



# Welcome

TO MOUNTAIN





Welcome friends!

I'm so glad you're here. That's not just because I love meeting the people God brings to Mountain. And I'm not just glad you're here because I know you will meet some other people that will deepen your sense of connection and belonging to this church. I'm most excited you are here because I know that in our time together God will speak to each one of us. If we open our hearts and minds to what God has for us, the living Lord Jesus nudges us, encourages us, comforts us, or sometimes pokes us in our spirit — all to help us take a step. That's what today is all about. Helping one another hear from God in order to take our NEXT STEP with Jesus, and our NEXT STEP with this great church family called Mountain.

So, Welcome! Be at peace. Be at ease. You are in the right place. God loves you, we welcome you, and the Lord has a next step He is eager to help you take.

Let's get started!

*Ben Cochran*

*Lead Pastor*

## We Believe . . .

- 1. That Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God who \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the twelve. After that, he was seen by more than five hundred of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died by now. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, I saw him, too, long after the others, as though I had been born at the wrong time.” — 1 Corinthians 15:1–8*

- 2. That the Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ ; a lamp unto our feet and a  
light unto our path.**

*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God’s way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.” — 2 Timothy 3:16–17*

- 3. That every person has worth as a creation of God, but that \_\_\_\_\_  
and fall short of the glory of God.**

*“This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” — Romans 3:21–24*

- 4. That \_\_\_\_\_ of sins and the promise of \_\_\_\_\_ are available  
to those who trust Christ as Savior and Lord.**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” — John 3:16*

# Where Are You?

You



God





**5. That the church is the body of Christ on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit and exists to be Christ's instrument to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. . . It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ . . . speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." — **Ephesians 4:1–16***

**6. That Jesus Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ to earth and reign forever as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

*"Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words." — **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18***

# What We Believe

We are a growing body of believers in Jesus Christ and we welcome you to consider making Mountain your church home. We know this is an important decision that merits your careful and prayerful consideration. We offer the following facts to help you know more about who we are. Please let us visit with you about any aspect of the Christian faith, or let us answer questions you may have. We hope you will join us in what the Lord is doing through Mountain Christian Church!

- Our members accept Jesus Christ as the Living Son of God and our Savior and Lord.
- We believe the Bible is the revelation of God's word and will for us. The Bible alone is our final authority and only rule of faith and practice.
- We are a free church with Christ as our head. We are not ruled by any denominational authority, but seek to live under the direction of God's Holy Spirit. We choose Elders, deacons, staff, and others to lead us, and we determine our own policies and practices, voluntarily cooperating with other Christians in fulfilling our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples of all people.
- We are devoted to the cause of Christian unity, and we will work with anyone, anywhere, on the basis of the Holy Scriptures and under the lordship of Christ.
- We require for church membership just what was required in the New Testament, no more, no less.
- We practice only that baptism taught and practiced in the Scriptures and accepted by every church today — immersion of a penitent believer as a symbol of our participation in Christ's own death, burial and resurrection.
- We share in the communion of the Lord's Supper every week, as was the custom of the early church.
- We preach Christ and Him crucified. You will not hear political or personal prejudice promoted from our pulpit.
- We believe all persons of all races are created in the image of God and need the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

We love the Lord Jesus Christ here at Mountain, and we seek to show it through sincere, devoted and heartfelt worship and by working harmoniously with each other and within our community for the world outreach of the Gospel.

We are not the only Christians, but we are Christians only. We are one local manifestation of Christ's Universal Church on earth. We invite you to unite with us in this wonderful fellowship and life in Christ. Come join a dynamic and vital congregation devoted to living for Jesus Christ.

## What kind of church are we?

The best way to describe Mountain is... \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ the church!**

*"We are not the \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
but we are \_\_\_\_\_ ."*

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is our only authority!**

*"No creed but \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
no book but \_\_\_\_\_ ."*

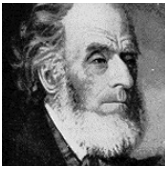
**3. Strive for \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*"In essentials \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
In non-essentials, \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
In all things, \_\_\_\_\_ ."*

**4. Reach the \_\_\_\_\_ !**

*"We want to be \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
That the world may be \_\_\_\_\_ ."*

# Timeline / History



**1821 & 1823:** Samuel Rogers, one of the pioneer leaders of the Restoration Movement, travels by horseback from Kentucky to speak to believers in Maryland. They meet in a log cabin known as Union Chapel on Old Joppa Road.



**1824:** James McVey, a Restoration preacher from Kentucky, arrives at Union Chapel for a three day meeting and organizes what would become Mountain Christian Church.

**Aug. 21, 1847:** First house of worship is dedicated on a piece of property known as "The Mountain," which is our present Mountain Road campus location.



**1877:** Mountain begins church planting efforts in northern Harford County starting Avondale Christian Church.

**1882:** Albert Norton (then Senior Pastor at Mountain) leaves to begin the first mission of the Christian Churches in India. He later began church work in Japan.

**1891:** Mountain moves to its second house of worship on the Mountain Road Campus. (Remodeled and enlarged in 1941.)



**1892:** Mountain sends a group to plant Fork Christian Church in Baltimore County, which today is a thriving church.

**1947:** Mountain plants First Christian Church of Havre de Grace.



**Mar. 25, 1956:** Mountain dedicates and moves into its third house of worship on the Mountain Road Campus (which we now refer to as Walker Chapel.)

