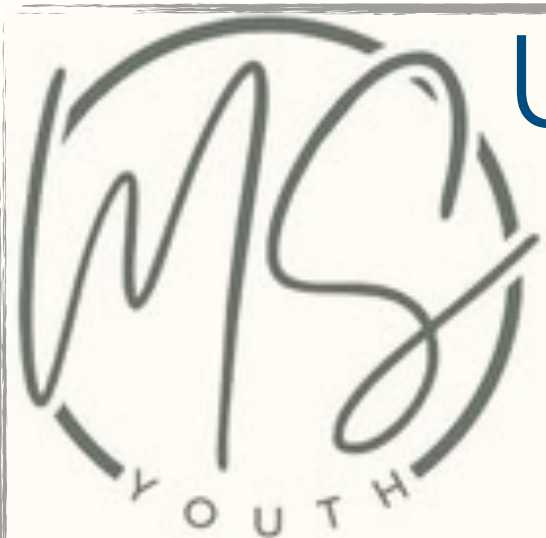




Upcoming Events

Fall Retreat - Oct. 2nd-4th

Check your email to register.

There are 3 separate forms, each form needs to be filled out for each student that is attending.

There is a link for payment within the Google Form. Costs are just \$30 for the weekend.

Join the WhatsApp MSY News and Events group for details and to stay informed!

CIRCLE THE SCHOOL YEAR PRAYER CHALLENGE

We are committing to praying for all of our school aged children every day this year for the entire school year. Every child has an adult in this church praying for them daily! Look for ways to connect with each other over the school year! This is a great way to be praying and encouraging one another in an intergenerational way!

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS

9/21 Sam Smolenski
9/22 Robert Williams
Tyler Batie
9/23 Elaine Darnell
Kathleen Short
Leann Herron
9/24 Janice Armijo
Nevan Sutherland
9/25 Denise Keefe
9/27 Rakael Schlemeyer

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENU

9/23 - **STONES**
TABLES & Drinks - FELLOWS,
CLEAN-UP - GIESE

9/30 - **FELLOWS**
TABLES & DRINKS - LEWIS
CLEAN-UP - YATES

The Mountainside Messenger

September 20th, 2026

GOOD MORNING!

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1) ... It is always good to come together as God's people to worship Him. I am thankful you are here this morning! ... To our visitors: Thank you for being here this morning! We invite you to be back any time you are able.

This morning, **Wes Herron**, one of our elders, will be bringing our message from God's Word. Thanks, Wes!

THANK YOU! It takes a lot of people for a church this size to function effectively and efficiently. Fortunately, we have a large number of people who serve us. ...**Shawn Kerr** keeps our sound system functioning every week. ... **Paula Coch, Lindsay Vernon, Julia Holloman, and Jennifer Duran** kept our building clean when we were without janitorial help.

We provide support for Pablo and Laura Sanchez and their work in Santiago, Chile. Their most recent report was most encouraging. This summer Pablo did an evangelistic preaching tour in the Dominican Republic and a leadership seminar in Ecuador in addition to his work in Santiago. Fourteen persons expressed their faith in Jesus by being baptized! ... We also provide support for the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales. In a thank you note to us, they informed us that they are currently serving 118 persons. ...We are able to provide support for these God-glorifying ministries because of your generosity. Please continue to share your resources freely and generously with this church so that we may continue to support these works.

Have a great week in the Lord!

Alan

ELDERS

Bryan
Armstrong

Doug
Brown

Lance
Darnell

Wes Herron

Alan Taylor

MINISTERS

Alan Taylor

Garrett
Schmille

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WEEKLY BUDGET:
\$16,737.12
CONTRIBUTION
for Sept. 13, 2026:
\$40,658.16

BIBLE CLASSES: SUMMER/FALL 2026

SUNDAY MORNING

AUDITORIUM CLASS - 1 Corinthians

CAFÉ CLASS(GYM) - Galatians "Why God Accepts Us"

ADULT CLASS (LADIES CLASSROOM) - "Tell Me The Truth"

YOUNG ADULT CLASS (RM. 205/207) - Philippians

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

AUDITORIUM CLASS - Joshua

LARRY LAWRENCE (RM. 205/207) - TOPICAL STUDY: Work of the Holy Spirit

ADULTS (206/208) - "Great Men of the Old Testament"

LADIES CLASS - "Take Every Thought Captive" - Teachings by a Neurosurgeon

TUESDAY LADIES CLASS 10AM - "The Book of James" - Francis Chan, RightNow Media

SCRIPTURE THOUGHTS

ISAIAH 1:2-3

HEAR, O HEAVENS, AND GIVE EAR, O EARTH; FOR THE LORD HAS SPOKEN: "CHILDREN HAVE I REARED AND BROUGHT UP, BUT THEY HAVE REBELLED AGAINST ME. THE OX KNOWS ITS OWNER, AND THE DONKEY ITS MASTER'S CRIB, BUT ISRAEL DOES NOT KNOW, MY PEOPLE DO NOT UNDERSTAND."

