mountain city church

MINSTRY BOOKLET

2024 FALL EDITION



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service **SCHEDULE**

SUNDAYS

9:30AM

Community Groups Tiny Kids (Infants - 4yrs) Little Kids' Small Groups (Kindergarten - 1st grade) Jr. Kids' Church Large Group (2nd - 3rd grade) Big Kids' Church Large Group (4th - 5th grade) Special Needs Small Group (All ages) Youth (6th - 12th grade)

11AM*

Tiny Kids (Infants - 4yrs) Little Kids' Church Large Group (Kindergarten - 1st grade) Jr. Kids' Small Groups (2nd - 3rd grade) Big Kids' Small Groups (4th - 5th grade) Youth (6th - 12th grade) *ASL offered at this service. Main Service

WEDNESDAYS

FELLOWSHIP DINNER* | 6PM Cost: \$6 for kids \$8 for adults *Meals start Wednesday, Sept 4.

YOUTH (6th-12th grade) | 6:15PM | STUDENT UNION

AWANA (3yrs-5th grade) | 6:45PM

TINY KIDS (Infants - 3yrs)

SERVICE | 7PM

FRONT DOOR | 9:30AM | ROOM 111

SEPT 8, 15, 22 & NOV 10, 17, 24

The Front Door is a 3-week experience with the opportunity to learn more about Mountain City Church. Learn about your God-given purpose and spiritual gifts. Take your next step to become a member of Mountain City Church. Jump right in and make an eternal impact in our church and community by serving at Mountain City Church.

For more details or to register go to **mountaincity.church/frontdoor** or contact **frontdoor@mountaincity.church.**

BAPTISM 101 | ROOM 111

SEPT 29 AT 10AM | OCT 27 AT 10AM | NOV 24 AT 12:30PM

Baptism is a public celebration of your decision to follow Jesus. That's a BIG DEAL! In the Bible, Jesus tells anyone who follows Him to get baptized. Because of that, here at Mountain City Church, we encourage everyone who has decided to follow Jesus to get baptized. Take our Baptism 101 class to learn more about what it means to be baptized.

For more details or to register go to **mountaincity.church/baptism** or contact **baptism@mountaincity.church**.

CHURCH GROUPS

WHAT IS A GROUP?

Groups are a place where people have the opportunity to pursue authentic relationships and spiritual growth. When you join a group, you will spend time socializing, learning, and praying together. All you have to do is show up, join in, and be real. Groups meet thorughout the week.

WHY JOIN A GROUP?

We want everyone at Mountain City Church to experience the deep, healthy community that we read about in the New Testament – it's what we were made for and why we believe circles are better than rows. We are committed to caring for the spiritual health of the body of Christ by creating and strengthening opportunities for biblical community for every group member. While we are a large church, groups offer the family relationships of a small church community so that no one slips through the cracks.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT IN A GROUP?

All groups will look a little different, yet all will include 3 essential elements.

- 1. All groups commit to building biblical community. To care for one another well, we must know one another. We spend time together and build communities that care for both physical and spiritual needs
- 2. All groups will be discussing biblical truths in order to help you grow spiritually. The specific study will often vary by group depending on the focus of the group.
- 3. All groups commit to deeper sharing and prayer. We spend time sharing how we are really doing, supporting one another, and praying for and with each other. We send each other out to make disciples.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Sign up for a group at **mountaincity.church/groups** or visit **mountaincity.church/community-groups** for a list of groups that meet weekly on Sundays. Our fall small group semester will launch on September 153

907MOMS | FRIDAYS | 10AM

What is 907 Moms? A community for moms in all stages of life. When is 907 Moms? We meet twice monthly (Sept-May) on Fridays, 10am-12pm in Room 100. The cost is \$25/year/family for childcare. *Use our creek-side entrance. Our team will greet you! For dates and updates like them on Facebook page /907moms. For more details or to register go to mountaincity.church/907moms or contact 907moms@mountaincity.church.

