

THE MONTE VISTAN

NEWSLETTER OF MONTE VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH / MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

SERVING OTHERS IN CHRIST'S NAME

HAITI MISSION TRIP

March 12-19

This mission trip will include outreach and evangelism as well as providing three eye clinics. If you would be interested in joining David Reece and Dr. Gary Vines on this trip, contact David Reece 568-228-8966. There will be an informational meeting in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship on Sunday, January 31. Reservations for this trip must be made by February 1.

CBF SYRIAN REFUGE RESPONSE

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship sent \$5,000 to field personnel Jeff and Alicia Lee in Macedonia to help meet the immediate needs of refugees traveling across that country.

CBF sent an additional \$10,000 to support the ministries of field personnel Chaouki and Maha Boulos in Lebanon which is now home to 1.5 million refugees. The Bouloses are currently feeding 500 Syrian refugees as well as providing emergency food support to families inside Syria.

Donations to support the CBF Syrian Refugee Response may be made online at www.cbf.net/syria or by mailing a check with account 17030 in the memo line to:

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
PO Box 1029772
Atlanta, GA 30368-2972

"SOUPER" BOWL SERVES BAPTIST CENTER

February 7 - Following Worship

Menu: soup, cornbread, crackers, veggie tray, and dessert. (Pizza will be available for children.)

Come and enjoy a hot bowl of soup and bring items for the Baptist Center. Please bring items listed with your last name initial. These non-food items are greatly needed.

- A,B,C toilet paper
- D,E,F washing detergent
- G,H,I soap, washcloths, body wash
- J,K,L bath towels, washcloths
- M,N,O multi-purpose cleaners (Mr. Clean, etc.)
- P,Q,R toothpaste, tooth brushes
- S,T,U,V dish detergent, dish towels
- W,X,Y,Z shampoo, conditioner

DIVORCECARE

Monte Vista's spring series of DivorceCare begins Wednesday, March 2, 6:00-8:00 PM. Bob and Carolyn Dalton will again be leading the 13 weekly sessions in Room 340. Persons desiring to participate should register by contacting the church office at 982-6070 or bob@montevistamaryville.com.

FEBRUARY PEW DOLLARS: FROM STREET TO SUPPORT

Your dollars left in the pew during February will help the Blount County Emergency Housing Program provide short-term housing for homeless individuals and families in our county this winter. These funds cover the first 48 hours when a homeless person comes for help. They are immediately assigned to a Family Promise case manager who evaluates their situations and determines if they are eligible for Family Promise, Heaven Sent Home or Haven House.



LOVE FOR A LIFETIME (Conversations on Love & Marriage)

Led by Jerry Mantooth

Wednesdays 6-7pm

Beginning February 10

Meeting in the New Conversation Area

Topics include:

Making sense of Venus & Mars

What women wish men knew about women

What men wish women knew about men

Divorce-proofing your marriage

What am I doing that I shouldn't be doing?

6 Magic words of marriage

Discovering a lifetime of love

EXPLORE: MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF PAUL

Sundays at 6pm

Room 351

Beginning February 10

Led by Jerry Mantooth

FAMILY PROMISE OF BLOUNT COUNTY

Family Promise of Blount County is a program with three components: Emergency Housing, Transitional Housing and Family Promise Academy.

Churches provide **emergency housing** and meals, one week at a time. Applicants must have at least one child under 18 living with them full time to qualify for this emergency shelter. While in this part of the program, applicants must make at least 7-10 job contacts per week and at least 3-5 housing contacts weekly. They must work to find affordable or low cost child care or after-school care and any other needed services to move forward on their self-sufficiency plan. Their children attend school daily. Parents attend weekly life skills and parenting classes and must remain drug and alcohol free while in the program.

While in the **transitional housing** program, guests receive intensive case management and other services available to Family Promise of Blount County. The program is an extension of the emergency shelter program, with the exception that guests are required to pay a minimal rent of \$350 per month, which includes utilities. Only guests that have completed the Emergency Shelter program are eligible for Transitional Housing; they may stay in this program for twelve months.

Family Promise Academy helps formerly homeless families develop skills to create a self-sufficient lifestyle. Families attend key life skills classes which are essential to achieving lasting independence.

Monte Vista will host Family Promise February 14-21.

PrimeTime Seniors

Date: February 9

Time: 12:00 Noon- Catered Luncheon- Cost \$8.00

Must sign up and pay either Terry Lund, Bobbie Ramsey or Barbara Lowe no later than February 2. Terry Lund 982-5573; Barbara Lowe 268-5772; Bobbie Ramsey 982-8339.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Program: Good music furnished by Robert Wilson and Jeff Nelson to get you in the Valentine Spirit!

Monte Vista RESURRECTION RUN 5K

Saturday, March 26

5th Annual 5K Run/1 Mile fun walk

Sandy Springs Park

Proceeds benefit Family Promise of Blount County

Register online: <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Maryville/ResurrectionRun>

Or pick up a registration form in our Welcome Centers

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Shirley Carr Clowney

Shirley was born in Maryville and graduated from Hall High School and was one of 6 African Americans to reintegrate Maryville College in 1954. She graduated from Tennessee State University where she met and married Cato. They have three children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The family moved to NJ in 1963 where she taught Vocational Home Economics in the public school system for 28 years. She and Cato retired and moved back to Blount County in 1992 where she taught three more years in the Blount County school system.

She loves to sew, sing, research and travel abroad as well as the U.S.

Shirley says, "I decided to become a partner with Monte Vista because I want to be a part of a progressive church where I can serve and continue to grow spiritually. The mission outreach impressed me greatly. There seems to be a genuinely accepting atmosphere with partners."

