



## Small Group Tonight

### Small Group

Tonight we'll continue our Small Group Study. These Sunday night studies are a great way to grow stronger in our faith and stand firm in what we believe. Small Groups include: study, food, and fun. Our topic for study is "Who Is Jesus?" Afterward, we will be making gingerbread creations. Come and find out what it is all about!

### Christmas Party

The Samuels have offered up their home for our annual Christmas Party. It will be on Thursday, December 21. We will meet at their house at 5pm. I'll be taking the bus from our building at 4:30pm and returning at 8:30pm. There will be a food, a gift exchange, and other holiday fun.

### End of Year Extravaganza and Lock-In!

It's the best way to celebrate the end of 2017! We are headed to the Main Event for four hours of bowling, laser tag, gravity ropes, and pizza. The Main Event cost \$20 per person, and that includes a free \$10 FUNCard and pizza. We'll then head back to our building for some more Lock-In fun. The entire night will last from 6:30pm—7am. I hope you all are ready for a great night full of fun.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Group  
Decmeber 17

Christmas Party  
December 21

EOY  
Extravaganza  
December 29

### Matt. 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

### Today's Servers

Services Coordinator: Bud Hunnicutt  
(8:30 AM)

Song Leader: Tom Condos  
(10:30 AM Service)

Song Leader: Alan Taylor

Opening Prayer: Richard Diaz Closing Prayer: Alan Taylor

**Lord's Supper:** Dave Pace, Casey McCall, Chad Darnell, Joel Means, Claude Schleyer, Steven Samuels Alternates: Alonzo Rubio, Tom Shoemaker

Nursery Attendants: Cherie Sharp, Zrita Martinez

(5:00 PM Service)

Song Leader: Robert Poland

Opening Prayer: Colin Foust Closing Prayer: Frank Ulibarri

### For The Record - Week of December 10, 2017

Bible Study.....	241	Budget.....	\$11,704.85
A.M. Worship.....	353	Contribution.....	\$13,559.50
P.M. Worship.....	101		
Wednesday classes.....	136		

Praise the Lord

### Mountainside Small Group Ministries

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON

**Bowles/Anyanonu: HOLIDAY BREAK UNTIL JAN. 2018**  
Sun. 4:15 PM, 3022 22nd Ave. SE, Rio Rancho (Westside), 994-8808.

**Schleyer: HOLIDAY BREAK UNTIL JAN. 7, 2018**  
Sun. 6PM Pot-Luck & 7 PM lesson, 9501 Camino Del Sol NE, 821-4928

**McCall:** Sun. 5 PM, East Mtn., Scott 235-9018 or Rick Hankins, 250-3638

**Alan Taylor:** Sun. 5 PM in the church auditorium.

**Condos/Teens:** Teen Room, 5 PM 553-0858.

**Doug & Susan Brown:** Biweekly Sun. 5 PM, 12801 Granite NE, 293-4322

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

**The Best Group:** Wed. 7 PM, 709 La Charles NE, 249-5511 or 249-6823

**NOTE: All small groups turn in your attendance count by**

Sunday, December

17  
2017

### Mountainside Church Elders

Doug Brown  
Lance Darnell  
Rick Hankins  
Jerry Patton  
Neal Peck  
Claude Schleyer  
Alan Taylor

### Ministers

Rick Hankins - Pulpit  
Tom Condos - Youth  
Garrett Schmille - Campus Evangelist

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

### The Mountainside Church is

A Christ centered, accountable family worshiping God, surrendering ourselves, and transforming lives through Christ.

Gluten Free Communion Bread is available at the sound table in the back of the auditorium.

# Mountainside Church of Christ

12300 Indian School Rd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87112



Welcome to Mountainside Church of Christ.

If you are visiting with us today, we would like you to fill out a Communication Card and drop it in the collection plate at the end of the service.

We are truly thankful you chose to worship at Mountainside this morning and please, come again!

## Welcome to Mountainside Church of Christ

### VOLUNTEERS

The 2018 Communion Preparation list is hanging on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you can prepare communion or bake bread a month next year please sign up to do so. Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

### PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Can you pray for an hour a month?

We now have 16 prayer warriors signed up to pray for one hour a month on a designated day, so we are able to sign up with New Mexico Prays for a half day and join the 86 churches across the state that are involved in this prayer movement. If several others want to sign up, then we will be able to pray for a full 24-hour day every month. If you want to join this prayer ministry, contact Doug Brown at doug.brown.abq@gmail.com. Doug will be organizing the group via email. We will start praying in January.

### ANNUAL AREA WIDE WORSHIP

Season's Greetings from the CSC at UNM! We would like to invite you to the Annual Area wide Worship and Posole Bowl Dinner. The meal and service will be held at Mountainside Church of Christ on Wednesday, December 27th. The meal will be available from 5 to 6:30pm with the worship time to follow. Please join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship!

