



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?*" 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 (\$10 limit), 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 last from 6:30pm—7am.

I hope you all are ready for a great night full of fun.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Group
December 3

Christmas Party
December 21

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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: Roy Yates
(10:30 AM Service)

Song Leader: Doug Brown

Opening Prayer: Robert Poland Closing Prayer: Neal Peck

Lord's Supper: Alex Ospino, John Coch, Matt Darnell, Garrett Schmillie, Tom Condos, Charlie Chastain Alternates: Jeff Davenport
Nursery Attendants: Julia Holloman, Vera Hankins

(5:00 PM Service)

Song Leader: Shawn Kerr

Opening Prayer: Tom Shoemaker Closing Prayer: Travis Hale

For The Record - Week of November 26, 2017

Bible Study.....174
A.M. Worship.....301
P.M. Worship.....58
Wednesday classes.....169

Budget.....\$11,704.85
Contribution.....\$9,824.53

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

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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 Schmillie -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

PARENTING IN A MEDIA DRIVEN WORLD

Be sure you mark Sunday, December 10! Parents and grandparents will not want to miss *Parenting in a Media Driven World!*

Delton Mcguire has three 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.

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Can you pray for an hour a month?

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, please see Doug, call him at (505) 280-4083 or email him at doug.brown.abq@gmail.com.

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.

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 on Sunday, December 17. 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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU!

If you haven't noticed the Military Recognition board in the foyer lately, please make it a point to look at it. Doug Archibald has redone it recently and it looks great. Thank you, Doug, for your hard work.

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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.

Keep On Praying

The world in all its sarcasm of Christians and our way of life makes many untruthful claims about God. One of those would be the statement, "God's gonna getcha if you don't watch out." This portrays God as a vicious dictator watching and waiting for us to mess up just so He can discipline us. Many people see God as this monstrous being who causes freeway accidents, creates diseases, and sends death upon us to remind us who is in control. Jesus, however, painted a very different picture of God.

In many of Jesus' parables he reveals our God to be more than willing to relate to humanity just as any father would relate to his own children. This truth is seen in last week's parable of the "Persistent Widow," and we will see it again in the parable of the "Persistent Host." (Luke 11:5-8) Basically, a Christian can know that even when all of life's circumstances seem to be going against us and the doors of life are locked, we can have confidence that God cares for us. Our God is never too busy, too distant, or inaccessible.

In today's parable, once again Jesus stressed the need for all of us to be persistent in our prayers. This story's setting was midnight in a small town in Palestine. There was a journeying friend who arrived in town unexpectedly. Social customs dictated that you provide food for this guest. The problem, however, is that your family has eaten all the bread the previous day and you have nothing to set before this guest. Jewish customs of hospitality required that a guest be cared for lavishly and generously.

You want to provide but you can't. You do, however, live in a close knit community and you are aware of one of the neighbors who has some bread. You know this, perhaps, because the family always has plenty or they may have done a week's worth of baking that day. You don't want to disturb your neighbor at this hour of the night, but custom dictates that you knock on the door and ask him to lend you three loaves of bread. The three loaves are small, and this was an amount that would have been a proper amount to be considered a meal.

Now we see the neighbor is not happy to be interrupted at this late hour. In a small first century home, getting up and making one's way to the door, disturbing everyone, even the possibility of some livestock bedded down in the home, of course, would have been an extreme inconvenience. The friend might not get up for the sake of the friendship, but will do so because of the urgency of the request.

Once again Jesus used this kind of extreme example to stress persistence in prayer. The persistence of the person who needed to feed the visiting friend was why the man already in bed would get up and give him whatever he needed. The sleeping neighbor understood providing generously to the newly arrived guest, and that he was obligated to help his neighbor in his request for bread. The boldness of the neighbor who needed assistance is what a praying person needs in praying to God. This kind of boldness rids us of apathy and assists our hearts and minds in becoming more Christ-like. Our persistent prayer life is not meant to get a reluctant God to answer our prayers, rather it shows our God just how serious we are in our requests.



PRAYER REQUEST

Maria Ulibarri was in the ER Wednesday and was admitted to Presbyterian Hospital downtown. She is very weak and the doctors are running tests to determine a plan of action. Please pray for Maria's health and strength and for Frank's peace of mind during this stressful time.

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

Joan Kenley had successful knee replacement surgery on Monday. She is recovering at home.

Continue to pray for: Sherry Abraham's mother **Pat, 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, 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, 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.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Ron Sartain and to his sister, Jean Bofman. Jean's husband, **Jerry Bofman**, passed Monday. Services were held on Thursday.

SYMPATHY

The Mountainside family extends our heartfelt sympathy to Sara McSorley with the loss of her son who passed after an extended illness. Arrangements for services are pending.

LCU PRAISE CHOIR

Lubbock Christian University's Praise Choir and Chamber Singer presents Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs of the Season on Monday, December 11, at 7:00 PM at Riverside Church of Christ, 3100 La Orilla Rd. NW.

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!

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 Target and Amazon.com. Her needs are simple, diapers, and all things girly!

MEALS NEEDED

Joan Kenley just had surgery and can use some meals! Please go to www.takethemameal.com to sign up! Enter her last name: Kenley and passcode 4375. If you have any questions or need help signing up please call Courtney Yates.

DECKER BABY SHOWER

A baby shower is planned for **Angela and Jason Decker** on Sunday, December 17 at 1:15 pm in the family center. The Decker's are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Walmart and Target.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Rimer family extends an invitation to a memorial service for David being held here at Mountainside on Saturday, December 9th at 2pm.

We are planning a very casual, family atmosphere.

There will be a time afterwards for everyone to stay and reminisce with us and each other in the auditorium and family center. Formality wasn't dad's thing. Being together was. The church will provide finger foods and drinks for anyone who wants to stay. We are asking the congregation to provide desserts and salads.

It was David's request and the family's, that in lieu of flowers a donation be given to the Christian Student Center, 130 Girard Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

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

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

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