



No Activity Tonight

Small Group– 3/18 @ 5pm

Next week at 5pm we'll continue our small group studies. These Sunday night studies are a great way to grow stronger in our faith as families and stand firm in what we believe, I strongly encourage parents to come to these studies, and add to the conversation of being better Christians. Small Groups include: study, food, and fun. Come and find out what it is all about!

New Mexico Gladiators 3/31

At the end of March we have been invited by the Santa Fe Church of Christ to join them in going to a Gladiator arena football game. The tickets would only be \$5 a piece! I have 30 tickets, ready for pick up. If you would like to come to the game, come and see me, it is a first come-first served basis.

Spiritual Explosion

In just a few short weeks Riverside Church of Christ will be hosting their annual youth rally. It is a great weekend with a great speaker, entertainment, food, and worship. The cost is \$10 for the weekend; which includes a t-shirt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Group
March 18

Gladiator Game
March 31

Spiritual Explosion
April 13-14

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.

Mountainside Church of Christ

12300 Indian School Rd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Sunday, March

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2018

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



Welcome to Mountainside Church of Christ

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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!

UPDATED DIRECTORIES

If you haven't already picked yours up, the updated directories are on the table in the foyer. Please be sure to find your copy and take it home. If you find a mistake or have any changes that need to be made please call or email the office and we will make sure it is updated in our records for our next edition. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

ACCH KOIN CANS

It's ACCH Koin Kan time again!! This is a fun, easy way for you to help ACCH. Simply by donating your extra coins.

You can return your can to the church office and ACCH will pick up Koin Kans from the church office the week of April 30th. However ACCH takes Koin Kans all year long!!

LoveINC SPAGHETTI WESTERN

The second annual LoveINC Spaghetti Western will be April 6, 2018 from 6-9 pm at the Jewish Community Center at 5520 Wyoming Blvd, NE. There will be fun for the whole family. Tickets are \$15 each or 4 for \$50. Purchase tickets at www.loveincabq.org or by calling 255-5683 ext. 2.

Suncrest Riders Charity Dinner

The Suncrest Riders Chapter of Christian Motorcyclists Association is hosting a Country themed fundraiser dinner here at Mountainside on Friday April 27, at 6PM. 100% of the proceeds go to evangelistic charities. Tickets are \$20. See Daryl Neher from early service or call him at 575-650-5621.

BIBLE BOWL NEEDS YOUR HELP

On Friday, April 6, about 60-70 teens and sponsors will arrive from Colorado and Kansas for our Bible Bowl competition. We need your help to house them all. Hosts will pick up 3 or 4 (or whatever number you can handle) people on Friday night around 8:00 pm at the Mountainside building and take them to your homes. Give them a place to sleep, and then feed them breakfast the next morning. Then get them back to the building by 8:00 am on Saturday, April. Please sign up in the foyer or contact Joe or Dawn Schrader (294-5913) if you can help. Thanks!

6th ANNUAL WOMAN2WOMAN

The 6th Annual Woman2Woman mini conference will be held at the Los Alamos Church of Christ, 2323 Diamond Dr., on Saturday, March 17, from 9 am-Noon. The subject is "Growing in God's Goodness". Our activities this year will focus on understanding and practicing what God considers good. This is the sixth program in the on going "Fruit of the Spirit" series.

Rosemary Stokes will be driving the van to this event. If you are interested please call, text or her at 408-887-7195. The van will leave the building at 7am and will be returning when the conference ends.

LoveINC

This month we are seeking donations of pots, pans, muffin tins and bakeware. 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!

Today's Servers

Services Coordinator: Robert Poland
(8:30 AM)

Song Leader: Shawn Kerr
(10:30 AM Service)

Song Leader: Doug Brown

Opening Prayer: Robert Poland Closing Prayer: Lance Darnell

Lord's Supper: Joe Sandoval, Alex Ospino, Matt Darnell, Tom Condos, Peter Smolenski, Nathaniel Rowe Alternates: Tom House, Alonzo Rubio

Nursery Attendants: Paula Coch, Leslie Anyanonu

(5:00 PM Service)

Song Leader: Robert Poland

Opening Prayer: David Shelton Closing Prayer: Colin Foust

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!