**1968:** Mountain experiments with Drive-in Services. The cars would park in front of what would become Cook Auditorium for the service.

**1975:** Mountain's facility is expanded to include a new education wing which allows Mountain Christian School to begin in September of that year.



**Sept. 12, 1993:** Mountain moves to its fourth house of worship on the Mountain Road Campus which we now call Cook Auditorium, named after Sr. Pastor emeritus Charles & Barbara Cook.

**Dec. 7, 1997:** Ben Cachiaras begins as Senior Pastor at Mountain Christian Church.



**Sept. 2004:** Mountain moves into the New Life Center, the fifth house of worship on the Mountain Road Campus.

**Mar. 2006:** Mountain sends a group to start Community Christian Church in White Marsh including 4 staff and more than 280 members.



**Sept. 2008:** Mountain begins a second venue on campus with simultaneous services in two different locations on the Mountain Road Campus.

**Mar. 2010:** Mountain launches a second campus in Bel Air at The John Carroll School.



**Oct. 2013:** Mountain launches a third campus in Edgewood and rallies community partners to open The EPICENTER at Edgewood.

**Apr. 30, 2017:** Mountain re-launches the Bel Air Campus and begins meeting at The Arena Club.



**June 4, 2017:** Mountain Online officially launched to the public June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. God has been using Mountain Online to reach hundreds of people each weekend. We are excited to see how God will use and move through the re-launch of Mountain Online in the Spring of 2019.

**Sept. 17, 2017:** Mountain launches a fourth campus in Abingdon.



## The Main Thing

**Make disciples,** \_\_\_\_\_

**and** \_\_\_\_\_ **disciples.**

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." — **Matthew 28:18–20***

**What is a disciple?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What did Jesus do?** \_\_\_\_\_

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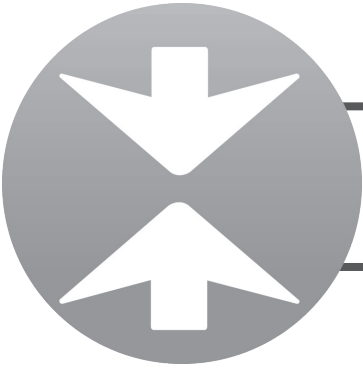
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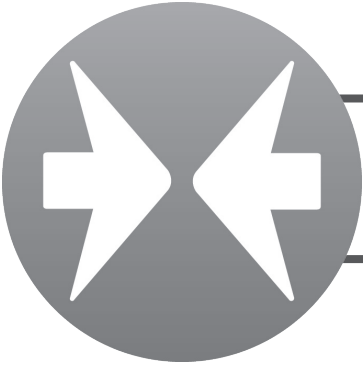
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# The Mountain Walk



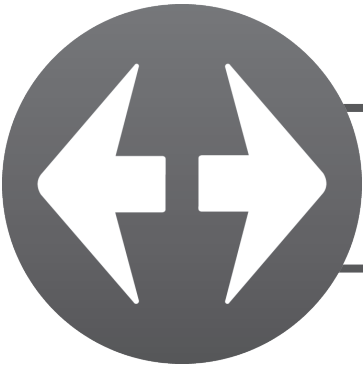
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*All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all... They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and sincere hearts. **From Acts 2:42-46***

# Self Portrait

For Membership at Mountain Christian Church what is required is the same as what was required in New Testament times — nothing more & nothing less.

## What is that?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. — **Hebrews 11:1,6. Additional Text: Ephesians 2:8***

2. \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. — **Acts 2:38. Additional Text: Luke 5:32, 13:2–3***

3. \_\_\_\_\_ .

*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. — **Romans 10:9–10***

4. \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” — **Matthew 28:18–20. Additional Text: Acts 2:41, Romans 6:3–4***

5. \_\_\_\_\_ .

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. — **John 14:16–18***

Membership at Mountain is open to anyone who:

- is an immersed believer in Jesus Christ — willing to confess their faith,
- is open to the ongoing leading of God's Spirit in their life, and
- will commit to actively supporting the mission of Mountain Christian Church.

# My Next Steps...

## Today I...

- want to be **baptized by immersion today** & become a member.
- would like to be **baptized on a later date** — please contact me.
- have **already been baptized** by immersion and would like to become a member of Mountain Christian Church today.

When and where were you baptized?

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- want to **get connected** and would like someone to call me about finding the right Small Group.
- want to find a place to **serve**.

**I want more information about** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I would like to talk to someone about** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Second Saturday Serve

*we've been blessed... we want to be a blessing*

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## **How it works:**

On the second Saturday of each month, we gather at 8:30 AM, form teams and head out to serve in various projects around our community. We'll be finished by 12 PM... it's that simple! The projects vary from organizations, such as Tabitha's House, Peaceful Waters, the FCCAU homeless shelter, Boys and Girls Clubs, Arrow Child & Family Ministries, and more, while others are aimed at meeting more specific needs in the community.

Second Saturday Serve has grown to include partnerships with other churches and civic organizations. We anticipate further growth as Second Saturday Serve becomes more of a community endeavor and not just a "Mountain thing." It is exciting to join together and serve in the name of Christ—looking forward to partnering with *you* to serve on the second Saturday of the month!

## **For more information:**

Visit the webpage listed below or call 410-877-1824.

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