

Keep the Mountain State Children’s Home Collection in mind. Here are some suggestions for what to collect. The need goes on despite COVID-19. Pick up will be at the end of the month.

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| Canned peaches, pears,<br>Pineapple, mandarin<br>oranges               | Vegetable Oil<br>Jam or Jelly<br>Cereal             | Crackers<br>Individual<br>Chips/snacks for<br>lunches | Mouthwash<br>Disposable Razors<br>Q-Tips      |
| Chopped Jalapenos<br>Black Olives<br>Spaghetti Sauce (plastic<br>Jars) | Pancake Mix<br>Cake Mixes<br>Mac and Cheese<br>Nuts | Instant Breakfast<br>100% Fruit Juices<br>Tea Bags    | Ibuprofen,<br>acetaminophen<br>Cold Medicines |



Do not think that, t I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them; For truly, I say to you, ‘until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you; unless you your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 5:17-20)



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**Meeting Times::**

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| Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am      | Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 pm |
| Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am | Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm        |

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

Attendance 05/31 NA | Budget \$2484.00 | Contribution 05/31 NA



**Obedience and Compassion**

“There is none righteous, not even one...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:10, 23). No one will be made right before God based on performance. However, that does not mean God does not care about obedience. The Lord who saves us by grace still wants us to do His will His way. He knows we will not be perfect in our efforts, but He still seeks our obedience.

Jesus says in Matt. 5:20, “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” To be like the Christ we must learn these principles about obedience. Jesus says He didn’t come to abolish the law of God, but to fulfill it. He will do away with law keeping as a means of salvation, but in fact as Paul says in Romans 7, the law was never designed to save people anyway. Jesus came to fulfill the law and the prophets. He would fulfill all the prophecies about the Messiah, proving He was the promised Son of God. He would also fulfill the law by keeping it perfectly.

To be like Christ, then, is to obey the laws of God. We cannot merely read and know the word of God. As James warns, “Prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.” (James 1:22). Jesus fulfilled all the demands of the Law of Moses. He asks us to fulfill all the demands of the gospel of grace. From faith and repentance, to submission and baptism, to redemption and holiness, the Lord asks us to be doers, not just hearers of His Word.

If we look closely at the Law of Moses, we will discover it was filled with concerns for widows, orphans and other poor people. There were countless laws governing how these people, on society’s fringe, were to receive assistance in order to survive. Many of the “rules” that made up the Law were designed to ensure that the most unfortunate members of Jewish and Gentile populations were cared for and assisted with food, clothing, housing. An accurate understanding of the Law would have every Jew behaving in this loving, kind affirming manner.

Sadly, the Jews of the first century had substituted keeping the “rules” of the Laws of Moses, instead of honoring its priorities. All the Laws Moses laid out were intended to keep people in line with God’s main desires. God wants people to honor Him with these rules, but many were designed to assist the poor in their times of need. To obey like Jesus did when he healed the leper in Luke 5:12-16 is to keep God’s priorities.

A man after God’s heart would always keep the Sabbath, practice circumcision and so on. But he would look beyond the rules to see the need for them. For Jesus it was never a matter of obeying God for obedience’s sake. It was a matter of obeying God because that obedience would lead to a better life for him and for all those around Him. So, he stopped to help the leper, while the “devout” Jews around him kept their distance.

This is what Jesus means about our righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees. The Law of Moses was never intended to a set of rules. It was designed to reveal the heart of God, His values and priorities. We must look beyond the rules and see the people behind them. Then we too will stop to help those in need, even if they are lepers, the outcasts of society. ~D. Thurman, excerpted

<b>Keep These Dates in Mind</b>	<b>June Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>	
Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.	Leland Davis 6/1 Henry & Mary Beth Walker 6/2 Curtis & Nadine Mohr 6/5 Fran Henniger 6/7 Craig Bolt 6/15 Maurice Bunker 6/15 Jack & Wanda Danley 6/15	Ken & Sallie Winstead 6/17 Tera Berry 6/18 Thelma Gritzan 6/19 Jennie Freitag 6/23 Shannon Mendoza 6/30

. Please come and join us in our conjoined worship to God.  
We will be studying Matthew on Sunday Mornings and Ephesians on Sunday night,

**Bible Studies**

<b>Adult Bible Classes</b> Sunday am – O.T. Wed pm – Acts 13-28 (Paul's Journeys)	<b>Youth Classes</b> Classroom Wing <b>Teen Class</b> - Teen Room	<b>Ladies Class</b> Cancelled until further notice
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**Issues (ongoing):** Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Marji Lindholm, Marilyn Davis, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Helen Pierce, Lupe Mendoza, Panzy Caywood

**Jack Danley** went home Saturday. Keep him and Wanda in your prayers as he continues to recover.

**Bill Henniger** is still struggling with health issues. Please be with him and the family as they struggle with the issues of ongoing health issues and with having to deal with upcoming decisions concerning his issues with his liver.

**Pat Lindsay** is still struggling with her Lymphedema.

Larry Moore wanted to thank all those in the congregation who expressed their sympathy concerning the passing of his mother during the COVID 19 lockdown.

Please keep those in mind who are susceptible to illness and respect their need for distancing and masks being worn around them.

**Welcome Back to all of our family who could make it here to worship with us today!**

**Our Ministries**  
*Mountain States Children's Home*  
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

**Peru Ministry** – Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru  
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

**Food Pantry** - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.  
"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

**Austin and Kennadie McCrickard** – Bear Valley Bible Institute  
"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

**Worship Him in His Presence**

It is often easy to lose sight of the very nature of worship and the result of this robs us of one of the great blessings God has for us. Before reading any more of this article stop and ask yourself, "Why do I come to worship each week?" There may be many reasons, but what is the fundamental, underlying reason you come to worship each week?

If you think first in terms of, "I do it because He commands me to," perhaps you should think more about it. Did not Jesus describe those who "...draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me"? We do come to worship because He commands us, but if that is the primary reason, we are robbing ourselves of the true meaning of worship. Think about the following verses and my comments about them.

**Psalm 100:2:** "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." Notice how godly men came to worship realizing that this was the place, above all others, where we are "in His presence." We come with gladness and praise before Him. In worship we are truly in His presence.

**Psalm 95:2:** "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms." Notice the plural pronouns in this verse. It is not a private time of praise David had in mind. It was "us" who came before Him in His presence. The next verse sheds even more reasons as to why we come to worship. "For the Lord is the great God, and the great King above all gods." We should stand in awe that this great God would so graciously allow sinful men to come into His presence.

**Ecclesiastes 5:1-2:** "Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools...let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few." Every aspect of worship is important, but in most acts we are actively involved. However, God designed worship as a time when by preaching He would speak to us! We are in His presence and should come motivated to hear His words.

**Psalm 100:1-4:** "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name."

Worship is not just "making a payment" on a heavenly insurance policy. We do not come just to obey Him. Worship comes from hearts which long to praise Him in His presence. ~Dan Jenkins

*We don't know when our actions may become an example to others — we're always on display. But if we live each day to honor Jesus, our behavior will model His righteous life (Gal. 2:20; 1 John 2:5-6), no matter who is watching.*