

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>SGS</u> September 16

<u>Fall Retreat</u> September 28-30

ACCH Clean-up October 13

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.

Small Group Tonight

Small Group Studies

Small Group Studies (SGS) will begin September 16 @ 5pm. SGSs are a great way to connect with each other and study God's Word. Our series this time is Relat(able), as we learn how to change ourselves and the world through our relationships. A typical SGS will have a devotional, food, and some kind of activity. Join us and be a part of the community on Sunday nights.

Fall Retreat

Our Fall Retreat is coming up, make sure you are ready for a great weekend of spiritual discussion and growth, as well as some fun as we head up to Ponderosa Christian Camp on September 28-30. The retreat is \$25 for the weekend, which includes food and a t-shirt.

ACCH Clean-up

On October 13 we are taking a trip out to ACCH to help with some clean-up in their area. We will be cleaning our their pond, and other debris around their facility. It will be a great opportunity to serve, see you there!

Today's Servers

Services Coordinator: John Coch (8:30 AM) Song Leader: Alan Taylor (10:30 AM Service) Song Leader: Alan Taylor

Opening Prayer: Nathan Bowles Closing Prayer: Jerry Patton **Lord's Supper:** Dave Pace, Casey McCall, Chad Darnell, Joel Means, Garrett Holloman, Steven Samuels Alternates: Alonzo Rubio, Ben Anyanonu Nursery Attendants: Tommye Hanna, Aeryn Bowie

(5:00 PM Service)
Song Leader: Shawn Kerr
Opening Prayer: David Shelton Closing Prayer: Gary VanCleve

For The Record - Week of September 9, 2018

Bible Study	234
A.M. Worship	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday classes	

Budget......\$11,704.85 Contribution....\$16,073.00

Praise the Lord

Mountainside Small Group Ministries

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Bowles/Anyanonu: Sun. 4:15 PM, 3022 22nd Ave. SE, Rio Rancho (Westside), 994-8808.

Schleyer: 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 Thursday AM to Rick Hankins by phone or email. Thank you!

Sunday, September

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Mountainside

12300 Indian School Rd. NE Albuquerque. NM 87112

Church of Christ

Mountainside Church Elders Doug Brown

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

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

Psalm 116:1-2 NIV

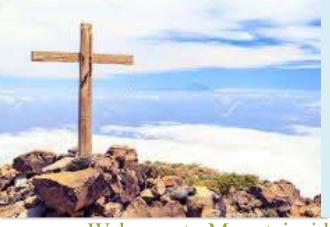
Mountainside Church Deacons

Stephen Anyanonu Nathan Bowles Larry Best Tom Condos Chad Darnell Matt Darnell Colin Foust Wes Herron Jonathan Lewis Joel Means Jim Poland Robert Poland Joe Schrader Garrett Schmille Dave Shelton Mario Simone Curtis Vernon Roy Yates

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.



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

Million Dollar Sunday Is September 30th



The Bible. We Want Everyone To Get It.

EEM is working with national leaders in countries like Ukraine, Croatia, Bul-

garia and Greece to distribute thousands of Bibles and Bible-based materials. EEM is also currently fulfilling requests for Bibles in four entire regions in Ukraine, and 180,000 books in Kazakhstan, Belarus and Russia.

Join us during the Million Dollar Sunday campaign to fulfill these requests for God's Word in 2018. To learn more, visit milliondollarsunday.org.

Find EEM on Facebook and Instagram @EasternEuropeanMission

New Flooring

As you have noticed, the downstairs foyer and hallways are getting new flooring. This has been made possible through church-wide donations and is not coming out of the "New Building Fund". Praise God! Thank you for being patient with the construction.

Save The Date

Attention Ladies, save the date of October 6th on your calendars for the Gallup Church of Christ's Ladies' Day. More info to come.

Men's Breakfast

There is a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 22 at 7:30am. Join us for Biscuits & Gravy and a guest speaker.

Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction

SAVE THE DATE! Albuquerque Christian Children's Home Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction Sat., Nov. 10th – 5pm.