RECOVERY | MONDAY & TUESDAYS | 7PM

Recovery Alaska is a place to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the "Eight Recovery Principles." By working and applying these Biblical principles, we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy, and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with God and others. For more details go to **recoveryalaska.com** or contact **recovery@mountaincity.church**.

FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE | STARTING IN JANUARY

FBI is a Bible class that takes you through the entire Bible in 3 years. Semester 1 of the Core FBI Class, starts Sunday, January 12, from 5-8pm in Room 110. New Student Early Enrollment opens in October and goes to November 15th, after which there is a \$30 late fee. This three year Bible College Credit class goes through the entire Bible Chronology. Upon completion of all classes, homework and all tests passed a Bible College Diploma is earned. For more details or to register go to **fbiclass.com** or contact Loretta Railing at **railingbunch@aol.com**.

FOUNDATIONS | SEPT 29

Foundations is a training group for believers to work through the essential fundamentals necessary to build a firm foundation in Christ. This training will allow you to discover the beauty of God through the Scriptures. Knowing God's Word takes training (1 Tim 4:6-9). Let us train to know God and make Him known. To join this

group, visit mountaincity.church/groups.

AWANA BEGINS | SEPT 4 | 6:45PM

Awana is a global ministry for youth ages 3 years through 12th grade that focuses on learning God's Word in a fun atmosphere. Each week, Awana provides consistent, positive teaching and training that stresses strong moral and spiritual values. Focusing on child discipleship, our students learn about the reality of God and the truths of the Bible and to know, love and serve Christ. For more information and to register, please visit **mountaincity.church/awana**.

TINY KID PLAYDATE | SEPT 10 & 24 | 10:30AM

If you have a tiny kid (infant to 4 yr old), we'd like to invite you to join us for a playdate from 10:30-noon in the Auditorium Lobby at Mountain City Church. For more information, email Briana at **bharris@mountaincity.church**.

GUYS & GIRLS NIGHT | SEPT 13 | 7PM

The Gathering, our young adults, 18-29 yr olds are hanging out. Text **@GATHTOGO** to **81010** for more details.

GARY CHAPMAN CONFERENCE | SEPT 14 | 9:30AM

Gary Chapman, author of the 5 Love Languages will be hosting a marriage conference at Mountain City Church in person Saturday, September 14th from 9-3:30pm. To register visit **mountaincity.church/lovelanguages.**

FALL GROUPS LAUNCH | SEPT 15

Groups are a place where people have the opportunity to pursue authentic relationships and spiritual growth. All you have to do is show up, join in, and be real. Summer groups run for 6-8 weeks starting September 15. Our full list of fall groups can be found at **mountaincity.church/groups**.

FALL COLORS | SEPT 21 | 10AM | ROOM 162

Kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to a guided painting session from 10-11:30am. A canvas, paints, paint brushes, and extra paper will be provided. The cost is \$10 per kid. Register online at **mountaincity.church/kids** or for more information, email **kids@mountaincity.church**.

GATHERING HIKE | SEPT 28 | 10AM

The Gathering, our young adults, 18-29 yr olds are going hiking. Meet at the front of the church parking lot to carpool. Text **@GATHTOGO** to **81010** for more details.

PASTORAL APPRECIATION MONTH

MOUNTAIN CITY ACADEMY GALA | OCT 11 | 7PM

Mountain City Christian Academy invites you to attend their Paving our Future Gala. Join us for an unforgettable evening of inspiration and support as we come together to raise funds for Mountain City Christian Academy. Friday, October 11, 2024 at 7pm in the Main Gymnasium Tickets available at **mountaincitychristian.academy/gala.**

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT | OCT 12

Mountain City Christian Academy is hosting a 3 on 3 Tournament with guest coach Melvin Adams, former Harlem Globetrotter Captain & NBA player. For more information about playing or watching, visit **mountaincitychristian.academy/tournament**.

