

THE MONTE VISTAN

NEWSLETTER OF MONTE VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH / MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE

The three-year campaign of the Joshua Project has come to a close. After preliminary expenses, we currently have a balance of \$618,900 in the building fund. Even though the initial commitments have come to an end, we will continue to raise funds for new facilities. As we cannot foresee the future, we do not know exactly what those facilities will look like.

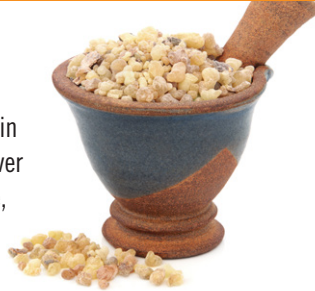
However, we do know that this congregation has a passion for Bible study and spiritual growth and already we are running out of space to start new groups. We know that this congregation thrives on relationships and already there is a not a place other than the sanctuary where we are able to gather in one place. Church-wide events separate us into different areas that do not foster interaction with the entire family. We also know this congregation has a passion for helping people, especially those who live in poverty. We have found ways to be involved in poverty-related issues such as homelessness, housing, hunger, emergency shelter, medical care, and transportation even with limited facilities. From everything we have learned, these needs will only continue to increase in the coming years. *The reasons for building a new ministry facility are no longer out there somewhere in the future, they are becoming a reality for us now, much sooner than we anticipated.*

Like any family, we are setting money aside so that when the time is right, we will be ready. We do not want money to be the thing that prevents us from breaking ground and moving forward. Instead, we want to have the funds available to serve as a tool that helps make it happen.

Please continue to give (or start giving) to our building fund for new construction. In doing so you are investing in what we care about – connecting to God through a transforming relationship with Jesus and building sustaining relationships with one another for the purpose of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through our ministries.

WONDER NO MORE

Ever wonder what the oils and spices mentioned in the Bible really were, or how they were used? Ever wonder what frankincense is, what it smells like, or what was special about the nard that was poured on Jesus?



Ever wonder how anointing was used in Old Testament days or what James understood about the 1st century church that prompted him to remind them to call the elders of the church to anoint the sick for healing?

What were the healing practices of the early church? How did they change through the years? How did the practices Jesus taught His followers get lost?

Join us as we explore the history of healing oils, anointing, and healing in the Judeo-Christian tradition on April 24 and May 1 at 6:00pm in room 351. Janet Colvin will answer our questions and help us discover how God is trying to return the gift of healing to His people.

April 24: Healing Oils of Bible Times | **May 1:** Sent to Heal: What Happened?

TRADEWINDS COFFEES COMING IN APRIL

During April, Tradewinds, Monte Vista's fair trade shop, will introduce new "Tradewinds" coffees. They will be a line of organic/fair trade coffees blended locally by Vienna Coffee. There will be a Breakfast Blend, Decaf, French Roast and Hazelnut.

Tradewinds will introduce these coffees on Sunday, April 3, by having a coffee bar set up for you to sample the new Tradewinds coffees.

SPARE CHANGE + PEW DOLLARS = WATER FOR LIFE

Dirty water kills. We can save the lives of children in Ghana by giving money to drill wells in remote villages. Water bottles will be available at church beginning April 3. Drink the clean water to remind yourself that many people in our world cannot enjoy this luxury. Then, fill the empty bottle with your spare change during the month of April and return your bottle May 1.

The money from our water bottles, as well as the dollars left in the pews during April, will be sent to the Water for Life program of Feeding the Orphans. Waterborne illnesses kill a child under the age of five every 20 seconds. Clean water can save lives.



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DEACON NOMINATIONS BEGIN APRIL 17

You will have the opportunity to nominate persons to serve as deacons April 17 through May 8.

Church members who are at least 21 years old, have been a member of Monte Vista for a period of at least one year, and have demonstrated faithfulness in their attendance are eligible.

Our Deacon Ministry is a servant ministry. Persons who are most effective are those who invest in developing relationships with the families they are assigned, pray for and with them, keep them informed about the church, and who give special attention to homebound members who can no longer attend.

While Family Ministry is their main emphasis, our deacons also focus on praying for the church, issues that impact our spiritual life, encouraging and supporting the staff, seeking the fulfillment of our mission, and quickly responding to unmet needs.

Prayerfully consider those you will nominate.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DAY

April 9

Monte Vista will participate in this multi-church, multi-project effort to impact Blount County. Projects available for everyone, young and old! Seatwork projects will take place at Blount Community Church on route 321, 8:30am-12:30pm. Sign up in our Welcome Centers or online: www.signupgenius.com/tabs/23674D704A5C9E9C42-spring

GOSPEL JUBILEE

(in the style of the Gaither Homecomings)

May 22

10:30 am

The Worship Choir invites new members to join them for this seasonal presentation. If you would like to sing with them, there is no commitment to join the choir. Rehearsals begin on April 6 at 7:00 pm. If interested, please contact Cliff at cliff@montevistamaryville.com.



GOD'S BACKYARD BIBLE CAMP

June 8-10 at Camp Montvale

Wednesday and Thursday, 10am to 2pm

Friday is Family Day, 10am to 7pm

Families are invited to dinner that evening.

Ages: 3 years through 6th grade

Mark your June calendars now!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

April 2, 8:00am

Fellowship Hall

Topic: Mentoring and Being Mentored

Come join other men as we grow together in the faith.

PrimeTime Seniors

Tuesday April 12

Fellowship Hall

5:30pm Covered Dish Meal

6:00pm Music by the Harmony Trio

HADASSA IRWIN

Hadassa and her husband, Chris, have been married for six years and have a daughter, Grace, who is 3 1/2. Hadassa is originally from Harlan, KY, but has lived in Tennessee for eleven years. She works from her home doing data processing. She is also a travel agent, specializing in Disney Travel. She enjoys traveling and cooking.

Hadassa says, "I love how welcoming everyone at Monte Vista is! From the SonRise preschool and the church, we have felt like part of the family from day 1. I love how involved the church is in the community and it's willingness to help those in need."



CATO CLOWNEY, JR.

Cato Clowney, Jr. was born in Mason, TN and graduated from Gailor High School. He attended Tennessee State University where he met and married Shirley Carr-Clowney. After starting a family in Nashville, they moved to New Jersey in 1963. He worked at K-Mart as the Eastern Regional office manager, K-Mart Operations, merchandiser, and new store developer. After retirement, he and his wife relocated to Maryville. Presently, he works with the East Tennessee FBI Working Group, the Blount County SMiles program and Habitat for Humanity. He has served as vice-president and president of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center and on the board of the Blount County Historical Museum. He had an extensive exhibit of Negro League memorabilia at the museum and other venues in Blount County. His West Tennessee team played against Negro league teams.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH:

April: Movie night to see *God's Not Dead 2*, date TBA

Participation in Community Connections Day, April 9

Summer: A camp week and activity days throughout the summer.

Justice Journeys: Serving in our local community

Fourth Tuesdays: Serving dinner at The Welcome Table, New Providence Presbyterian Church