Invitations will be in the mail soon! If you're not on our mailing list and would like to be, please call: 898-5520 to be added.

Attention Readers

The church library has been revived and reorganized in a user-friendly, topical method. Categories are posted on the wall nearest the door. Check out is simple. Print your name, date, and name of the book being borrowed on the clipboard form. Check in is simpler. Put the book in the bin marked 'Check In" and it will be reshelved for you. There is no limit; however, return items when you are finished so others may enjoy them.

THE TRUCK IS COMING!

The New Mexico Christian Children's Home is sending their truck from Portales to Albuquerque on September 20th to collect donations of liquid hand soap in dispensers, liquid bath soap, and any Change Cans that you may have at this time. Monetary donations and Change Cans may be brought to the church office and will be picked up by the driver. A collection box for the soap items is located in the foyer.

From Rick's Desk September 16, 2018

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Services Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:40 AM

Sunday Bible Study 9:40 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.

Priorities

The Sermon on the Mount contains some of Christ's most commanding teachings in the gospels. One that comes to mind very quickly is "You are to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all of these things [basic needs] will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). This is where much of my focus will be once again this morning. This single verse is one of the most challenging, and yet, neglected mandates of Christ. It is so easy to read the word for the intellectual insight, and miss the practicality of putting it into action in our lives.

I believe this happens many times because we lose sight of the **identity** of the one making this demand. Does He have the right to issue such a rigorous obligation? If one does not believe completely the confession one makes when becoming a Christian, it stands to reason that faithful kingdom productivity will be little to nothing.

The importance of true belief can never be underestimated. Do we believe that Christ is our Creator (John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:3), he is our Savior (Matthew 1:21), and he has been granted authority over us (John 17:2; Matthew 28:18). When we believe these truths we willingly accept His authority over us and we will be obedient. If we are not willing to acknowledge these truths, there is no way we can legitimately claim to be his disciples. This can't help but influence our priorities each and every day in a negative way. Likewise, if we truly believe, that too will be seen in the kingdom priorities we choose.

There is another reality in this verse that cannot be missed. I have mentioned it often in my last two sermons where this verse has been referenced, and will be again today. It is the word, "Seek." The verb "seek" (zeteo – 117 times in the New Testament) is a verb in the command mode, and it stresses continuous activity. The word embraces several thoughts that we cannot miss. They are thoughts like, "looking for," "investigating," and "striving to obtain." It embodies the idea of strenuous effort. Christians are not to prioritize their own interests, but those of their Lord first and foremost (Philippians 2:21).

Another important word in this verse is "First." It emphasizes precedence, but also signifies degree, as "in the first place, above all, or especially." The opposite of this intent was seen in the man who sought to follow Christ, but said "first, let me go and bury my father." (Mt.8:21) Jesus' response to the man could seem harsh and cold, but what was really intended was the understanding that the man did not appreciate the **preeminence** of his Lord.

The expression "kingdom of God," in the sense of this context, is the "reign" of God in your life. Is He the priority of your heart so that your entire existence is governed by his rule? The Creator of the universe will not be satisfied in being a morsel in your life, no, He wants to be your life.

The term "**righteousness**" signifies living the way God wants you to. This would be like Jesus' proclamation to John the Baptist at the time of his baptism: "Let it be so now, it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." (Matthew 3:15) One scholar has expressed the matter like this: "Righteousness is seen as God's demand upon man. Righteousness refers to proper conduct before God." The term assumes Jehovah's sovereignty over man, and his perfect wisdom in dictating the appropriate way for people to live.

Once again, we see that Jesus is simply telling us to be all in. This cannot be done with a half-hearted effort. Jesus Christ must be our priority for us to be who He wants us to be.



PRAYER REQUEST

Quentin Pace, son of Patrick and Aneesa Pace, has recovered nicely from his recent heart surgery. Please keep the Pace family in your prayers as they deal with several health issues as well as tropical storm weather.

Bob and Mary Lafler's grandson-in-law passed away this week. Please pray for the wife and family during this time.

