MSY
December Events

Dec. 6	Sunday Afternoon Gathering ~ Guys and Girls
Dec. 12	MSY Christmas Breakfast: 4pm till the End ~ Bring $10
Dec. 13	Parent Lunch and Planning (Youth in the Family Center)
Dec. 27	MSY Lock-In! $30 per person

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS

11/23 Dale Royball
Roianne Archibald
11/24 Oliver Pace
11/26 Brandon Weems
11/28 Julia Weems
11/29 Kyree Smolenski
Quinten Talamantes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENU

11/25 - **NO MEAL**

12/2 - **FELLOWS**
TABLES & DRINKS - FOUST
CLEAN-UP - VERNON, L

BIBLE CLASSES: FALL/WINTER 2026

SUNDAY MORNING

AUDITORIUM CLASS - 1 Corinthians
CAFÉ CLASS(GYM) - "7 Letters to 7 Churches"in Revelation
ADULT CLASS (LADIES CLASSROOM) - "Journey Through Jeremiah"
YOUNG ADULT CLASS (RM. 205/207) - Philippians

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

AUDITORIUM CLASS - 1st Peter
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

The Mountainside Messenger

November 22nd, 2026

ELDERS

Bryan Armstrong

Doug Brown

Lance Darnell

Wes Herron

Alan Taylor

MINISTERS

Alan Taylor

Garrett Schmille

***Gluten-free communion bread** is located on top of the desk at the back of the auditorium by the computer/ sound system. Please pick up a packet of that before being seated.

WEEKLY BUDGET: $16,737.12
CONTRIBUTION for Nov. 15th, 2026: $22,106.88

GOOD MORNING

"Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name" (Psalm 30:4) …Today is our annual *Day of Praise and Thanks*. We will praise God because He is a good, gracious, and merciful God. And we will thank Him for every gift He has given us. Today is going to be a Great Day! … If you are **visiting** with us today, know that we are delighted to have you. We encourage you to join us in our worship, eat with us at our thanksgiving meal, and come again when you are able.

Stephen and Michelle Taylor have coordinated the meal today. Thank you, Stephen and Michelle! And thank you to your crew which helped you with this task. Of course, I want to thank all of you who brought food for this Thanksgiving Feast! We couldn't have a meal without you!

The Minister Search Committee presented an *Identity Statement*, a *Church Profile*, and a proposed *Job Description* to the elders this past week. The Committee has done a fantastic job! We discussed what they have written and made a few (very few) minor tweaks to their work. They are now ready to disseminate this information to the interested individuals. … Keep the elders and the Committee in your prayers. I have no doubt that God has chosen our next pulpit minister. We just need to follow Him as He brings us together.

This Wednesday evening, we will enjoy an "Intergenerational Devotion." It promises to be great! I look forward to seeing you here. Please note that there will be No Meal and No Classes next Wednesday evening. …Next Sunday, November 29, **Curtis Vernon** will be presenting our morning message. I look forward to the thoughts he will share with us.

Enjoy today! And have a great Thanksgiving week with your family and friends!

Alan

Isaiah 5:8-9

Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land. The Lord of hosts has sworn in my hearing: "Surely many houses shall be desolate, large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant."

"Woe to you…"

How should that phrase be read? Should it be read in a loud, angry, threatening voice? Or should it be read in a quiet, sad, sympathetic voice? The phrase can be read with either emphasis, or with both. Perhaps God had both emphases in mind when He, through Isaiah, said, "Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no room" (Isaiah 5:8). There was surely a note of threat in that "woe" because God continued His revelation with these words: "Surely many houses shall be desolate" (Isaiah 5:9).

Greed brings disaster. Greed drives a wedge between people. "A greedy man stirs up strife" (Proverbs 28:25). Greed turns one's focus from God. "Put to death therefore … covetousness (greed) with is idolatry" (Colossians 3:5). The wealth the greedy seek does not, and can not, provide security. "Whoever trusts in his riches will fall" (Proverbs 11:28).