For The Record - Week of March 04, 2018

Bible Study.....212
A.M. Worship.....310
P.M. Worship.....93
Wednesday classes.....195

Budget.....\$11,704.85
Contribution.....\$12,699.04

Praise the Lord

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

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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.

The Christ Story

Beginning today I am going to do something I've not done before. Normally, this time of year I am preaching through whatever text and come Easter Sunday we move to a message centered on the resurrection. This year, beginning this morning, we are going to take a fast journey through the life of Christ culminating April 1st at the death and resurrection of our savior. Believers know that the resurrection is what separates Christianity from all the false hopes out there in the world today. Our God is alive!

Having said that, I also believe that sometimes we lose sight of the equally important truth of God becoming flesh and living a human life for thirty-three years. Our Father loved us so much He willingly walked away from the majesty of heaven and came to this earth. He also didn't make a grand entrance like a great world leader of today would have done. No, He entered quietly, humbly, and with little to no fanfare. We begin this journey today and end on April 1st.

There are so many ways Christ's birth is different from the rest of humanity and those differences center around Him being God in the flesh. There are also many ways the birth of Christ is no different than any other birth of a child throughout history. There is suspense, anxiety, excitement, and planning. The child was named for them but there was still the preparing of the house in order to care for the child, and, of course, the nine month wait. There are also all of those questions we consider. What will our children become? What will their eyes see? What threats will they face, and the list goes on and on. There are also those questions of doubt, can we provide for our children or keep them safe?

We know the questions above, and there are many not mentioned, are the same questions that went through the hearts and minds of Joseph and Mary. We know this because they were human and this is what we do. I would suggest however that their situation was probably a little more stressful since they had to make that journey to Bethlehem right at the time Mary was due to deliver.

Today in our lesson I want us all to be mindful of the upper and lower story. In this circumstance we can see two things unfolding. In the lower story you have the scandal of Mary being pregnant out of wedlock and all the backlash associated with such a circumstance. To add a little more salt to the wound you have Caesar ordering a census that has Joseph and Mary traveling to Bethlehem at the worst possible time. Praise God when this all began that He made both Joseph and Mary aware of what was happening and how it would be. However, this did not remove them from a world without that same information and the strife that it brought.

We are so blessed God's plan of redeeming humanity back to Himself involved seeing the very heart of God in the person of Jesus Christ. This would have never happened had God not been willing to leave the majesty of heaven. By virtue of Jesus' life as a human being, He showed us that men and women of our little planet Earth are blessed to be able to have a relationship with the Father. We can experience Him, honor Him, and can be obedient to Him.

God's entrance into humanity in the first century Jewish culture had the makings of a story seemingly shrouded in scandal. How in the world can the King of Kings, the Messiah, come into this world in this manner? As believers we know it happened because the lower story does not dictate the upper story. God had a plan and a purpose. God can take scandal and turn it into the solution. He brought the upper story into the lower story, and became flesh. He was both divine and human and He would move among us. The only logical reason for doing this is Love.



PRAYER REQUEST

Sophia Rowe, youngest daughter of Dan and Shannon Rowe, is recovering from rheumatic fever. Please pray for her and her parents. Sophia has been sick off and on since the first of the year.

Thelma Hanna had successful surgery on her ankle and is recovering at home. She is doing very well.

Winette and Ira Parr's daughter **Sharlene**, has been diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. Also, their daughter, **Shannon**, who lives in El Paso, is also experiencing multiple health problems. Please pray for this family.

Carol Fitzgerald is now at home. She is feeling much better. Praise God!

Lin Decker continues to need prayers. Also pray for Jackie and their family.