### WEST SIDE HOLIDAY PARTY!

Anyone who lives in Rio Rancho or on the west side (or is willing to drive there!) is invited to a Christmas Party at the home of Nathan and Kristine Bowles **TODAY**. Come by at 4:40 pm for games and fellowship. Bring a snack or dessert to share and a small wrapped gift for a gift exchange. Everyone is welcome! 3022 22nd Ave. SE, Rio Rancho.

### EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION

Dear Friends and Partners of EEM,

The sights, sounds, and smells of the Christmas season are upon us. As the song says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year" because it reminds us of childish delight, God's love through Jesus, and the joy of giving.

Among the most precious gifts that can be given is the gift of God's word - the Bible. This year has been an especially wonderful year for EEM as more Bibles have been given freely to others this year than ever before in our history....over one million Bibles to be exact. None of this would have been possible without you faithfully giving to support this work. You have intentionally purposed and even sacrificed so that the people of Eastern Europe and refugees from Muslim nations can receive a word from God that is saving and liberating!

It has been a joy to share EEM's story with you in 2017 and to partner in the simple yet profound mission of EEM: "The Bible. We Want Everyone to Get It." Thank you for loving the Lord. Thank you for loving His Word.. Thank you for your sweet fellowship in the amazing work. May you experience all the joys, love, and laughter this holiday season promises.

Ben and Jackie Mereness

### LoveINC

This month we are seeking donations of blankets, children's cups and silverware. We also welcome donations of any kind. If you have large items to donate you may call our large item pick up at 505-255-5683. Thank you!

### MOUNTAINSIDE MESSENGER

The weekly bulletin and other updates can be found at [mountainsidefamily.org](http://mountainsidefamily.org)

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Services  
Sunday Worship  
8:30 & 10:35 AM

Sunday Bible Study  
9:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship  
5:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study  
6:30 PM

## Did You Know?

Jesus loved when the little children worshiped Him and so do we! We offer several ministries for you and your young ones during services that you can choose to take advantage of:

- **Attended Nursery** (up to 24 mo.)—Located down the children's hallway. You can drop off your child with an attendant or stay with him/her.
- **Un-Attended Nursery** (up to 24mo.) – Located at the center-back of the auditorium. You can sit with your child and listen to the service.
- **Nursing Room**— Located at the Northwest of the auditorium.
- **Training Room**— Located at the Southwest end of the auditorium.
- **Children's Bible Hour** – classes for ages 2/3 and 4yrs– 4th grade. Children can be dismissed after communion.

## In Christ A New Day

Luke 21 gives Jesus' first century audience some pretty heavy and somewhat disturbing truths. Jesus' teaching of the future of Jerusalem must have sounded like something out of one's worst nightmare. It would have raised many legitimate questions, also. Why would God allow these kinds of horrible things to happen to His people and their city? In general, why would God allow bad things to happen to good people?

Those questions cannot be answered with complete assurance, but one can know the one who knows the answers to those tough questions. Perhaps eventually humanity, or at least the church, will understand why it had to endure trials and suffering. One thing we do know, and we've discussed it as we have been visiting the parables, is that God sees our pain, our fears, our losses, and he most certainly cares. God never totally abandoned his people and neither will He leave us.

Perhaps this is why Jesus answered their questions with the truth of His second coming and the parable of the fig tree. There will be things that will occur when Christ returns that will be undeniable as far as their cosmic origins. These will be things that will be scary but exciting for some, and for others it will be a time of complete terror and chaos. This teaching is meant to inspire hope in those who are informed of His return. As believers we have no excuse for being unprepared. We must commit ourselves to living ready, wholeheartedly obedient, and bathing everything in prayer.

Next, Jesus shares the Parable of the Fig Tree. This parable answers the question of when the events Jesus had just spoken of would occur. People knew when summer was coming by looking at the fig tree, and other trees also, but the transformation of the fig was very dramatic. Over the winter months its branches become very dry and brittle, so much so it has the appearance of a dead tree. As spring arrives the fig tree's branches become tender, filled with sap, and eventually bud. When the fig tree makes this transformation they knew summer was very near.

This is important because just as they could know the change of seasons by watching nature's signs, they could likewise know that when they see the things happening that Jesus had described earlier, they could be confident the kingdom of God was near. The second coming of Jesus, as well as a changed heart, are both certainties through Christ. His fulfillment of prophecies assured the disciples that all the prophecies He'd given here would also come true.

It doesn't take a lot of life to figure out that political trends come and go. Opinion polls change like the direction of the wind, and fashions come and go daily. Life's savings can be here today and gone tomorrow. Music groups can be on top of the world one day and forgotten the next. Every certainty the world values is temporal at best. Now contrast that with Jesus' words.

**“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”**

In Christ, this is a new day, today and for eternity. Christ's return is not to be feared but expected.