Some of the saddest conversations I have had have been with parents who have a child who has rejected them and everything they stand for. The parents want to know what they have done wrong. They want to know where they have failed.

In most cases, the parents did not fail. They cared for that child as he grew up and they did their best to impart their values to that child. But when he became an adult, he made poor choices, choices over which the parents had no control. The pain the parents feel is real.

God understands that disappointment and pain. Through Isaiah, God said "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me." (Isaiah 1:2). God certainly did not fail as a Father to Israel. He brought Israel out of Egypt, He led them through the wilderness, and He brought them into a land of their own. Yet still the people rebelled against Him.

Two thoughts came to my mind.

First, if you are a parent of a wayward child, quit beating yourself up. Even God, the perfect Father, saw His children rebel against Him despite all that He had done for them. Keep praying for your children, and leave them in God's hands.

Second, as children of God, it is very easy for us to lose sight of all that God has done for us and to seek our own way rather than His way. Israel did that. Be constantly aware of the blessings you have received from God, thank God for those blessings, and devote yourself to the God who gave you those blessings.

May God never have to say to us, "My people do not understand" (Isaiah 1:3).

PRAYERS

Continue to pray for **Dee Stone** and the results of her biopsy.

Lin Decker has been moved to Encompass Rehab (formerly Health South). Please keep Lin and Jackie in your prayers.

Gary Colwell was able to get the MRI for his back. He will be seeing a doctor in Arizona. Please pray for Gary as he is in a lot of pain.

Jim Peacock is back at Sandia Ridge and is feeling pretty good, saying that day by day he's been getting better. The antibiotics have improved the heart infection, but he still asks for many continued prayers. There is a plan to replace his pacemaker, but that has not been scheduled. He is also asking for prayers for reconciliation between his daughter and nephew.

Francis Brown, Tom House's sister, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. This is her third cancer diagnosis, all have been a different type. Pray for her and the family as there are a lot of decisions to be made. Pray boldly that God will remove all the cancer from her body, in a way that can only be explained with God's intervention.

PRAYERS FOR CONTINUED HEALTH & SAFETY CONCERNS: **Lane Roberts;** Ronnie Chavez's son **Rumaldo** and cousin **Rosalie;** **Lorraine Lewis, Dorothy Griffin;** Lita Diaz's brother **Hank; Roman Halamicek; David Abraham; Dawn Schrader; Don Davis,** brother of Tom Davis; **Ella Rose Williams,** sister of Glenda Davis; **Delia Silva,** mother of Rosemary Maguire; **Ronnie Chavez; Dennis Dresbach; Stan Samuels,** Steven Samuels father; **Glennys Elliott; Paula Coch; Curley Hall; Joletha Sturdy,** Johanna Halamicek's mother; **Aleasha Decker; Lin and Jackie Decker; all of OUR SENIOR SAINTS!**

NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREACHER SEARCH

We are obviously very early in the process of finding another Preaching Minister for our congregation. The Elders have settled on a direction the process will take and are gathering resources to facilitate that process. Please keep the elders in your prayers during this search.

This week **TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS**, is having a guest speaker! On **Tuesday, September 22**, we will be welcoming Dr. Joyce Hardin from Austin, Texas.

MOVING HELP NEEDED

Strong Men Wanted (and women too): Jacque Rimer is needing anyone who is able to help load the moving truck on **Thursday, September 24th** in the afternoon/evening and all day **Friday, September 25th**. She is needing the truck completely loaded before Brett arrives Friday night as they will be leaving Saturday morning the 26th. Their address is 1117 Sagebrush Trail SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123. You may contact Jacque at 505-730-9315 for further information.

Keith & Kay McKamey are moving to Colorado at the end of this week! Make sure to reach out to them and wish them well! If you would like their new mailing address so you can keep in touch, you can call the church office.

Albuquerque Christian School is looking to **hire part time afternoon childcare workers** for the PreK department. They must be 18 years old or older. Contact Angela Decker for more information.