



## No Activity Tonight

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who participated this year. We collected 120 boxes in an effort to bless others and spread the Gospel around the globe. Your charity is a blessing to so many, thank you for demonstrating God's love.

### Small Group

Next week we'll continue our Small Group Studies. These 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?" Come and find out what it is all about!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Group  
Decmeber 3

New Year's Extravaganza  
Decmeber 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: Dan Rowe (8:30 AM)  
 Song Leader: Tom Condos (10:30 AM Service)  
 Song Leader: Neal Peck  
 Opening Prayer: Tom Shoemaker Closing Prayer: Doug Brown  
**Lord's Supper:** Angelo Simone, Dave Pace, Curtis Vernon, Brock Darnell, Stephen Anyanonu, Chris Pfeil Alternates: Steven Samuels, Mike Stevens  
 Nursery Attendants: Paula Coch, Shanae Holloman  
 (5:00 PM Service)  
 Song Leader: Shawn Kerr  
 Opening Prayer: Jason Decker Closing Prayer: Frank Ulibarri

### For The Record - Week of November 19, 2017

Bible Study.....193	Budget.....\$11,704.85
A.M. Worship.....346	Contribution.....\$11,788.26
P.M. Worship.....81	
Wednesday classes.....47	

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, November  
**26**  
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

### DAY OF PRAISE AND THANKS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Day of Praise and Thanks! It was a huge success. Thank you to Cherie and Tim Sharp for overseeing, the set-up crew, the clean up crew, all the hands that prepared the delicious food and everyone we might have missed in between.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Be sure you mark Sunday, December 10! Parents and grandparents will not want to miss *Parenting in a Media Driven World!*  
 Delton Mcguire has thee lessons he will be presenting.  
**8:30 and 10:30 Worship**—*Characteristics of a well-functioning Christian family*  
**9:30 Adult Classes**—*Social Media and Media Convergence*  
**5:00 PM Worship**—*Electronic Battlefields: Your Child and Television.*  
 Plan on staying after the evening worship for sandwiches and desserts. If the congregation will bring sandwiches to share, desserts and beverages will be provided. Please plan on attending.

### ANNUAL AREAWIDE WORSHIP

Season's Greetings from the CSC at UNM! We would like to invite you to the Annual Areawide 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!

### 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!

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee will be meeting on December 10. If you have requests to submit for consideration please see Jerry Patton, Matt Darnell, Curtis Vernon or Gene Decker as soon as possible.

### Annual Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party is Friday, December 8, at 6:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer today so that we can get a good count for set up. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert. There will be a gift exchange. Every person wanting to participate in this should bring a gift. There is a \$15 limit for these gifts.

### PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

A group of pastors in Albuquerque has formed an organization called New Mexico Prays (<http://newmexicoprays.org>), a "movement of churches covering New Mexico in 24x7 Prayer." They began this prayer movement a year ago and now have 86 churches across the state praying for their city, our state, and our nation. Each church signs up for one day a month. Doug Brown would like to get Mountainside involved in this prayer movement and wants to find out if we have enough members who would be willing to sign up to pray once a month on a specific day for an hour. Doug will suggest some prayer topics every month, but prayers are not limited to these topics. If you are interested in participating in this prayer ministry, you an see Doug, call him at (505)280-4083 or email him at [doug.brown.abq@gmail.com](mailto:doug.brown.abq@gmail.com).

### TEACHERS & MINISTRY LEADERS

If you have something you would like placed on the church's website or social media sited such as class outlines, lessons, announcements, reminders, invitations, etc., please let the office know and we'd be happy to help.

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505-292-8347

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mtinside12300@yahoo.com  
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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.

## The True Prayer Warrior

Today I will be sharing some thoughts on the Parable of the Persistent Widow. (Lk.18:1-8) It would be difficult to miss the point of prayer in this parable, but one may not see the emphasis on the hope to come. We pray about many things, but few of those things are in our prayers for months or years into the future. If we don't get a reasonably quick answer to our prayers, we easily move on to the next concern.

When reading this parable it would hopefully make us wonder why we are not more persistent and enduring with our prayers for specific concerns, especially when they are righteous concerns and very important to us. I know that generally speaking we don't struggle with our having to wait for Christ's return, but we do seem to lose sight of the blessing of being saved in the here and now and what that means. As saved people we have been called to be zealous for God and for that to be seen in our good works. (Tit. 2:11-14, Eph.2:10) What better work could we be involved in than praying for spiritual success in our witness to the world around us and doing it persistently, day in and day out.

Life in the flesh for a believer can certainly be a tough struggle sometimes and can seem very unfair. This happens because we are trying to honor our God in a world that does not honor God. Other times we get discouraged because we can see the unfaithful gaining life's stuff seemingly with no struggle at all. It can be easy to lose heart, but we can't allow that to happen. Scripture reminds us that their life in the flesh is their full payment and they will miss the blessing of eternity with God. (Lk.6:23-26, 16:19-31)

The persistent widow most certainly felt extremely convicted in her quest for justice from her adversary. She knew that the judge was an ungodly man and didn't allow that to deter her from her mission. She appealed to him over and over and over. In the end the unjust judge gave in just so he can be done with her. Jesus shared this story to impress upon us the importance of our persistence in our quest for vindication in our witness story to the unbelieving world and our eventual full redemption when our Father takes us home. Jesus knows what we deal with. This world was going to crucify Him.