## PRAYER REQUEST

**Juanita Ortego** is home and doing well following surgery. The cancer was successfully removed. She appreciates calls.

**Maria Ulibarri** is still very weak. Continue your prayers for Maria and Frank.

**Lin Decker** is requesting prayers. He has been diagnosed with a neurological disorder as well as dealing with Parkinson's. Pray for Lin and Jackie and their family.

**Neal & Theresa Peck** left Thursday for Florida. While there they will be attending a memorial service for Neal's father. They will be back on January 5.

**Celeste Green**, Dan and Latayne Scott's daughter, was diagnosed with a very strange autoimmune "blip" post-infection. God is good and prayers work.

**Gabe Jacquez**, a former member, is requesting prayers. He was brought to Lovelace Hospital downtown on Wednesday from Taos. Gabe is diabetic and has been ill for several days. He will begin dialysis and requests no visitors at this time.

**Ellen Burton**, Etta Love's aunt, is in a short term care facility. She will not be able to live alone and is not taking that news well. Pray for strength for Etta and that God softens Ellen's heart.

**Sara Sullivan**, Kay Batie's daughter, is now at home. She is getting help dealing with issues of diabetes.

**Continue to pray for:** Joan Kenley, Sherry Abraham's mother **Pat, Karen Brennells**, cousin of Cindy Darnell, **Stefano Simone, Max and Thelma Hanna, Sherry Boberg, Karen Batie, Terrence Burton**, Carol Fitzgerald's friend, **Imogene Cable**, Flo Davidson's sister, **Tena Jones, Mary House, Guylene Grady**, Judy Rogers' mother, **Chris Stringham, Steve Buscemi, Carol Fitzgerald, Betty Sowell, David Carpenter, Amanda Riccon**, Sherry Abraham's niece, **Gloria Brannan, Terry Padilla, Arlene DeFoor, Stephanie Summers, Jorge Lujan**, father of Damaris Martinez, **Dan Scott, Jim & Elaine Koehler, Janet Schleyer, Greg Kelly, Rose Hensley**, Latayne Scott's mother, **Doris Grammer, Lilah Odam Swan**, daughter of Larry & Zrita Martinez, **Jeff Liddell, Lin & Jackie Decker, Aleasha Decker, Delora Moore**, Jackie Decker's mother.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. I am pleased to say that I am better everyday. I wanted you all to know how much your cards meant to me. I hope to visit Albuquerque soon and perhaps get the opportunity to meet some of you.

Merry Christmas,  
Ken Doull  
(Brother-in-Law of Norris Stokes)

## DECKER BABY SHOWER

A baby shower is planned for **Angela and Jason Decker** on TODAY at 1:15 pm in the family center. The Decker's are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Walmart and Target.

## THANK YOU

Dear Mountainside Family,

Thank you so much for all of your visits, calls, food, and cards. Most importantly, thank you for all your prayers over the last month for David and our family. Those prayers carried David and us through and we are convinced that your prayers helped bring God's resolution, in God's timing, in the best way possible. It is so amazing to be able to see God's hand in even the toughest times. We are so thankful that God foresaw the need for the Church and that so many of you allowed Christ's love to live through you to us. Thank you also for everyone who helped out with the Memorial, both visibly and behind the scenes. We couldn't have done it without you.

Love in Christ who gives us Hope,  
**The Rimer Family**

Sincere Thanks for the ladies of the Quilt Ministry for surprising me with a beautiful quilt. I will treasure it.

**Ron Sartain**

**Maryam Archibald** appreciates all the cards and encouragement. She still has a lot of battles to conquer but she is thankful for her supportive Mountainside family.

## SYMPATHY

The Mountainside family extends our sympathy to the family of **Debra Robinson**, who passed away suddenly in her home from a cardiac event on Saturday. A memorial service for Deborah will be held here at Mountainside on Saturday, December 30th at 2:00 PM.

## HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

ACCH is a ministry that is passionately dedicated to fostering at-risk children. We are looking for a faithful married couple who love children, model their faith and want to serve full time in our ministry as house parents. Must be members of the Church of Christ.

**Benefits include:** Housing, utilities, vacation, medical, and short and long term disability.

Interested couples can send a cover letter of interest and resumes to ewhite@acch4kids.org or contact Everett White at 505-980-7468 for additional information.

## Upcoming Events

### TODAY

Angela Decker Baby Shower

Westside Holiday Party

### December 27

Annual CSC Posole Dinner and Area Wide

## Wednesday Meals

If you would like to help prepare the Wednesday night meals, please contact Matt and Beth Darnell at (505) 917-4528 or email baddarnell@gmail.com

## DESSERTS WELCOME

## Schedule

Dec 20-Schmille  
Dec 27-CSC ANNUAL POSOLE BOWL DINNER 5-6:30 PM (Christmas Week)

Jan 3-Darnell's  
Jan 10-Rowe's  
Jan 17-Simone's  
Jan 24-Stouts  
Jan 31-Rosemary & Norris Stokes

Feb 7-Archibald's  
Feb 14-ANY TAKERS??  
Feb 21-Means  
Feb 28-Monica Darnell