SCAVENGER HUNT & DINNER | OCT 12 | 4PM

The Gathering, our young adults, 18-29 yr olds are heading out at 4pm. Cost of dinner is on you. Text **@GATHTOGO** to **81010** for more details.

CHILD DEDICATION | OCT 13 | 11AM

If you would like to participate by dedicating your child(ren), please register your child by October 9 so that we can prepare a special gift for your child. For more details or to register go to **mountaincity.church/child-dedication** or contact Bekah at **kids@mountaincity.church**.

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COSTUME PARTY | OCT 25 | 7PM

The Gathering, our young adults, 18-29 yr olds are dressing up. Come dressed in your best costume.Text **@GATHTOGO** to **81010** for more details.

MEN'S BREAKFAST | OCT 26 | 9AM

All men are welcome to attend Men's Breakfast in the Mountain City Church cafeteria to enjoy a hearty meal and fellowship with one another.

FALL FESTIVAL | OCT 26

Mountain City Christian Academy will put on their annual Fall Festival Saturday, October 26. Details can be found at **mountaincitychristian.academy/fallfestival.**



KIDS LEGO BUILD-A-THON | NOV 9 | 7PM

Use LEGOs to compete in building challenges and win prizes! This event will not only stretch your kids' creativity, but also teach the lesson that the Church works together as pieces of the body of Christ! Cost is \$20. Parents are welcome. Kids will be given LEGOs. Please do not bring your own. Registration can be found online at **mountaincity.church/kids**.

GATHERING GAME NIGHT | NOV 10 | 7PM

The Gathering, our young adults, 18-29 yr olds are playing games at the Mountain City Church Student Union, November 10 at 7pm. Text **@GATHTOGO** to **81010** for more details.

TINY KID PLAYDATE | NOV 12 | 10:30AM

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OCC PACKING PARTY | NOV 16 | 1PM

Did you know, Mountain City Church is the drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in Alaska? Churches from around the state bring boxes here to send all over the world to kids less fortunate. Starting in November you can pick up a box, fill it, and bring it back. We are also going to pack boxes as a church family on November 16th from 1-3pm in the Auditorium Lobby. For more information, email **occakministry@gmail.com**.

GATHERING FRIENDSGIVING | NOV 21 | 7PM

The Gathering, our young adults, 18-29 yr olds are celebrating Thanksgiving, November 21 at 7pm. Bring a side/dessert (sign ups available in the weeks prior). Text **@GATHTOGO** to **81010** for more details.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Engage the family to be a city on a hill – that's our goal this holiday season through everything we do. Be sure to plan to participate in reaching our community this holiday season! For more details go to **mountaincity.church/thanksgiving** or contact Spencer Moore at **outreach@mountaincity.church**.

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GATHERING PARTY | DEC 1 | 7PM

The Gathering, our young adults, 18-29 yr olds are celebrating Christmas, December 1 at 7pm. Text **@GATHTOGO** to **81010** for more details.

THANKSMAS | DEC 4 | 6:15PM

Mtn City Yth, will enjoy this Thanksgiving and Christmas mash-up event, Visit **mountaincity.church/youth** for more details.

SECONDARY CONCERT | DEC 5 | 6:30PM

Mountain City Christian Academy presents their Secondary Christmas Concert December 5 at 6:30pm.

ELEMENTARY CONCERT | DEC 6 | 9AM

Mountain City Christian Academy presents their Elementary Christmas Concert December 6 at 9am.

KIDS HIDE AND SEEK | DEC 6 | 7-8:30PM

Come and play hide and seek as we learn how Jesus is the light of the world who seeks us! Kids will get to play guided and supervised rounds of hide and seek throughout the church building. Parents can drop off or stay and play! For more information, visit **mountaincity.church/kids**.

