

Mountviews

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Asked and Answered Part 3: The Final Installment

Do you envision Mountview becoming a mega church?

I especially like this question for just one simple reason: clearly God is blessing His church. It means that He/you are excited about what is happening here and that He/you are inviting family and friends to be part of this body. It means that when people come for the first time they appreciate how they are greeted, they like what they see and experience from the nursery straight through to adult worship, and are making a conscious, willful decision to stay. God is moving in the hearts of many people and He is drawing them to a place where they will be discipled and cared for as one of His beloved children. What an incredible gift God is blessing us with!

I believe there is a place for the **local** church. While the churches of 5,000 or 10,000 people can do more elaborate programs with camels walking through their sanctuary, bring in big name speakers, or even offer a coffee shop in their gathering area, they cannot give what the local church can: an opportunity to be known by the greater church. Mind you, there is nothing wrong with a larger church. In fact, what they can provide and allow you to be a part of is pretty wonderful. But they cannot provide you with a chance to be known from your first day walking in the building.

Here at Mountview, you can meet the staff, be introduced to someone with whom you have things in common (like someone who also works as a teacher or who also has kids the same age as yours), even be

invited out to lunch or into a weekly discipleship group. At a big church, you have to chase these things down on your own. At the local church level, because you are known, we can immediately come chasing after you. And it does make both an impression and a difference when someone is looking for a people and a place to love God and grow to be more like Him.

So while I continue to prayerfully seek the Lord and discern His plan for Mountview, I am cautiously optimistic that in the not too distant future, we will church plant somewhere in the city of Columbus. We will ask God to raise up 100–150 people who will develop Christian community with “the least of these” and start a new Mountview campus in a place where the need is great and where tremendous ministry can be done for the Lord. It is incredible to think this time is coming!

Why did we go to one service for the summer and why 11am?

Back in 1999 (maybe 2000) the church decided to move from one worship service to two. In hindsight, we made this decision for the wrong reason. At the time it was about style of worship (mainly it was about music). In retrospect, music should not have been the issue. It should have been about glorifying God and fulfilling the mission for which He has brought His assembly of worshippers together.

That being said, one aspect that was important to all of us was ensuring that throughout the year, we would
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Announcements

Our summer worship schedule will begin Sunday, May 30. We will have one combined worship service at 11am. We will resume our two-service schedule on the Sunday following Labor Day, September 12, 2010.

The women's Wednesday morning Bible study will begin a new study Wednesday, June 16. Join us in the church library from 9–11am for “Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith” by Beth Moore. Based on Isaiah 43:10, Beth explores what it means not only “to believe in God” but “to believe Him.” Beth encourages women to deepen their trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him. Contact Cindy Hinkle (761.0577 or cindyhinkle@sbcglobal.net) to enroll. Childcare is provided.

Childcare providers are needed for several of our discipleship groups which meet on Sunday mornings and Sunday–Thursday evenings each week. If you are interested in serving in this way for the discipleship groups ministry or would like more information about this position please contact Lynn Swonger (office@mountview.org) in the office.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. Enjoy the holiday weekend!

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set time aside to worship together when at all possible. So we used to have combined worship at Christmas, Easter, and through the summer months. As the church has grown in recent years, being together for Christmas and Easter stopped being possible. In fact, this past Christmas, we started having two worship services to accommodate all of the people God has been bringing here. And so we have recognized that our

opportunity to worship all together as the Mountview Baptist Church is nearing the end. Like you, I confess that it is sad on one hand, exciting on the other.

The decision to have worship at 11am was made with one thought in mind: go to one service while changing the overall schedule the least amount possible for the maximum number of people. Worship at 11am caused the least disruption and the least overall change for the most people. That being said, a few shout-outs!

- Thank you to all of you who attend first service for being willing to come at 11am. You are an incredible gift to all our young families with little children who would really struggle to get their children out of the house at an earlier time.
- Thank you to all of you in discipleship groups that will meet before worship instead of after. Your willingness to be flexible and to put the larger church ahead of yourself is a great example to me. Thank you for putting others ahead of yourself and for doing it willingly and cheerfully.
- Thank you everyone for trusting in your leaders to make decisions that are in the best interest of the body of Christ. While we know change is not always easy, we appreciate knowing that we can do all things for the glory of God, united in the body and blood of Jesus our Savior. May God be glorified as we worship Him together in the same space at the same time this summer!

In His Love,
Pastor Kevin

Students Ministries

Middle school summer camp

Every summer I serve alongside a few of our college students at camp Koinonia as a camp counselor for middle school camp. This summer I have decided to be camp pastor and will spend the week teaching our students during the morning and evening chapel times.

The theme for middle school camp this summer is “20/20 vision.” It’s based on Proverbs 29 which reads:

*If people can't see what God is doing,
they stumble all over themselves;
But when they attend to what he reveals,
they are most blessed.*

Proverbs 29:18

The Message Bible

This verse reveals one of the most exciting truths that I enjoy the most about working in student ministry. According to this verse when we attend to what God reveals in our lives, we will be blessed. I have the privilege, on a regular basis, to see and attend to what God is doing in the lives of our students. As I write this article to you and reflect on what God has done at all the camps I have been a part of, my heart is filled with joy. At every camp I have ever been a part of I have always seen God work in amazing ways. I know that God will be working in the lives of our students this summer, and I can't wait to be a part of it.

The desire for our middle school students this summer is for them to begin developing the discipline of looking and listening for what God is doing. In order for our students to be able to know what God is doing and understand what God is doing, they must have a good understanding of what God has done in the past.

