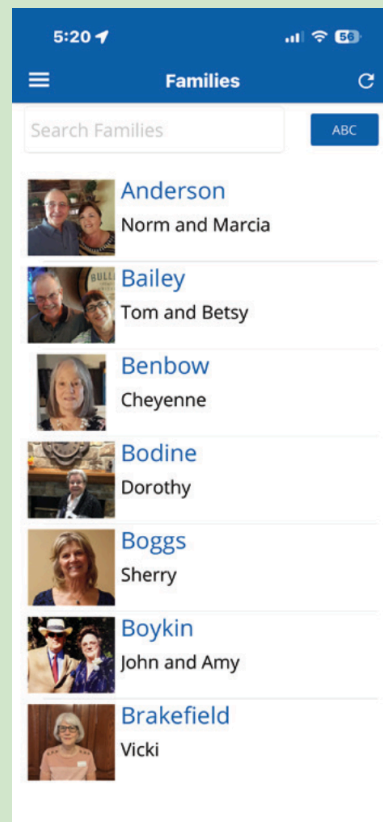
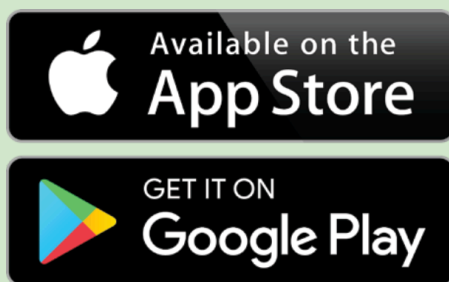


## Mountainside Members at Your Fingertips

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](mailto: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.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| • 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 Barnes       | • Brian Little         | • LouAnn Walker       | • Don Pappe       |
| • Jeff Fox            | • Renee McKinley       | • Marcia Wanner       | • Bob Boocker     |
|                       |                        |                       | • The Bass Family |

## 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](mailto:mountainsidechurch@gmail.com).