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR | DEC 13-15 | 5PM

This year, Christmas is going to be Spectacular! All activities begin at 5pm and include pictures with Santa, crafts with elves, hot chocolate, a light show, an interactive kids' show, and more! Be sure to check out **mountaincity.church/christmas** for details about everything happening this Christmas at Mountain City Church.

CHRISTMAS EVE | DEC 24 | 5PM

As the world gets caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we invite you to take a moment to pause and embrace the true meaning of Christmas at our 5pm candlelight service. We encourage you to bring your family, friends, and neighbors to experience the magic of Christmas with us. Be sure to check out **mountaincity.church/christmas** for details about everything happening this Christmas at Mountain City Church.





Here at Mountain City Kids our mission is to raise up the next generation of Christ-centered world changers. We love partnering with families in teaching their children about God and to love Him more and more. We value providing a safe, Christ centered environment and showing the love of Christ to each and every kid.

Our kid's ministry offers programming from newborn through 5th grade children Sundays and Wednesdays. For more information, go to **mountaincity.church/kids** or contact **kids@mountaincity.church**.

On Sundays, all elementary parents check in and print tags for their children in the Kids Lobby then drop off and pick up all elementary kids in the Multi Purpose Room (MPR). Kids will be escorted to their age-specific classroom by their awesome leaders and be brought back to the MPR at the end of service.

On Wednesdsays, we offer Awana for 3 yrs through 12th grade. Awana focuses on learning God's Word in a fun atmosphere. Each week, Awana provides consistent, positive teaching and training that stresses strong moral and spiritual values. Focusing on child discipleship, our students learn about the reality of God and the truths of the Bible and to know, love and serve Christ. For more information and to register, please visit **mountaincity.church/awana**.



The goal of **MTN CITY YTH** is to create a culture where students develop as Christ-centered world changers! The best way for parents to stay up to date is by texting **@MTNCTYYTH** to **81010** or visit the parent Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/mtncityyouth.

MEETING TIMES

SUNDAY SERVICE | 9:30AM | STUDENT UNION SUNDAY BREAKFAST & GAMES | 11AM | CAFETERIA WEDNESDAYS | 6:15PM | STUDENT UNION



SCHOOL

Learn more about Mountain City Christian Academy (MCCA) by going to mountaincitychristian.academy. We are excited to offer a homeschool partnership with Denali PEAK Correspondence School, streamlining the enrollment and grade reporting process, while providing up to \$3,200 per student in academic expense reimbursement. The University Scholars Program is another new program that allows MCCA juniors and seniors to take college-level courses for both high school and college credit through in-person classes taught by MCCA teachers. Students save time and money, while experiencing rigorous college-level curriculum. Call Mountain City Christian Academy at 907-337-9575. Learn more and schedule a tour to see for yourself the quality Christian education we have to offer your student.

MEMBERS OF MOUNTAIN CITY CHURCH

Did you know that you qualify for a special \$1,000 family discount at Mountain City Christian Academy? It's our way of saying thank you for being a valued part of our church family!

SIBLING DISCOUNT

At Mountain City Christian Academy, we understand the importance of family—and we're committed to making quality education accessible to all. That's why we're thrilled to offer a special Sibling Discount to families with multiple children enrolled as full-time, in-person students! For more information call **907.337.9575** or visit **mountaincitychristian.academy**.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

MCCA offers dual enrollment, allowing juniors and seniors with a 3.0+ GPA, the opportunity to take Cedarville University college courses, counting for both high school and college credit. Courses are offered at MCCA campus, taught by MCCA teachers, and are on MCCA schedule. These courses are very rigorous, preparing students for college-level challenges. MCCA also has partnerships with several colleges, facilitating online dual enrollment courses through our learning lab.



YOUNG ADULTS

Join us in the Mountain City Church Student Union on Thursdays at 7pm for free food as we dive deeper into the Bible. The Gathering is a community of young adults desiring discipleship, authentic relationships, and engaging conversations. To join a life group happening throughout the week, contact Josh Velez at **jvelez@mountaincity.church**.