So we will be helping equip our students in learning how to study the Bible and how to read the Bible in a way that brings meaning and truth to their lives.

Two of our middle school parents have been working hard at developing a devotional for our students to work through in the afternoon.

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Please pray for our students who will be attending and serving at camp this summer.

Summer camp dates

Elementary camp

June 20–26

Pray for our high school and college students who are serving.

Middle school camp

July 4–10

Pray for our middle school students who are attending.
Pray for our college students who are serving.

High school extreme camp

July 11–17

Pray for our high school students who will be attending.

I look forward to reporting back to you on all that God will be accomplishing in the lives of our students this coming summer.

Pastor Kurt,
Student Ministries

Route 356 Traffic Report

Vacation Bible School

Even though it seems like it's far away, Vacation Bible School (or VBS) is coming up! Last year we had over 90 children from all over Upper Arlington visit us for VBS. What a great opportunity to tell kids about Jesus! This year we expect even more, so we'll need lots of people who love Jesus and love kids to join our volunteer staff! VBS is August 2–6 this year, and there are all sorts of roles for all sorts of people, from set-up crew to game leaders to family group leaders to snack providers. We'll be having an information meeting for all interested in volunteering for this fun week on June 13 in the fellowship hall immediately following worship. For more information, please contact Sarah Platine (children@mountview.org). Come and join us!



Summer worship: Chase the Light!

This summer our children will be following a group of kids called the “misfit brigade” as they learn together about the people that Jesus came in contact with and how their lives were changed forever.

Each week, kids will learn about one of the “misfits” that Jesus met through both video and live storytelling. We will focus on one main principle, or bottom line, each week. Each bottom line will build on the previous week’s bottom line. By the end of the series, we want the stories of the “misfits” that Jesus spent time with to have a marked impact on our children’s lives: wise men (Matthew 2:1–9), John the Baptist (Mark 1:9–11), the disciples (Mark 1:16–20), the blind man (John 9:1–23), Nicodemus (John 3:1–21), Mary Magdalene (Mark 15–16), the men walking along the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35), and the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

For our families to get the most out of this experience, these resources are available to continue to teach kids at home about what they are learning at Chase the Light. Together we can make a greater impact on our children’s lives than any of us could do alone.

Refrigerator door cards: These cards have the week’s bottom line, the Bible reference for the story, and a conversation starter to help parents dialog with their child about what was taught at church.

GodTime cards: GodTime cards encourage the children to begin the habit of setting aside special time with God each day. They include a verse to read, a question to answer, and a short activity.

All of us in Route 356 ministries are looking forward to spending time with the kids at Mountview as we learn how to Chase the Light this summer!

In Him,
Sarah Platine

Mountview Christian Preschool and Kindergarten



Step up to quality

Mountview Christian Preschool and Kindergarten was again named a One-Star Step Up to quality program by the State of Ohio. Only the top childcare programs in Ohio receive this prestigious award. We received this award for the second year in a row because of our overall commitment to quality and our excellent early care and education program. Our goal is to build our children's self-confidence, develop their social and emotional skills, and instill a love for learning and for God that will follow them the rest of their life. It is an honor to receive state recognition for our effort.



Grandparent volunteers

Thanks to all grandparent volunteers who read to our students during the month of May! Several grandparents from the Mountview family shared of their time to read to the students. Your support is greatly appreciated and the children loved the special attention!

Graduation and moving-up program

The end of the regular school year is close at hand. Our Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation and Promotion Program will be held on Thursday, May 27 at 7pm in the sanctuary. Student artwork will be on display and a reception will follow.

Final school year activities

Other end-of-the-year activities for the students include a school-wide field trip to the Columbus Zoo on Wednesday, June 2. Our last day of the regular school year is Wednesday, June 9. We will hold a field day for the students in the morning followed by a family potluck and early dismissal.

Mountview summer program

We still have a limited number of openings for our summer program. This summer care is offered for 5–10 hours per day, two, three, or five days a week, from June 14–August 13. All current and previously enrolled students between the ages of 3 and 6 are eligible for enrollment into the summer program.

2010–2011 enrollment

We also continue to accept enrollment into our Monday through Friday 2010–2011 school-year program for children ages 2 ½ through kindergarten. All students must be potty-trained in order to attend. These classes will begin August 23, 2010. Contact the preschool office (451.8691 or preschool@mountview.org) or visit our website (www.mountviewschool.org) for more information.

Blessings,
Pam Larson, Director

Weekly ministries

Sunday

- 9am Middle school d-group
11am Summer worship
6pm Women's precept Bible study

Monday

- 1pm BYKOTA Bible study
7pm College d-group

Wednesday

- 9am Women's Bible study

Thursday

- 6:45pm HS boys d-group
7pm HS girls d-group

Friday

- 6:30am Men's Bible study

Saturday

- 9am Worship team rehearsal
10am Prayers and squares (third Saturday)

June birthdays

Barry Koestler	1
Joshua Marshall	1
Steve Brown	2
Anne Alderman	4
Lynley Turkelson	5
Doris Edwards	7
Tabitha Miller	8
Meaghan Summers	8
Spencer Gardner	10
Terry Lambert	11
Roxy Ayers	13
Amanda Rohm	13
Darin Hupp	16
Olivia Canestraro	18
Lynn Swonger	18
Grace Adin	19
Beth Jones	19
Ruth Ohlinger	21
Hope Miller	22
Sebastian Miller	22
Teresa Roberts	24
Danna Droz	26
Larry Griffin	27
Jenny Lukens	27
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Jim Bierly	28
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Phil Bierly	30
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