

THE MOUNTAIN CITY MESSENGER

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

The Lord is Good!

It has only been a few weeks, and we have already been blessed as we have begun this new chapter in the life of FCC Mountain City!

We have worked out the bugs for recording the sermons, so we now have a weekly podcast for those who are unable to attend our Worship services on Sunday mornings.

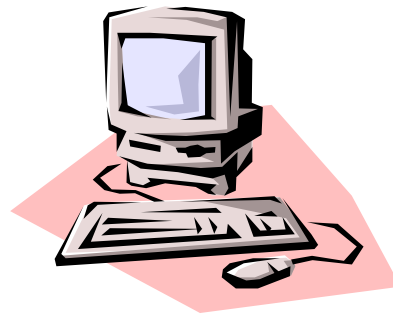
We have also added daily scripture and a sermon trivia question for the weekly bulletin to help us stay connected with God and each other.

Our newsletter is off to a good start as we have received some material from various members for use from month to month.

One goal that I have for the near future is the creation of the church website. I am currently working with the leadership to find out where we are in the process, then I will see what I can do to help with getting it off the ground.

Please continue lifting up the church in your prayers as we have a bright future ahead of us! God has a lot for us to do during this chapter of FCC Mountain City, and I am proud to be a part of what God has planned!

Let's grow together!
-Earl Winfrey
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Check out our weekly podcast:
www.mkdisciples.org/fcmtntctypodcast.html

Sermon Series:

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

- 3/6 - Just Do It
- 3/13 - WWJD
- 3/20 - Requirements of Faith
- 3/27 - Examples of Faith

Daily Scriptures:

Week of 3/6:

- Mon – Acts 10:23-48
- Tues – Romans 2:1-11
- Wed – Matt 18:1-14
- Thur – Luke 6:37-49
- Fri – Luke 18:9-14
- Sat – James 2:1-13

Week of 3/13:

- Mon – Ezekiel 18:3-9
- Tues – Matt 21:18-22
- Wed – James 5:13-20
- Thur – 1 Cor 10:1-13
- Fri – 2 Peter 1:3-11
- Sat – James 2:14-26

Week of 3/20:

- Mon – Genesis 24:1-19
- Tues – Mark 5:21-34
- Wed – Matt 17:14-23
- Thur – Hebrews 11
- Fri – 1 Samuel 17:45-58
- Sat – James 2:14-26

Week of 3/27:

- Mon – James 2:1-13
- Tues – 1 John 3:11-24
- Wed – Acts 10:1-23
- Thur – Acts 10:24-48
- Fri – Matt 25:31-46
- Sat – Luke 10:25-37

A Note from Kevin

On a recent trip to Florida, a good friend asked me the question - "Should I give all my savings away?" After some thought, I found this question to be a legitimate concern. As Christians, we are to give generously, therefore, we might think that giving all of our savings away might be the thing to do. We know that Jesus did not have any savings or even a place to lay His head - Matt 8:20.

If we look at the parable of the talents in Matthew 25, we see that

we have been given the ability to make a gain. We also know that Solomon had gained great wealth. We can learn that there is nothing wrong with having savings, but, I do believe that we must be willing to give it up.

When we become a Christian, we must give everything over to God, including our savings. It belongs to the Lord and we are given the responsibility of being the caretakers. Instead of asking "what should I do with my savings?", the question

should be, "what do I do with God's savings?" Be a good caretaker of it. Do not bury it in the ground like the lazy servant in Matt 25:26, but make it grow, like the good and faithful servant in Matthew 25:21. Give generously when there is a need. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Matt 6:19. Therefore, have your savings in heaven. I believe that we will be greatly blessed by being good caretakers of the Lord's savings.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - Romans 12:12 (NIV)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 4 - Scrapbooking 9 am

March 6 - Fellowship Dinner
Meeting for Early Childhood Education

March 9 - Elders/Deacons meeting 5 pm

March 16-18 - Earl in Cincinnati

March 18 - Game Night 6 pm

March 29 - Men's Night 6 pm

Servers for March

Communion Meditation - Josh Berg
Morning Prayer - Lee Lantzer
Offering Prayer - Kevin Berg
Server - Benjamin Lantzer
Greeters - Josh & Tiffany Berg
Communion Prep - Tiffany Berg



Please keep us informed of any address changes so we can keep our records up to date.

General Prayer Items for the month:
(Please see the weekly bulletin for the church prayer list.)

- Church Leadership
- Newsletter Improvements
- Members
- Visitors
- Lost Souls
- Those needing work/Home sales
- The persecuted church
- Missionaries
- Future Kingdom Workers
- Those serving in the Military
- Government
- Schools

A WORD ABOUT SUBMISSIONS

I am encouraged to see the response from everyone already with submissions for the newsletter. As we continue to grow, the newsletter will increase in size. This will mean that more articles will be needed, and I will be using member submissions as we go.

As everyone submits material, we need to keep a few things in mind.

I will try my best to use the submission as soon as possible with the understanding that church news will take priority over member submissions. However, if we are consistent with the number of submissions, I will increase the size of the newsletter to accommodate the needs of the church.

Please remember that this newsletter is for the church, so some submissions may not be used, but I will do my best to let you know up front if it is appropriate. Credit for the submissions will not be printed unless it is an original work so please do not get offended if your name does not appear with your submission. Thanks for helping us with the newsletter!

A Bullet for God's Sake

Imagine yourself as a witness of the following scene:

It is time for the sermon on Sunday morning. The attendance is about 2,000.

Suddenly everyone is surprised by two men in black with guns in their hands entering the sanctuary.

One of the men says in a loud voice: "Whoever is willing to take a bullet in the head for Christ's sake, remain in the sanctuary."

Immediately the choir ran away. The elders and the deacons disappeared from the scene, too. Then the majority of the members ran away.

Out of the almost 2,000 people in the sanctuary, only 20 remained in their pews.

The men turn to the minister and the first man says, "Okay. We got rid of the hypocrites. You can start the sermon. Have a nice day."