Continue to pray for: **Arlene DeFoor, Paul Estrada**, Velia Estrada's son, **Jim Rogers, Ted Davidson**, Tanya Trussell-Snell's aunt, **Dawn, Jimmie Jones**, Joan Kenley's aunt; **Art Carnes, Juanita Ortego**, Sherry Abraham's mother **Pat, Karen Brennels**, cousin of Cindy Darnell, **Thelma Hanna, Sherry Boberg, Mary House, Guylene Grady**, Judy Rogers' mother, **Chris Stringham, Steve Buscemi, Betty Sowell, David Carpenter, Amanda Riccon**, Sherry Abraham's niece, **Gloria Brannan, Terry Padilla, Stephanie Summers, Jorge Lujan**, father of Damaris Martinez, **Dan Scott, Janet Schleyer, Rose Hensley**, Latayne Scott's mother, **Doris Grammer, Lilah Odam Swan**, daughter of Larry & Zrita Martinez, **Jeff Liddell, Jackie Decker, Aleasha Decker, Delora Moore**, Jackie Decker's mother.

THANK YOU

To the quilting ladies and church family,

Thank you for the quilt and for all the prayers after my heart attack. It's wonderful to have such a great church family.

In Christian love,
Tim Sharp

PRECISION GYMNASTICS

For all Children 6th grade and below, a fun day out is planned at Precision Gymnastics (4606 McLeod Rd. NE) on **Sunday, March 18**, from 2 to 4 PM. Parents please RSVP to Lynn, via voice or text, at 206-6424 by Sunday March 11, if your children plan to attend.

CONDOLENCES

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Georgetta Painter's mother, **Macy Carter Starrette**, passed away Thursday morning at 2:50am at Wesley Health Care Center in Saratoga Springs, NY. She fought the good fight and will be badly missed. She was 86. Our love and condolences family.

If you would like to send a card their address is:
John & Georgetta Painter
152 High Rock Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

EEM

Glorious "springtime" greetings.

First, I want to share a bit of amazing news I recently received. 2018 has been declared "**The Year of the Bible in Ukraine!**" Stunning. My mind races to think of what God is planning to do with that this year! I wonder what doors he is planning to open even wider?

Occasionally, I read a story that reminds me of EEM's early days when Bibles were forbidden. I've never personally experienced a time in my life when I wasn't freely permitted to have a Bible, and my shelves are lined with a variety of them collected from my childhood until now.

However, this has not always been the case for many in our world (even today). The story I want to share with you appeared in a recent article in The Bible in One Year by Nicky and Pippa Gumbel (Alpha Int'l curriculum authors in London).

I am humbled by this true accounting and of how God's Word brought such joy to the gentleman in the story and to know it continues to do so today for those to whom EEM provides Bibles--free to all! Please, feel free to share this with others.

May the Word of God bring joy to your heart and a spring to your step!

Ben Mereness,
Regional Director,
Eastern European Mission

(From The Bible in One Year by Nicky and Pippa Gumbel; Alpha International curriculum authors in London)

Life-Changing Words

"My father wanted to go to Russia before he died. We went there on holiday as a family. At that time Bibles were strictly illegal there. I took with me some Russian Bibles. While I was there I went to churches and looked for people who seemed to be genuine Christians. (Church meetings were often infiltrated by the KGB.)

On one occasion, I followed a man down the street after a service. I went up to him and tapped him on the shoulder. There was nobody about. I took out one of my Bibles and handed it to him. For a moment, he had an expression of utmost disbelief. Then he took from his pocket a New Testament, which was probably 100 years old. The pages were so threadbare they were virtually transparent. When he realized that he had received a whole Bible, he was elated. He didn't speak any English and I didn't speak any Russian. But we hugged each other and he started to run up and down the street jumping for joy.

The words of God are 'more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb' (Psalm 19:10).

Why are the words of God so precious? Jesus said: 'People do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God' (Matthew 4:4). The 'word' is in the present tense, and means 'is continually coming out of the mouth of God'; it is like a stream pouring forth and, like the stream of a fountain, it is never static. God is continually communicating with us. He does so, primarily, through the life-changing words of the Bible."

Upcoming Events

March 17
Woman2Woman
Los Alamos C of C

March 18
Precision Gymnastics

April 6
LoveINC Spaghetti
Western

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

Mar 14-Decker/Shelton
Mar 21-Hankins
Mar 28- Youth Group

Apr 4-Best/Holloman
Apr 11-Carole Roberts and crew
Apr 18-Vernon/Givler
Apr 25-Guthals

May 2-Simone's
May 9-Rowe's
May 16-Stout's
May 23-Stokes
May 30-Archibald's