Phillip James, the minister at Hogback Church of Christ on the Navajo Reservation, is experiencing deteriorating eyesight and is slowly going blind. He has asked for our prayers.

Dorothy Faye Clark (stepmother of Curley Hall and Mary Lee Williams) will have surgery on October 7th to remove the lumps in her neck.

Lisa Walker, Steve Boberg's niece, will have radiation treatment soon. The family is grateful for all the prayers offered up on Lisa's behalf and continued prayers for healing are appreciated.

Continue to pray for: Orl Wright, father of Zrita Martinez; Babetta (Kay) Darnell, mother of Lance and Bronson; Leslie Phipps, sister of Zrita Martinez; Sara McSorley; Barbara Murphy, Betty Frederick-Sowell, Kadence Spreter, Teresa Groom, Joe and Betty Groom, Sam Hanna, Lilah Swan, daughter of Larry and Zrita Martinez, Greg Kelly, Caroline Melton, Flo Davidson's sister, Candice Grant, Terry Padilla's granddaughter, Dennis Mangan, Leslie Anyanonu's father, Tena Jones, Leonard Armijo, Terry Padilla's son, Barbara Murphy, Sharlene and Shannon, Winette and Ira Parr's daughters, Arlene DeFoor, Juanita Ortego, Sherry Abraham's mother Pat, Sherry Boberg, Mary House, Guylene Grady, Judy Rogers' mother, Chris Stringham, Steve Buscemi, David Carpenter, Amanda Riccon, Sherry Abraham's niece, Gloria Brannan, Terry Padilla, Stephanie Summers, Dan Scott, Rose Hensley, Latayne Scott's mother, Doris Grammer, Jeff Liddell, Lin and Jackie Decker, Aleasha Decker, Delora Moore, Jackie Decker's mother.

Condolences

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of baby **Harper Beach**, daughter of Phillip and Tori Beach and granddaughter of the late Vernon Beach. Harper was born with a congenital heart defect and passed shortly after a heart procedure. A memorial for Harper was held yesterday at Southwest Church of Christ in Jonesboro, AR. Please keep the entire Beach family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to the Beach Family at:

2600 Flatrock Trail Jonesboro, AR 72404

20 Years of Ministry

Everyone is invited to celebrate Rick and Vera's 20 years of ministry at Mountainside on Saturday, October 6th at 6:00pm here in the Family Center. Dinner and great fellowship will be provided! This is a catered event so please RSVP by Oct. 2nd at: mtnside12300@yahoo.com or (505) 292-8347.

Schlever Small Group

The Schleyer Small Group has resumed meeting every Sunday evening at 6:00pm for a potluck followed by the lesson at 7:00 pm.

Drawing Group

We will meet on Saturday, September 29th at 9:30am in the Ladies Classroom. We had a great start with nine in attendance and discussed many ideas for expressing our creativity.

New Class

There is a new class taught by Larry Lawrence beginning this Wednesday entitled "The Creation of Man". This class meets upstairs in room 205.

Quilt Fiesta Santa Fe

What: Field trip to Santa Fe When: Friday, Oct 19th Why: Fun and Fellowship

How Much: \$7 admission fee and extra for lunch.

Contact Shirley Stout at (505) 859-9449 for more information.

Christmas Cantata

The Gracias Christmas Cantata is a show-stopping musical event centered around the message of Christ and is coming to Albuquer-que on Oct. 11 at 7pm. Free tickets are available in the church office to anyone who wishes to attend.

Chocolate Basket

Dark, Milk, Caramel, or Salted—we want it all! We are looking for donations of chocolate goodies to put in our Chocolate Basket which will be raffled off at the Bling Show (Oct. 19-20). The Bling Show benefits the Shine Program and our Chocolate Basket is always a huge hit! You can place your donations in the red bag on the table in the foyer until Oct 14th.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 22 Men's Breakfast

Oct. 6

20 year Ministry Celebration

Nov. 10

ACCH Dinner and Auction

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

<u>Schedule</u>

Sep 19-Carole Roberts & Crew Sep 26-Shanae & Garrett Holloman

Desserts are always welcomed!