

# THE MONTE VISTAN

NEWSLETTER OF MONTE VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH / MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

## SHARE THE LIGHT BAKE SALE

On Sunday, May 7, you can purchase delicious homemade desserts to take home and enjoy. They will be available in the downstairs Welcome Center following worship. Proceeds will benefit our summer mission trip to Haiti, part of Share the Light ministries. It's a win-win opportunity: yummy food, great cause!



## MAY DOLLARS IN THE PEW

Our May Dollars in the Pew will support Share the Light, a ministry of David and Jennifer Reece among the people of Haiti. David and Jennifer, along with mission teams from Monte Vista, provide biblical training for Haitian pastors and church leaders, distribute food and help meet medical needs with glasses and supplies. They also work with two orphanages: Freedom House and Blessing the Children Ministries by providing annual bible schools for both as well as local village children. Our dollars will bless Haitians in God's name.

# NO-MORTGAGE MAY

How Low Can You Go? – The question brings back memories of Chubby Checker singing “Limbo Rock,” Olivia Newton John and John Travolta dancing to “Hand Jive” in the movie, “Grease,” or a limbo contest in a “Beach Blanket Bingo.”

It is also the question we ask ourselves about financing our current building renovations. To pay for these renovations we are first using money we have accumulated in our building fund. When that money is gone, we will begin drawing on a line of credit. For the first two years, we will repay the interest only on the line of credit. Any money that comes in during this time will go directly to reduce the principle so that at the end of two years, the amount we convert from a line of credit to a loan will be reduced.

Wouldn't it be great if we could raise enough money to not have a mortgage payment at all? The amount we would save would be significant. We are kicking off our first fund-raising opportunity with “No-Mortgage May.” During the month of May, give as much as possible to reduce future indebtedness. If you made a pledge to the building fund, but were waiting to see if we actually moved forward, now is the time to start fulfilling your pledge. If you did not make a pledge, you can still give as a pledge is not required. If you have already fulfilled your pledge, consider giving more.

When this renovation is complete our students and children will have a safe and better equipped environment for learning about Jesus and our fellowship hall expansion will give us more room to gather in one place. It is long overdue – please give!

Jerry



## BIKERS, BISCUITS AND PRAYERS

Sponsored by the Evangelism Council

On Saturday, April 22, KC Fish, Shane Phillips, John and JoeAnn Wilkinson, Hadassa Irwin, DaVonda Hall and Pat Pastor loaded a church bus with sausage biscuits, orange juice, bottles of water, and coffee. Our destination was the Harley Davidson Store on route 129, The Dragon. We were there to pass out free beverages and biscuits to those who stopped at the end of their Dragon ride or were just getting started.

The scenery was spectacular with the greenery of spring and the flowing Little Tennessee River across the street. Those who came over to take something to eat or drink, visited with us and let us pray with them for safe journeys. We met a rider from Georgia who said he was 60 and riding The Dragon was on his bucket list. A couple from Australia visited with us quite a while. We learned they were in the States for four months. They arrived in Oregon, bought a Harley and had been traveling around the USA. They had enjoyed visiting the Florida Keys and National Parks, especially Carlsbad Caverns.

Another couple was from Mississippi. Their road names were Sassy and Ole Man and they were expounding the comfort of their three-wheel Harley. A young man in a Mustang convertible was from Tampa. He was meeting a group of college friends to drive The Dragon. He really appreciated the coffee.

There weren't many riders that Saturday, but being together and meeting and praying for people we didn't know, but who received what we offered in love, made it a good morning indeed. May 27 is the next Bikers Breakfast. Plan now to participate. You never know the interesting folks you might meet.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 6  
Gracie's Restaurant

## SHOP THE WORLD AT MV

You don't have to travel far to shop for gifts. Here are some items Tradewinds, Monte Vista's fair-trade shop, offers from around the world:

- Bread Baskets with stone bread warmers from Bangladesh
- Handmade Scarves from India, Viet Nam and Nepal
- Small stuffed Lions and Elephants from Kenya
- Nativities from the West Bank
- Jewelry from artisans around the globe
- Local School Names fashioned from steel drums in Haiti
- Spices with grinders from South Africa
- ...and coffees, teas and chocolates!

Tradewinds also provides one-stop shopping with their selection of gift cards and bags. Whatever the occasion, you can find a unique gift! These Fair-Trade products provide fair wages and humane working conditions for the artisans. Shop where your purchases make a positive difference in people's lives. Tradewinds is open on Sundays before Bible study and after worship in room 206. Tradewinds is also open on Wednesdays 4:00-8:00pm.

## PrimeTime Seniors

Plans are being made for trips. One of these is to Farmer's Daughter Restaurant in Chuckey, TN. Cost will be approximately \$21 per person. Date to be announced.

Regular monthly programs are being suspended until further notice due to renovation involving Fellowship Hall.

## MVS MAY EVENTS

May marks the end of another school year and brings excitement for the upcoming summer. On May 7, MVBC will recognize those in our congregation that are graduating this spring. On Monday evening, May 8, our high school graduates and their families are invited to dinner at Sullivan's at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to [chris@montevistamaryvill.com](mailto:chris@montevistamaryvill.com).

Thursday morning, May 11, MVS will meet at Vienna Coffee House at 7:10am for coffee & conversation. MVS will have an end of school celebration on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30pm. The following Wednesday evening, May 24, MVS will meet for dinner and then help move items for the Heaven Sent Homes sale to be held at MVBC.

Coming up June 4-9, MVS will be participating in the church wide mission project in Gatlinburg. We will be assisting with the rebuilding efforts at Roaring Fork Baptist Church. We will be staying at the Gatlinburg Presbyterian Church retreat center. We will work alongside members of Roaring Fork and MVBC as we help rebuild and give back to the Gatlinburg community. There will also be some fun evening activities as part of the week. Please sign up with Chris in the youth area or via email.

## UPCOMING EVENT FOR KIDS:

**May 17 Summer's Here Celebration** during Kids Club 6:00-7:00pm. Dinner and outdoor games.

**May 17 VBS Planning Open House.** Drop by room 350, 6:00-7:00pm to learn about volunteer opportunities during VBS.

**June 2 & 16 and July 7 & 21 Fabulous Friday Mission and Fun Days** for those who just completed 1st-6th grades. More information is available on the summer calendar located on the sign in table in front of Kid's Crossing.

**June 9 & 23 and July 14 & 21 Fabulous Friday Mission and Fun Days** for 3-5 year olds and those who just completed Kindergarten. More information is available on the summer calendar located on the sign-in table in the nursery.

**June 25-28 5:30-8:00pm Vacation Bible School.** Dinner will be served each night to everyone during VBS