But God may also have been grieving over those who were greedy. God knew the greedy were depriving themselves of close human relationships and the eternal security of a relationship with God. God knew that the greedy would one day recognize, to their sorrow, that "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).

If you have much, praise God. But if you have little, do not devote your life to trying to attain more. "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5).

PRAYERS

Becky McLeod, cousin of Julia Holloman & Paula Coch fell and broke her hip. Surgery was done Wednesday. Please pray for her recovery.

Lynda Wadsworth and **Jenna Wiley** are request prayers for their entire family as they mourn the tragic death of a 16 year old cousin.

Tom Davis is home and doing better.

Continue to pray for *Tom House*'s sister **Mary Sue**. She is awake and doing better and was moved back to the nursing home. There is no change with the Parkinson's.

PRAYERS FOR CONTINUED HEALTH & SAFETY CONCERNS: **Allen Herrell**; **Ronald Chavez**; **Barbara Goll**, Sarah Jean Sutherland's mother, **Bryan Armstrong; David Abraham**; **Frances Brown**, Tom House's sister; **Leonard Armijo; Roberta Yeoman**; **Claude & Janet Schleyer; Carol Fitzgerald; Dee Stone; Gary Colwell; Lane Roberts**; **Dorothy Griffin; Roman Halamicek; Dawn Schrader; Delia Silva**, mother of Rosemary Maguire; **Dennis Dresbach**; **Glennys Elliott; Paula Coch; Curley Hall; Joletha Sturdy**, Johanna Halamicek's mother; **Lin & Jackie Decker**; **Aleasha Decker; all of OUR SENIOR SAINTS!**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This **Wednesday, November 25th,** we will have a *multi-generational family devotional* at **6:30PM** in the auditorium. If you are in town for Thanksgiving, you will be blessed by joining us for a night of singing, scripture, and testimony. There will be NO CLASSES or MEAL that evening.

The Christian Student Center is hosting its annual Friendsgiving on **Wednesday, November 25th**. If you can help by providing a dish, scan this QR code!

On **November 29th**, the Sunday Morning Cafe Class will be starting an 8 lesson series on the "Seven Letters to Seven Churches" in Revelation. All are welcome!

A fundraising event to benefit Albuquerque Christian Children's Home will be held at Mario's Pizzeria on San Pedro. It will be on **Sunday, November 29**, all day, dine-in or take-out, and a portion of the proceeds will go to ACCH!

Advent begins on **Sunday, November 29th**. December can rush by in a blur of all the hustle and bustle that seems to consume us during this season. *Advent is an invitation to slow down, prepare our hearts, and remember who we are waiting for, Jesus Christ.* This year, join us for **Name Above All Names,** an Advent devotional from Christianity Today. Each night, you and your family will explore a different name of God and discover another part of who God's character, as we anticipate the ultimate expression of who He is revealed through the coming of His Son. It takes just 10 to 15 quiet minutes a night, and it is a simple way to turn down the noise, keep Jesus at the center, and build traditions your kids and family will remember. *You can find the book, along with a companion guide for families, in the foyer beginning this Sunday morning. Please only take one book per family.*

Head on down to the **Christian Student Center** on **Saturday, December 5th from 10AM-1PM** for a delicious bake sale with all proceeds going directly to the CSC!

THANK YOU

Dear Mountainside Family,
Thank you so much for making our 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for Chelwood Elementary School a resounding success! We fed 54 families this year, including a small chicken with each meal! We partnered with St. Mary's Church to provide the chickens. I want to extend special thanks to our teens who helped organize all the donated food, to Kelly Lewis who brainstormed with us, and to Julia Holloman and Lindsay Vernon who were rockstars in helping us out with all the small details. We feel so blessed to be part of a church family who makes being a blessing to our community a priority!
Thank you again,
Jonah and Katherine Spill