

# Mountviews

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## Seeing It with My Own Eyes

So I finally broke down a few weeks ago and went to get my eyes checked. For the last 5 years I have noticed that my vision is not what it used to be. That, coupled with the floaters I have swimming around in my right eye, caused me to finally make an appointment. When I saw the doctor he asked me how long had it been since the last time I had my eyes checked and I told him somewhere in the neighborhood of 1985. He informed me that generally he recommended seeing the eye doctor at least once every couple of decades so I was right on schedule. A doctor and a comedian, apparently this was my lucky day.

As I was nearing the end of the eye exam, he put this giant eye apparatus in front of my face (I think the technical name for this piece of equipment is actually “giant eye apparatus”) and told me to look through the eyeholes. He then flipped through different lenses to help show me what my vision should actually look like since I have slight astigmatism in both eyes. Wow, what a difference! No more blurriness or squinting to read the small stuff. Needless to say I was extremely thankful for the doctor’s talents and abilities in helping me to see the parts and pieces of life that I had been missing.

On Sunday October 25, I had a similar experience. With Pastor Kurt teaching in both worship services, it afforded me the opportunity to see the parts and pieces of the church life that I do not get to see on a regular basis.

- I saw our choir and worship team pray before leading the church in worship and I saw the media team prepare sound, lighting, and video for the services.
- I saw our ushers taking care of greeting people as they came in the door, setting up extra chairs, and preparing the sanctuary both before and after worship.
- I saw you contemplate your role in our Thailand mission trip next summer.
- I saw Route 356 in full swing as both the preschoolers and the elementary students spent time worshipping God in song, prayer, and teaching.
- I saw our hospitality team at work preparing coffee, juice, and snacks for all who came by for something to eat or drink and I got to watch some of our discipleship group leaders at work teaching their groups.
- I saw our nursery volunteers hard at work loving the little ones entrusted to them and had the opportunity to hold a crying two-year-old who missed her parents until she drifted off to sleep in my arms.

What I saw was the church worshipping God through multiple avenues of giving themselves over to Him through service and commitment to one another. Even my slowly failing eyesight did not allow me to miss seeing the church at work.

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# Announcements

## News from Kit Ripley, missionary to Thailand

New Life Center handicrafts can now be purchased over the internet through a partnership with Thai Tribal Crafts. Some of our most popular handbags, tote bags and jewelry are available by pasting the following link into your browser:

<http://www.ttcrafts.co.th/cgi-bin/producttype>

You will notice that the crafts are listed in Thai Baht.

This means that you will want to use a currency converter to find out how much the items cost in US dollars. A free currency conversion service can be found at: <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>

Click on the Product ID Code to learn more about the product or to place an order. When you have finished browsing through the New Life Center page, you can also check out products from other projects such as Lanna Coffee, Weave, and Tabitha Handicrafts. Just click on “Main page” at the top of the screen and scroll to the bottom of the page to learn about specific projects and shop for their products. When you have finished shopping, place your order. Thai Tribal Crafts will then email you with the international shipping cost for your total order. (To save on shipping, place a group order with your friends!) They will also inform you if the items are all “in stock” or if they will need to be produced to fill your order. Thank you for your patience with this process, as we seek to meet the growing demand for New Life Center handicrafts.

**Mountview basketball** All men are invited to play beginning November 4. We will play at The Wellington School, right around the corner from the church on Reed Road, from November–March on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 8:30–10pm. If you have any questions or are interested please contact Pastor Kevin ([pastor@mountview.org](mailto:pastor@mountview.org)).

**Christmas Cantata** The choir will start rehearsals for the Christmas cantata beginning Thursday, Nov 5 at 7pm. For those who are interested in participating or if anyone has any questions, please contact Roxanne Eller (740.438.7390 or [music@mountview.org](mailto:music@mountview.org)).

