

# THE MONTE VISTAN

NEWSLETTER OF MONTE VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH / MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

## WE ARE HALF-WAY TO OUR GOAL!

During "No Mortgage May" we tried to reduce the amount of the money we would need to borrow from our line of credit for our renovation project. We received \$35,881 during the month. This gave us a total of \$724,427. Since then we have crossed the 50% mark of our \$1.45 million goal. Thank you for giving so generously. Any amount given to this renovation project lowers the amount we will later need to borrow.

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of something specific, we have a shopping list to share with you. There should be something on this list that is affordable for everyone. If not, then do what we do best – join with the efforts of others. Pick one or more of these items as a project for your group or class and commit to providing it (them). No gift is too small. Here is our list:

### Shopping list

- \$5 buys one acoustical ceiling tile - We need 3,000 tiles
- \$10 buys 1 bag of mortar – We need a lot of bags
- \$25 buys 1 stack of 100 bricks - We need 400 stacks
- \$75 buys 1 fire extinguisher - We need 7 extinguishers
- \$150 buys 1 pallet of blocks (100 blocks) – We need 30 pallets
- \$250 buys a set of table and chairs – We need 60 sets
- \$500 buys 1 window - We need 51 windows
- \$750 buys 1 door/frame/hardware - We need 34 doors
- \$2,000 buys 1 piece of kitchen equipment - We need 20 pieces

## ZERO-BASED BUDGET

We have been teaching the money principles of Dave Ramsey for several years using his material, "Financial Peace." In developing a personal budget, he walks participants through a process he calls a "Zero-Based Budget." It is a cash flow plan that assigns an expense to every dollar of one's income, wherein the total income minus the total expenses equals zero.

In an attempt to practice what we preach, the Stewardship Committee has been working with the leadership of the church to create a Zero-Based Budget for the church. The end result is a more realistic budget that brings our income and expenses closer together. We started by looking at giving trends and averaged what we have received for the budget over the last three years. That amount was a little more than \$775,000. Then we went back and averaged what we had spent in each line item. The total amount was \$762,000. Over the last three years we have averaged spending \$13,481 less than we received.

In a Zero-Based Budget the difference between what we have received and what we are spending should be zero. Therefore, we have revised our budget for the remainder of the year to reflect our three-year spending averages. For example, this year we budgeted \$2,500 for discipleship materials. Over the last three years we have averaged spending \$1,639. Our new proposed amount is \$2,000.

Copies of the new proposed budget are available in the Welcome Centers and the Church Office. There is a called business session to vote on this proposal following the morning worship service on July 9. The leadership of the church has done an outstanding job working together to make a balanced budget a possibility. Maybe we should send them to Washington.

# JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 2 • 10:00am  
Pearson Springs Pavilion  
1467 Montvale Station Rd

Followed by a Covered Dish Lunch  
(bring dishes to share: meats, sides, salads & desserts)  
and then enjoy a special 4th of July Celebration



## JULY OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS

July 7, 10:00-2:30 1st – 6th grades (completed) will meet at the church and work on a mission project. This will probably include a trip to WalMart to get school supplies to fill backpacks. We will eat lunch then go to Foothills Movie Theater to see *Despicable Me 3*. Movie times have not been posted yet so we may have to adjust when we will return to the church.

July 10, (this is a Monday) 10:00-1:00 3 year olds – Kindergarten (completed) will meet at the church and go to The Muse in Knoxville. They have a special program on Mondays that is designed for younger children. We will stop and eat lunch on the way back to the church.

July 21, 10:00-1:00 3 year olds – Kindergarten (completed) will meet at the church and work on a mission project then have lunch. After lunch, we will have water day. Please apply sunscreen before bringing your child and bring a towel. We will reapply to face as needed.

July 21, 10:00-2:30 1st – 6th grades (completed) will meet at the church and work on a mission project then have lunch. After lunch, we will have water day. Please bring sunscreen and a towel.

July 21, 2:30-6:00 Preteens will go to Foothills Mall and play laser tag then have dinner.

July 30 Promotion Sunday

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN IN JULY

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 1  
8:00am at IHOP

Joshua Armstrong will be speaking about his ministry to the Muslim people in Africa, specifically the Ivory Coast.

### Men's Night Out

Tuesday, July 13  
Meet at MV @6:00pm

Go to Veloce  
9305 Kingston Pike, Knoxville  
Indoor electric kart racing  
Meal to follow the fun!



## PrimeTime Seniors

### ROAD TRIP

**The Farmer's Daughter (in Chuckey TN)**

Friday, July 21, leave MV at 10:00am

Cost \$21 (meal, beverage & tip) due by July 14

Sign up in church office--27 seats available

Amish store next to restaurant!

## MV STUDENTS JULY EVENTS

July 10-15 Several seniors will participate in Student Leadership University in Orlando, Florida. SLU 101 is a four-day conference that begins their journey by helping them understand that "Leadership Begins at the Feet of Jesus." From behind the scenes at SeaWorld to world-class speakers in exclusive learning environments, SLU 101 will teach our students the practical, relational, and life skills to change the way they think, dream, and lead!

July 19 MVS will host Wednesday @ The Webb's. We will meet at MVBC at 5:30pm for dinner and swimming. We should return about 9:00pm.

July 25 Students are encouraged to be a part of serving at the Welcome Table alongside other members of MVBC. Meet at New Providence at 4:30pm. (Wear closed-toed shoes)

July 29 The Elrods and Turners will host a MVS end-of-summer lake day. Details coming soon in the MVS Weekly. Mark your calendar and plan to come celebrate with us.

July 30 Promotion Sunday. This is the Sunday that we welcome rising seventh graders to MVS.

## JULY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OTHERS

- MV hosts Family Promise July 16-23
- The Welcome Table at New Providence July 25
- Serve Breakfast to the Bikers July 29