

# THE MONTE VISTAN

NEWSLETTER OF MONTE VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH / MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

## AUGUST DOLLARS IN THE PEW

In the 1990s, Monte Vistans went on mission trips to Pippa Passes, KY. During these trips we discovered that the small Caney Baptist Church we worked with had a food ministry that served the community and students from Alice Lloyd College. Since that time, the Best, Willhite and Garmeson Class has been helping support that ministry.

Caney Baptist states, "Many families in our communities are low income and in need of assistance with food. In conjunction with God's Pantry Food Bank, we provide monthly food boxes full of nutritious foods to supplement the diets of those in need."

Our August Dollars in the Pew will help stock God's Pantry Food Bank.

## MID-YEAR PEW OFFERING REPORT

The dollars you leave in the pew each Sunday add up and bless others. Here is what was given the first six months in 2018. Total: \$8,887!!

Jan: Local Salvation Army Canteen Ministry \$750

Feb & March: Water for Life: To drill a well in Ghana & build a church \$5,630

April: Ruth School, a CBF ministry in Romania \$560

May: Blount County Schools overdue lunch accounts \$1,167

June: Chilhowee Baptist Center Back to School supplies \$780

## A NEW WELL IN GHANA

The funds that Monte Vista raised this year for Change for a Change with Feeding the Orphans went towards drilling a well in the remote village of Kpelema in northern Ghana. Before the well was dug, most in the people living in this village would dig holes in the ground to collect dirty water.

Now to God's glory, because of Monte Vista Baptist Church and your generosity, the village has a well and clean water! The WHOLE village was there to watch in excitement when the drilling began.

You truly changed the lives of hundreds of villagers in Kpelema. Countless lives will be saved because of the new clean water. The GOSPEL is being preached in the church your generosity provided not far from this village and the new believers are attending there.

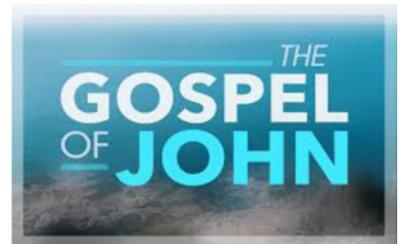
Thank you,  
Righ O'Leary  
Feeding the Orphans Ministry



## EXPLORE: ANSWERS TO TOUGH QUESTIONS

Some stories about Jesus are only found in the Gospel of John:

- changing of water into wine at Cana
- conversation with Nicodemus
- encounter with Samaritan woman at a well
- healing of a crippled man at Pool of Bethesda
- rescue of an adulterous woman from stoning
- healing of a man born blind
- raising of Lazarus
- washing of disciples' feet
- prayer for believers to be united
- resurrection appearance to Thomas



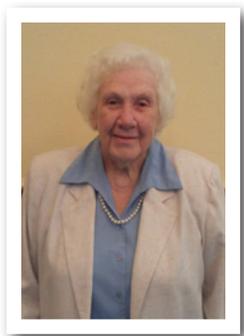
Jesus gives us answers to some difficult questions about grace, forgiveness, healing, discipleship, service, suffering, belief and love through these stories in John's Gospel. Jerry will lead our discussion on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm, in room 204. Join us!

## AILEEN MANTOOTH

Aileen recently moved from Oakridge to Maryville to be nearer her family. She has three sons, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren!

Her favorite job before retiring was working in a dress shop. She says she really enjoyed working in her church's Clothes Closet and in their Bereavement Ministry. Her favorite activity is reading.

Aileen chuckled when asked what she like best about Monte Vista. "The pastor" was her answer followed by the warm fellowship. She just likes being able to come to church.

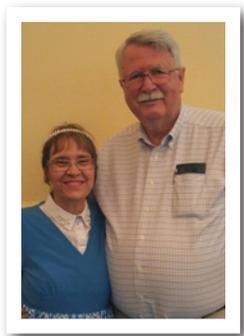


## DAN AND JOYCE MICHAELIDES

Dan and Joyce lived in Fresno, California until they moved to Tennessee in May (except for the four years that Dan served in the Navy). They wanted to move to a city that was somewhere in between West Des Moines, Iowa (where their younger son, his wife and their five children live) and Charleston, SC (where their older son hopes to move).

Dan worked for the federal government as a Federal Agent for the IRS. Joyce worked for almost 10 years for the California SBC as secretary to the state's Music and Youth Director. After that, she worked for as a Legal Secretary/Paralegal for a law firm.

Since moving to Maryville, they love to go driving through the mountains. Joyce said, "It is unusual to see much 'green' in California, so this is a special treat for us. We both enjoy reading. Most of our interests and hobbies, however, revolve around our church. We visited several churches before deciding to join Monte Vista. The thing that stood out to us was that, in most churches we visited, the people enjoyed the worship services, but appeared to be content with being spectators. Here at MVBC, there seemed to be more joy in the services – more attitudes of real worship. Jerry gives direct sermons that do not try to cover too many topics at once and make it easy to understand the point he is making. The people are super friendly. There is an emphasis on ministry to each other and to the community. Also, this church has a good choir with a beautiful blend, led by a music minister who makes choir rehearsals enjoyable and is focused on using music to lead the church in worship each week."



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Pancake Breakfast  
August 4 at 8:30am  
Fellowship Hall



# PrimeTime Seniors

## Covered Dish Luncheon and Program

Tuesday, August 14

Noon in Fellowship Hall

Program: Music by Bill Robinson,  
retired from Maryville Schools, now on staff at FBC

Come and bring a friend to enjoy good food, music and fellowship!

## MV KIDS IN AUGUST

Wednesday night activities return August 1. Kids, 3 years through 6th grade, will be meeting 6:00-7:30pm which includes dinner. The kids will eat their dinner in their own areas (preschooler in the tent room, 1st-4th in Kids Cove, 5th and 6th grades in the preteen room). (Donations for dinner or food contributions will be very appreciated but not mandatory.)

SonRise Preschool begins August 6! A limited number of spaces remain for 3 and 4 year olds.

Looking Ahead:

September 7-9 Preteen Retreat in Pigeon Forge. More information will be available in the Preteen Room.

## WELCOME TO THE LANDING

The Landing, formerly the Kids Crossing area, is space open for members and visitors on Wednesday nights. It will be a casual, comfortable atmosphere where we can invite visitors in for fellowship and coffee, a place that is not structured, so visitors can drop in while their kids are in class, shop at Tradewinds, and visit with others.

Wednesday nights will be hosted by volunteers. We will be asking people to sign up to prepare coffee, put music on the tv, welcome guests and clean up afterward.

Outside of Wednesday nights, this space can be reserved for showers, meetings, book studies, or other classes. This should go through normal channels, starting with contacting the office to check availability.

Evangelism and Spiritual Growth Councils

## MV STUDENTS

MVS will return for our Wednesday gatherings on August 1 at our new time of 6:00 – 7:30pm. This time will help families who have students of various ages. MVS, children, preteens, and adult classes will meet during that time.

Each time we participate in an activity together it helps us to grow and strengthen our relationships with each other. These relationships provide support as each of us seeks to strengthen our faith. We continue to worship and study together on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and Sundays at 9:15am.