**The Prayers & Squares ministry quilt retreat** is scheduled for Friday, November 6 from 6–9pm and Saturday, November 7 from 9am–4pm in the fellowship hall. Friday evening will include a light dinner and fellowship time from 6–7pm and lunch will be served on Saturday. We will be constructing 10 split-rail fence quilts during the retreat. We have jobs for people who do not sew, as well as people who have sewing and quilting skills. Please contact Lynne Krzykoski (889.7820) if you have questions. A sign-up sheet and a supply and activity list are available at the welcome center.

**The fall all-church work session** is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. We will meet at the church at 8am to work on a list of projects we hope to complete that day. Come join the facilities team as they work on outdoor and indoor projects. Contact George Hinkle (761.0577 or [facilities@mountview.org](mailto:facilities@mountview.org)) to plan for your work project or additional information.

**Needed 10 turkeys!** Preferably dead, baked, and ready to eat for the Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 22. Contact Cindy Hinkle ([cindyhinkle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cindyhinkle@sbcglobal.net)) if you are willing to prepare a turkey for this event.

**Thanksgiving dinner** Save the date! Don't miss this annual feast and time of fellowship on Sunday, November 22 at 6pm in the fellowship hall. More details to follow.

## Student Ministries

It was such a blessing being able to share with you last week during the worship service. A number of you responded and shared with me your interest in going on the mission trip. It is so encouraging to hear how excited you are as a church to be involved in serving the least of these by committing yourself to traveling around the world! Because of the difficulties in transporting team members to the remote villages, Becky has informed me that our team can only be 15–20 members large. Some of you have shared you would be willing to “sit out” to make room for others who desire to go. I would encourage you to please attend the meeting and make team arrangements together as a church. Remember last week I shared that if enough people sign up, we can split into two teams. Which would, to my knowledge, be the first time we as a church have ever done two mission trips in one year.



Thailand is an independent country located in Southeast Asia. Thailand is one of the most devout Buddhist countries in the world. The national religion is Theravada Buddhism which is practiced by more than 94.7% of all Thais. Muslims make up 4.6% and .7% belong to other religions. Thailand is ruled by King Bhumibol Adulyadej. Thailand experienced rapid economic growth between 1985 and 1995 and today is a newly industrialized country with an emphasis on exports and a flourishing tourism industry.

We will be partnering with the Integrated Tribal Development Program which focuses on reaching hill tribes of northern Thailand. The focus of this ministry is to spread the love of Jesus to tribal villages by building fresh water systems for individual villages. Please visit <http://www.nextlevelmissions.org/> to learn more about Mike and Becky’s ministry.

We are taking a group to Thailand from Mountview next summer to complete a week of ministry and work alongside Mike and Becky. We will be conducting a VBS, building a fresh water system, and spreading the word of Christ to the people in the village where we are working.

**Reminder:**  
**Informational Meeting Nov 15, 4:30–5:30pm**

This meeting is for anyone interested in learning more about next summer’s mission trip to Thailand. Please contact Pastor Kurt (451.8888 ext. 203 or [students@mountview.org](mailto:students@mountview.org)) if you plan to attend this meeting.

Pastor Kurt Oberlin, student ministries

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Thank you all for making Romans 12:1 come to life for me yesterday. As I watched you, I thought of Paul’s exhortation “to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.” I was blessed mightily by seeing the living Word of God alive and at work in and through you.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Pastor Kevin

# Route 356 Traffic Report

## Discipleship Dock

November in Discipleship Dock will be all about cooperation for our elementary students. Cooperation is defined as working together to do more than you can do alone.

All throughout the month we will be looking at examples of people “who tackled some God-given task that other people might have considered a little crazy, did everything they could to make it a success, leaned on God throughout the process and trusted Him with the results, and they did it together. As a result, they were able to do more than they could have on their own” (252 Basics website).

Our memory verse for November is from Ecclesiastes 4:9: “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work.” (NIV)

## Creation Station

As we move into November, our preschoolers will continue to learn all about the days of creation. In October we covered Days 1–4. November will be all about days 5–7.

Our bottom line for this month is “God makes good things.” Our memory verse for November is “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:31 (NIV)

### Schedule:

Week One: Day 5: God made fish and birds.

