The Purpose

OCTOBER 11, 2026

From here to Heaven…
following God wherever he leads us.

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Final week for MSCH Fall Food Drive

Next Sunday, the 18th, is the final day to bring your donations to the *Mountain States Children's Home Fall Food Drive*. A list of items requested is in the lobby. It also includes what they do not need. You can leave your donations anytime this week in the lobby on the storage bins. You can also contribute through gift cards if you would like. You can pass that along to Terry.

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Bind Us Together
The Joy of the Lord

Meet & Greet
Announcements & Reminders

In Moments Like These

Prayer

I Can Only Imagine

Scripture Reading:
Colossians 1:15-20

Sermon
The Transformed Church

He Leadeth Me
Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer

We remember Christ's sacrifice

Contribution collected
He Paid a Debt

Elder blessing & prayer

Mighty To Save

Unison Reading
Zephaniah 3:17

Men To Serve (today)

	Communion
Scripture reading – Taylor Hegarty	Tyler Blount
Prayer – Tom Lininger	Zachary Blount
Communion prayers – Doug Blount	Ken Clark
Contribution prayer – Randy McCrain	Dan Esposito

News Notes Events

EEM contribution on the 25th

We will have a special contribution for *Eastern European Missions* on Sunday, October 25th. We are participating in EEM's ***GiveHope26*** campaign as the organization continues to provide hundreds of thousands of Bibles and Bible study materials to countries in desperate need of them. Pray now about how you can give to this ministry.

Men's Breakfast next Saturday

The October Men's Breakfast will be next Saturday, the 17th. (This is one week later than usual.) We will eat at about 8:30. If you would like to help set things up and get things ready, please be at the building by 8:15. All the men, teen guys, and boys are invited.

Families Discovery Group next week

The next meeting for the *Families Discovery Group* is next Sunday, the 18th, at 5 p.m. in the fellowship room. The menu is a *Grazing Bar* (finger foods and one-bite foods). Check with Cory & Katie if you need more information.

The *October Bible Reading* strategies handout is in the lobby.

The *Children's Worship Bulletin* is on the table at the back of the auditorium.

Be sure to grab some *Westview cards* from the lobby to distribute this week.

Every week:

- **Men's Coffee** - each Tuesday morning in the fellowship room from 6 to 8 a.m.
- **Women's Coffee** - each Wednesday morning in the fellowship room from 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Singing with the worship leaders** every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the building.
- The **Wednesday night study group** meets at 6:30 p.m. We are currently studying the book of James.

Classes today: The fellowship room class is studying the book of Hebrews, taught by Tom.
Terry's class (room #14) is studying *Great Words & Themes*. Today – ***Light.***

Missions Emphasis Sunday
November 1st

In three weeks, we will have *Missions Sunday* as we will present information about the various international missions Westview helps support. From India to Uganda to Honduras to Mexico to Eastern Europe and to multiple Central America countries, we will summarize our involvement and the ongoing needs we help meet through our support.

We do not include personal information, such as the prayer list in our online bulletin. If you would like that information, it is available in the hard copy bulletin at the building. Or, you can contact the church office to receive a copy.

The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men. The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men…men of prayer.

~~E.M. Bounds~~

The church is so subnormal that if it ever got back to the New Testament normal it would seem to people to be abnormal.

~~Vance Havner~~

Commentary from a Common Terry by Terry Newton

Either/Or faith in a Both/And world 3

After a one week interruption, I'm back to the topic I introduced a couple of articles ago. One of the most basic temptations in Satan's arsenal is to lure us into thinking we can have the best of both worlds. We can strive to acquire and achieve and obtain what *this world* advertises as most important while, at the same time, thriving spiritually and treasuring what *God says* is most important. It's the *both/and* approach to faith.

We can have both this and that. By far, though, the vast majority of decisions in the Bible and those placed before us in our *faith walk* are an *either/or* crossroads. Can't have both. We must choose.

Boy, it'd be nice if I could somehow manage to hang on to both, right? This was one of the human weaknesses Satan counted on when he pushed sin into the world. It wasn't the only thing he appealed to, but it was there.

God revealed a trait of faith when He gave first instructions to Adam.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work *it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* Genesis 2:15-17

Crystal clear. Definitely an either/or scenario. "Adam, you either follow My will and eat of what I've provided…or you ignore My words and eat what I've forbidden. The choice is yours. The outcome? Life or death." We do not even get past two chapters in our Bibles before the reality of *choice* becomes a part of the narrative. And to be clear, the presence of human *choice* never goes away, right to the end.

Verse 15 of Revelation 22, the last chapter in the Bible, reminds the reader that people who have chosen to go the way of the world will not receive all those magnificent and stunning blessings described in the book of Revelation. Everyone from murderers to idolaters to sorcerers and the sexually immoral are outside the eternal city. Those who speak untruth are outside the City's walls. *They cannot enter the city by its gates*. Revelation 22:14-15 They made their choice. They hoped to enter. But they also wouldn't or couldn't let go of the enticements and attractions of the world. The world offers what doesn't last. If the only thing a person has on his or her personal resumé when seeking entrance into God's City is a list of what can't last, then they have laid bare their philosophy of faith. They hoped to cling to the world while reaching for heaven.

Now, back to Adam and Eve. God had told Adam, in just about as clear a statement as we'll find in the Bible ("Don't do that or you will die!"), that he had to make a choice. One or the other. Either/Or. Not Both/And. But then along comes Satan and, with that slick talking serpent's tongue, presents the falsehood that will trip up mankind for all history. "Oh, don't listen to God. You won't die. Instead, you'll be like God!" Genesis 3:1-5 He basically convinced them that they could enjoy all the pleasures of the Garden of Eden AND still eat of that one forbidden fruit. When they chose to listen to him, they chose death.

From then on, the battle rages. God vs. Satan. Light vs. Dark. Good vs. Evil. Righteousness vs. Sin. Life vs. Death. Now, we know that God will win this struggle. In fact, through Jesus, the victory is assured. But we must step into that victory *on His terms*, not ours. When we begin to rationalize a both/and type of faith, we, in essence, begin to negotiate with God. As we read in Malachi two weeks ago in the previous article, God challenged them to test Him and see what the possibilities were when they chose Him. But, in the same book He warned them ***not*** to test Him. That's what we do when we think His righteousness is a bargaining chip that we can assign a specific value to.

There's more to come.

Love one another,