Wow, what if the church as a whole used this kind of imagery in our quest for the salvation of the lost? What would happen if we tried to wear God down with our prayers, our requests for open doors and open hearts so that the lost would be more receptive to the gospel? It would be a win win situation. The lost would be saved and our faith would increase exponentially. There was a prayer like this in Acts 4:23-31 when the church asked for enabling to perform what God had called them to do, and it was done in a time of fierce persecution. They desired God's blessing, God's intervention, whatever was necessary to show His presence powerfully through their ministry. Why would we do any less?

In the end, if an unrighteous, secular judge will finally hear your appeals, how much more will your appeals be heard by your heavenly Father, who loves you and cares about you supremely. If we say, "Father help," He will hear. We must always believe God is on our side.



## PRAYER REQUEST

**David Rimer** has been put on hospice at the VA 5th floor. Brief visits are okay. Join the family in prayers for David's comfort for as long as he is on this earth with us. Join also in Thanksgiving for his glorious homecoming with his savior, Jesus Christ, who makes all things new.

**Latayne Scott** had successful cataract surgery last week.

**Dan Scott** is doing better.

**Maria Ulibarri** was in the ER briefly last week. She was able to spend some time with her daughter over Thanksgiving.

**Jim Rogers** will have day surgery on December 7th to reattach ligaments to the thumb and index finger of his left hand.

**Joan Kenley** is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on Monday, November 27.

Sherry Abraham's mom **Pat** was home for Thanksgiving and is ready to get back to some normalcy. Louis and I appreciate all your prayers on my mom, Bob's and our behalf during this time. We know they were heard and answered. God is good!

**Continue to pray for:** Karen Brennells, cousin of Cindy Darnell, Stefano, Simone, Ken Doull, Norris Stokes brother-in-law, Norris Stokes Sr., Norris Stokes dad, Sue McCall, Max and Thelma Hanna, Sherry Boberg, Karen Batie, Terrence Burton, Carol Fitzgerald's friend, Imogene Cable, Flo Davidson's sister, Tena Jones, Carol Baldwin, Vera Hankins sister, Mary House, Guylene Grady, Judy Rogers' mother, Chris Stringham, Mateo Taggart, 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, Kim Partain, mother of former members Keli & Tori Boucher, Dan Scott, Jim & Elaine Koehler, Ellen Burton, Etta Love's aunt, Janet Schleyer, Greg Kelly, Rose Hensley, Latayne Scott's mother, Doris Grammer, Maria Ulibarri, Pat Hatcher, Belinda Nuckols' mother, Lilah Odam Swan, daughter of Larry & Zrita Martinez, Jeff Liddell, Lin & Jackie Decker, Aleasha Decker, Delora Moore, Jackie Decker's mother.

## THANK YOU

Dear Mountainside Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support of the PHOEBE Ministry over the past year. You have showered us with donations of cards, stamps, and money for which we are very grateful. You have bathed us in encouragement and prayer.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in blessing the lives of those around us during the coming year.

In Christian Love  
The Mountainside PHOEBE Ministry

## CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

Krissie Samuels will be taking individual pictures of all the children, Nursery through 5th grade, for this year's Christmas ornaments. This will take place on Sunday November 19 and 26, during morning class.

## LUNCH WITH SANTA

There will be a POTLUCK lunch with Santa after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, December 3. Bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. There will be ornament decorating and you can take a selfie with Santa!

## BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower for Tanya Harmount on Sunday, December 10, at 2 PM. Tanya is having a little girl due in January. She is registered at Amazon.com. Her needs are simple, diapers, and all things girly!

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you who made my birthday special with your cards, good wishes, gifts and the wonderful lunch. You actually made my 80th birthday fun!

Thanks you so much.

Flo Davidson

## WEDNESDAY MEAL MINISTRY

We are so thankful for your diligent service to this church family on a weekly basis. We appreciate the time, effort, and consideration required to plan, purchase, prepare, and to accomplish feeding such a diverse group of people here at Mountainside.

Thank you to **Beth and Matt Darnell**, for coordinating and organizing this ministry.

Thank you, volunteers, for stepping up by helping with food preparation and clean-up in the kitchen, for keeping food and supplies plentiful and available during the meals, for bringing desserts, for distributing and retrieving salt and pepper shakers, for wiping tables, for folding chairs and tables, for hoisting the trash off to the dumpsters, and the list goes on. Thank you, Father, for blessing us with one another!

## 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

**December 3**  
Lunch with Santa

**December 8**  
Annual Christmas Party

**December 10**  
*Parenting in a Media Driven World*

Tanya Harmount Baby Shower

**December 17**  
Angela Decker Baby Shower

## 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

Nov 29-Matt Darnell

Dec 6-Best/Holloman  
Dec 13-Vernon/Givler  
Dec 20-Schmille  
Dec 27-NO MEAL (Christmas Week)