Week Two: Day 6: God made animals.

Week Three: Day 6: God made people so we can know Him.

Week Four: God provides for us.

Week Five: Creation celebration!



## Operation Christmas Child

We are continuing to collect shoeboxes and items to send to Operation Christmas Child through November 15.

**November 1:** other items: hard candy and lollipops, mints, gum (please place all candy in ziploc bag), hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

**November 8:** toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-A-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

**November 15:** Donations to OCC (each shoebox needs to have \$7 included for shipping costs)

On November 15 we will be having a special “packing party” during Route 356 worship where kids will work together to finish packing shoeboxes and pray for the kids that will receive our boxes. Kids will also get to watch the newest VeggieTales video, “Saint Nicholas, A Story of Giving” while we pack shoeboxes and enjoy snacks together.

In His Service,  
Sarah Platine, children’s director

# Mountview Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

October finds the preschool enrolling its forty-sixth student; yes, I said forty-sixth!

This month has been a busy one, with class photos taken by Life Touch, vision screenings and the Sammy Safe Eyes program administered by volunteers from the Ohio Optometric Association, speech screenings conducted by Columbus Speech and Hearing Center, hearing screenings conducted by a nurse from Healthy Child Care Ohio, Ages and Stages developmental screenings conducted by the preschool parents, an Open House for the parents, Circle S Farms field trip to the pumpkin patch for the older two classes, Savory Foods Fund Raiser conducted, and this is just a bit of what has been going on here at the preschool. We've also had pumpkins carved, pumpkin seeds roasted, fall foods cooked, pajamas worn for the letter P day, songs sung, Bible stories told, and prayers said. It is a very busy place around here and we are fully blessed!

A newspaper article I read this past week caused me to pause and reflect on the importance of preschool. When I was little, I didn't even go to kindergarten, because it wasn't available in my school district. We went to first grade without having had any exposure to the academic world. But today so much more is required of our children when they enter school.

According to a front page article written by Jennifer Smith Richards that appeared in the October 25, Sunday Columbus Dispatch, three of every four kindergarten students aren't ready to learn when they get to school. Nearly four of every ten lack the most basic literacy skills: they don't know the black lines in a book are sentences made up of letters, we read left to right, stories have a beginning, a middle, and an end, and they don't know their ABCs. Studies have shown those children who are behind in kindergarten struggle

to catch up. But those who enter kindergarten ready to learn with strong early literacy skills are more likely to be successful students.

This is our goal here at Mountview Christian Preschool. Besides giving children the opportunity to learn how to get along with others, how to follow the rules, share, be a good neighbor, and how to follow Jesus, we also are preparing them for entrance into a school environment that has become increasingly demanding.

Our academic program focuses on the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards that have been adopted by the Ohio Department of Education. We do everything we can to ensure students who have fully participated in the preschool and kindergarten programs offered here are ready to meet the challenges that face them when they enter public school. We strive to provide for them the opportunity to be well-grounded not only academically, but spiritually, as well. Thank you for your support of a program that permits us to do that!

Blessings,  
Pam Larson, director

## Weekly ministries

### Sunday

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

### Monday

7pm	College d-group
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### Wednesday

9am	Women's Bible study
6:15pm	Bell choir rehearsal
7pm	Men's Bible study

### Thursday

6:45pm	HS boys d-group
7pm	HS girls d-group
7:30pm	Chancel choir rehearsal

### Friday

6:30am	Men's Bible study
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### Saturday

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

## November birthdays

Deetta Schruppf	02
Douglass Carr	03
Justin Gardner	07
Jill Richards	08
Eric Sherer	09
Jeremy Adams	12
Lynne Krzykoski	12
Rory Merrick	12
Tamara Engle	13
Erich Schick	14
Megan Riley	20
Carol Hall	21
Kurt Oberlin	21
Jo Bierly	22
Beverly Lewis	24
Cindy Hinkle	26
Yeilyn Rodriguez	26
Ali Brown	28
Paul Lambert	28
Brianna Lenneman	28
Julie Lecky	30

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