Gen 1 ministry is for our oldest generation of Christ-centered world changers.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

WALKING | M-F | 9AM | ROOM 113

The class is designed for seniors. It will improve your balance and decrease joint pain.

BIBLE STUDY | WED | 11AM | ROOM 113

Bring a sack lunch.

KNITTING | MONDAYS | 1PM | ROOM 113

This group is for women of all ages whether you already know how to knit or crochet, or want to learn - we'll teach you!

WIDOWS CONNECTION | 2ND SATURDAY

We come alongside our widows and help them in this challenging season of life. This group is led by Patsy Curry and happens the second Saturday of the month from noon to 1:30pm in Room 113.

MARRIAGE

PREPARE/ENRICH

The Prepare/Enrich assessment makes your relationship stronger! Research has shown that the simple act of taking an assessment improves relationship satisfaction. If you're getting married, struggling in your marriage or just hope to improve, we'd love to pair you with a coach. Email marriage@mountaincity.church or visit mountaincity.church/marriage.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

Kevin and Mary Bennett - South East Asia Mark and Joan Bouman - Cambodia Austin and Kaleigh Bowden - Chile Pamela Chevalier - Guatemala Julio Gonzalez - Costa Rica Richard and Lauree Hayden - Guatemala Kyle and Liz Jackson - Indonesia Ron and Kim Linegar - Indonesia Dr. Elena Luz - Guatemala Cheryl Lyons-Lontoc - Philippines Greg and LuAnn Lyons - Philippines Trevor and Aeryn McGee - Rural Alaska Bernado and Carla Montenegro - Guatemala Mike and Diane Peper - Sierra Leon Tyler and Karen Pease - Pacific NW USA Peter and Rhina Ribot - Thailand Nate and Emily Wilkerson - West Africa Noah and Tristan Wilkerson - Mozambique

ALASKA CORRECTIONAL MINISTRIES

To proclaim God's redemptive and unfailing love to Alaska's inmates and form a bridge of transformation and hope as these returning citizens find their place in our community. For more information about this partner, visit godinprison.com

ARCTIC BARNABAS

At Arctic Barnabas Ministries, we are passionate about equipping healthy, thriving leaders so they have the ability to lead healthy, thriving ministries! The vitality of village pastors, missionaries, and their families is critically important for the development and sustainability of healthy church communities. For more information about this partner, visit **arcticbarnabas.org**

BEACON HILL

Beacon Hill exists to serve Alaska's children in foster care and children at risk of going through foster care through the love of Christ. For more information about this partner, visit

beaconhillak.com

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP

Child Evangelism Fellowship® is a Bible-centered organization composed of born-again believers whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living. For more information about this partner, visit **cefonline.com**

COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CENTER

Community Pregnancy Center is a Christ-centered organization created to offer support, practical care, and accurate information to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. By offering free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STD testing, post-abortion care, and parenting classes, we hope to see parents empowered to choose abundant life for their families. For more information about this partner, visit **cpcanchorage.com**

THE HOPE CENTER

Inspired by the love of Jesus, the Hope Center offers those in need support, shelter, sustenance, and skills to transform their lives. For more information about this partner, visit **downtownhopecenter.org**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Mountain City Church partners with Samaritan's Purse to be the shoe box drop off location for all of South Central Alaska. The 2024 National Collection Week is November 18–25. For more information about OCC or how to volunteer, contact Samantha Dobbins at **occakministry@gmail.com**

PERSPECTIVES AK

Mobilizing God's people for God's global purpose. For more information about this partner, visit **perspectives.org**

YOUNG LIVES ALASKA

Introducing teen moms in Alaska to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. For more information about this partner, visit **younglivesalaska.younglife.org**

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus. For more information about this partner, visit **yfc.net/chapter/yfc-alaska**











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