

When Men See Mountains

One of the latest screensavers to pop up on my laptop is a photo of a snow-covered mountain range from way up high above them. Mountains look very different from that perspective. They don't seem nearly as tall. They are awe inspiring no matter how or from where you view them, but from down below, looking at mountains can seem intimidating and insurmountable. This might be a good illustration to show a contrast between how we see the challenges we face and how God sees them.

One of the "mountains" seen in the lives of men comes from Exodus 14 when the Israelites, pursued by the Egyptians, stood before the expanse of the Red Sea, terrified and bewildered as to how deliverance could be possible. When the Israelites saw certain destruction, the Lord saw deliverance—two very different perspectives! All the Israelites could see was the growing "mountains" of the Egyptian army. The Lord's perspective was quite different. He saw the end from the beginning! He was working out His plan for His people in the midst of their fear and the people were told, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord...". The "mountains" seen by the Israelites were viewed by the Lord as safe passage and salvation from destruction. The people just needed to trust and obey.

The Lord has never promised a life free from challenges to our faith. Rather, He HAS promised that there will be challenges! His plan is not to leave us stranded by waters edge, fearful and bewildered, but He will be with us as we, in faith move forward, trusting in Him. He sees the end from the beginning and His perspective is the right way to view times of testing. Maybe through our challenges He is accomplishing the very thing we need the most and that testing will serve to strengthen our faith and honor Him the most. Maybe we need to, from now on, view mountains as God sees them.

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His own people, eager to do what is good - Titus 2:14

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Angela Bigbee, Fred Bukowich, Carl Cobb, David Conness, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Don Deffenbaugh, Judy Dorris, Vera Douthitt, Katherine Enfield, Joe Freund, Sally Fry, Jason Giebler, James Honeycutt, Nathan Honeycutt, Mary House, Jean Johnson, Alice Kitch, Dan Lazure, Bob Murray, Scott Neel, Larry and Vickey Owen, Susan Phillips, Brandon Ross, Lawrence Sanders, Harold Speir, Karl Stauffer, Jennifer Thogmartin, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler, Debi Wince.

Betty Fogarty is now home from the hospital where she had been for complications from the flu. She is doing fine.

Avery Collinsworth is home recovering after spending a day in the ER with some respiratory issues. She is on medication and will be monitored closely.

Please pray for Robin Haggard, niece-in-law of Lyn Pendergraft. She has been diagnosed with cancer in the brain and will have surgery this week. She lives in Iowa.

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Billie Patterson who died this past week.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know of someone in need, please tell Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



The **Tri-State Youth Series** will be hosted by the Chouteau church today. The bus will leave at 2:15.

Join us today at **Gran Villas** for a devo at 1:30.

Tomorrow gather for singing at **Webwood** at 6:00.



Today's Sermons

AM: *Becoming a Lion*
(Daniel 6:10, Danny Boggs)

PM: *Your Prayers Matter to God*
(Revelation 5:8, Danny Boggs)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: Dakota Miller
Communion Prayer: Bill Reiboldt
Prayer for the Offering: Aaron Wilson
PM Opening Prayer: Casey Flint
PM Closing Prayer: Tim Murray

This Wednesday

Announcements/Prayer: Caden Miller
Singing: Jason Bryan
Invitation: Andy Miller
Closing Prayer: Cooper James

Devoted to Prayer

TOMORROW THROUGH NEXT SUNDAY

- ✓ Read your Bible and week 1 in your book.
- ✓ Pray every day!
- ✓ Share your thoughts on Lightpost.
- ✓ Submit questions about prayer for shepherds to answer.
- ✓ 10 AM Sunday: *Please and Thank You* (1 Sam. 1 & 2)
- ✓ 5 PM Sunday: *Prayer Completes the Armor of God* (Men's & Women's Studies)

Men: Get a hearty **breakfast** at Hardee's on Thursday at 7:00. Fellowship will also accompany the meal.

Senior Saints will meet a week early this month. Join them at noon this Saturday in the fellowship room for their monthly potluck and work session.

New Devo will be next Sunday after evening services at the home of Alec and Madison Fehring. Boys are asked to bring chips and drinks and girls are asked to bring desserts.

Ladies, we will have a **charcuterie dinner** on Friday March 13 from 5:00-7:00 in the activities center. This will give us a chance to visit with our speaker, Jeanny Gilpin. Please bring items for our group charcuterie "board" (ham, salami, prosciutto, cheese, crackers, fruits, pickles, nuts, etc.). Also bring a simple dessert. Drinks will be provided. Hope several can come. Please let Karen know if you plan to attend.

Ladies' Seminar will be March 14. Please take some flyers from the welcome desk and give or send them to your friends and relatives and invite them to join us.

A **welcome bag** will be prepared for Jeanny Gilpin, speaker for our Hillcrest Ladies' Seminar. If you want to help with the welcome bag, please give cash donations to Brenda Kimbrough by this Wednesday.

Young Families: We will go to **Creation Safari** on Saturday, March 21. Mark your calendars and watch for details next week.

If you are using Lightpost, you'll find you have been added to a "Devoted to Prayer discussion" group where we can encourage one another and dive deeper into our study on prayer. By clicking on "Groups" in the bottom right corner of the app, you can find this group and participate in the discussion much like you would with most social media apps. If for some reason, you would like to "Leave the Group", that option can be found by opening the group and selecting "Settings" in the upper right corner.



Don't forget to Spring Forward!

RECORDS	2-22-26	2-23-25
Bible Study	109	139
AM Worship	168	172
PM Worship	122	124
Wednesday	128	131
Contribution	\$8,388.19	\$8,278.70
Budget	\$9,410.00	\$8,500.00