

THE MONTE VISTAN

NEWSLETTER OF MONTE VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH / MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

GOSPEL Jubilee

Sunday, May 22

Presented by Our Worship Choir
In the style of Gaither Homecomings
Followed by a free lunch!

Fried Chicken Breast Strips
Baked Beans
Corn on the Cob
Dinner Roll

Tea or Lemonade and Dessert
Catered by Lees Chicken

If you'd like to sit outside, bring a lawn chair or have lunch in Fellowship Hall.

The lunch is free, but you need to get a ticket so we will have a head count.

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MY JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

In recent years we have said each one of us must assume the responsibility for our spiritual growth and that the church is here to assist us in that process. "My Journey with Christ" is a new publication we are introducing to help you identify the next steps of your journey. It is holistic approach to growth that encompasses the areas of knowing, loving, and serving.

This publication is divided into three sections:

- The first section identifies and defines what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
- The second part is a self-assessment tool. After completing this section, you should be able to identify current strengths and potential growth areas in your life that need attention.
- The third section links what you have learned about where you are currently in your spiritual development with practical events and experiences offered by our church that will help you grow in this particular area.

At any point in the process, I would be glad to meet with you to help you navigate your next steps. The publications are available at the Welcome Centers.

Jerry

CHRIS GILLILAND JOINS THE STAFF

The congregation approved Chris Gilliland to serve as Minister to Students and Young Adults on April 10. He starts full-time employment June 1. Chris says, "I am excited about partnering with the church, parents, and youth as we seek to grow and live our story in Jesus. The relationships that I have already had the chance to build have been extremely encouraging and I am looking forward to how God will use me and my family in the MVBC story."

When asked to share some of his favorite things, he says, "My favorite foods are meat, potatoes and bread. Casserole is a bad word and sectioned plates are great because I like my foods separated. I like good doughnuts, too.

My favorite movies are most likely Disney and I love to visit Disneyworld or Disneyland. I especially enjoyed a recent Disney cruise. BTW, I did work for the Disney Store for a while. If money were no object, an overseas cruise currently interests me.

I enjoy spending time with my family, sharing new experiences and places, supporting the boys in soccer and sharing life with Amy.

I graduated from Central High School in Knoxville where I briefly played football and was in show choir. That may explain why I enjoy watching football, especially the Vols, and enjoy musicals. The Lion King in New York was great!

One of my favorite times with the students so far was, surprisingly, the ski trip. It was the first time I, and several of them, had been skiing. It was humorous yet encouraging. People were piling up at the lift exit and getting stuck in the ditches, but we laughed, helped each other up and are looking forward to the next trip. Although the ski trip was a highlight, each time we come together it is something I look forward to.

My favorite verses: 1 Timothy 4:12, James 1:22, Philippians 4:8."

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.

Grades 1-6 will go to Camp Montvale

Ages: 3-5 years will be at Monte Vista Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

When parents pick up their 3-5 yr olds at MV Friday, they are invited to Camp Montvale for Family Day. Register online at montevistamaryville.com or in the Welcome Centers.

FALL MISSION TRIP TO HAITI

November 5-12

Pastor Hubert (Haitian Pastor visiting and speaking during am service) June 26.

Meet and greet coffee time with Pastor Hubert Sunday, June 26, at 8:30 am.

Fundraisers:

- Golf tournament date to be announced
- Haitian Meal Sunday, August 7, following worship
- Yard Sale August 13 (drop off donated items August 11 and 12 from 2:00 to 5:00pm)

(Funds will be used for education, housing, transportation, helping endangered children, feeding the hungry and adult reading classes)

MV STUDENT NEWS

High School graduate dinner, Monday, May 9, 7pm, at Sullivan's downtown.

Centrifuge Camp at Panama City Beach, for students in grades 7-12, will be June 28-July 2. A deposit of \$50 is due now.

THE GILLILAND FAMILY

Amy grew up in Maryville and attended Monte Vista. She graduated from Maryville High School. Chris grew up in north Knoxville and graduated from Central High School. They met through Chris' step-mother who volunteered at Emerald Youth Foundation where Amy was working. Amy currently works at Maryville College and Chris will join the Monte Vista staff as Minister to Students and Young Adults later this month.

Tyler, 9, and Timothy, 7, attend Carpenters Elementary. Both say math is their favorite subject and play soccer for the Emerald Force Club and Upward basketball at Fairview.

Haleigh is 18 and finishing her freshman year at UT. She enjoys being responsible for socials and events for the Christian sorority at UT, Sigma Phi Lambda, and is currently studying to work in occupational therapy.

Their family spends a lot of time at soccer practices and games. Chris says, "We like going places and sharing new experiences. Our favorite place to visit is Walt Disney World. We visit as frequently as we can. We also enjoy a trip to Hilton Head each year with the Webb family. Our favorite place to eat is "Granna's." (That is Sharon Webb's.) We all enjoy our relationships at Monte Vista and the opportunity to share experiences together."



PrimeTime Seniors

Tuesday May 10

Place: Louisville Point Park Pavilion, 3272 Cox Road, Louisville

Time: Eat 5:30 pm

Covered Dish (drinks, paper plates, forks will be provided)

Program of music provided by Robert Wilson and Jeff Nelson

MAT MAKERS

Mat Makers meet Saturday, May 7

9:00-11:00am in Fellowship Hall

Come see how grocery bags become sleeping mats for the homeless.

Everyone is welcome!

MAY SLUMBER PARTY

May 6

Kids in grades 1-4 will have a slumber party on Friday, May 6, beginning at 6:30pm. They will go to Mr. Gatti's for pizza and return to the church for fun and games. The kids will need \$5 for pizza, an air mattress, sleeping bag, and pillow. Parents pick up their children at 9:30am Saturday.

LARRY & LINDA TURNER

Larry and Linda have returned home to where they were born. They met at the University of Tennessee where both graduated. Larry's first job after graduation was for the Department of Defense, Army at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. They married in 1971 and Linda taught school, grades 4-12, in between the births of 3 sons and living in Germany for 5 years.

They have 3 grown sons, 4 grandsons and a beautiful granddaughter. Their sons are "spread out" from Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Beijing, China to Maryville. Their youngest son, Jackson, his wife, Whitney and their son Louis, age 16 months, moved to Maryville 2 years ago.

Larry and Linda have traveled extensively during 45 years of marriage, as far as China, many trips in Europe, and even twice to Muscat, Oman in the Middle East. They love to study and learn new things. Linda loves learning new languages, and Larry is a history buff.

Monte Vista was recommended to the Turners by one of the senior staff members of their church in Huntsville and say they were "sold" from the first time visited! Linda says, "We continue to find the people of Monte Vista to be some of the friendliest, most welcoming, precious people we've met! We enjoy the diversity of backgrounds of the church, and very importantly the Mission Vision of Monte Vista. We are impressed and blessed by Jerry's sermons, as well as the enthusiasm and worship-filled singing of the choir, led by Cliff! We look forward to studying God's Word and serving in His Kingdom here at Monte Vista, and maybe going "on mission."

