



WELCOME TO MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH

Our vision is to be a bastion of truth in the Tehachapi Valley, California by *protecting* the administration of grace, *proclaiming* the good news of the Messiah's kingdom, and *practicing* truth in love. Our mission is holding forth the Word of life by providing a refuge for all people to grow spiritually in Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please fill out the **Welcome Home** card located in the row in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it goes by so that we can get to know you. If you're a member and need assistance with meals, transportation, home/hospital visits, or home-bound communion service, please fill out a **Care Ministry** card also located in the row in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University!* This nine-lesson class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! You can sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at <http://fpu.com/1124395>. Class starts Wednesday, January 13, 2021 and will be led by David and Barbara Shaw.

Deacon's Thanksgiving Meals: Items can be dropped off during office hours or in the box in the narthex before we pack these on Monday Nov. 23rd. Shopping for last minute items: 10 AM, Packing food bags: 11:30 AM.

Operation Christmas Child-We are collecting items/packed shoe boxes for children around the world. Loose items are due Sun. Nov. 15th so the Sunday School kids can pack boxes! All packed boxes are due Sun. Nov. 22nd! Please include the \$9 for shipping the shoebox. You can also make a monetary donation to help with shoebox shipping. Contact Marilyn at 661-822-5801 for questions.

THIS coming Saturday: Elder Meeting/Congregational Meeting: Sat. Nov. 14th 8 AM in Slifer Hall. In an effort to improve the communication between the elders and church members, we are holding our first open elder's meeting to the congregation. It's our goal to hold these quarterly. At this meeting we will hand out the 2021 budget, give updates, and allow the church to ask questions.

GIVING

Average needed each month is \$22,000. We received \$5,744 November. Text "73256" to give on your phone.
For information about our programs go to mountainbiblechurch.org

November 8th, 2020

Hope in Uncertainty: Hope that Comforts (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
Message by Pastor Chris Frost

Notes:

The rapture of the church is all about:

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Definition of the Church: The church is a united (John 17:20-23), set-apart (Col. 3:12), universal (Eph. 4:1-6), and biblically based (Eph. 2:20) New Covenant community made up of all believers between the time of Pentecost (Acts 2) and the rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-5:11).

The word *rapture* derives from the Latin *rapere* meaning "to snatch" and translates the Greek word *harpazo* in 1 Thess. 4:17. The rapture describes Christ's coming for his church, both dead and alive, who will experience a bodily resurrection and be transformed from mortal to immortal (1 Cor. 15:51-52).

There are five major views

- Post-tribulation rapture
- Mid-tribulation rapture
- Pre-wrath rapture
- Partial rapture
- Pre-tribulation rapture

Inductive and probable implications of Scripture

1. Trumpet
2. Recue from Wrath
3. Post-trib./ Millennial problem
4. Removal of the Restrainer
5. Return "for" and "with" the saints
6. Immanent return of Christ
7. Missing church in Rev. 4-19

Direct Statements in Scripture about the Rapture

1. Coming next week...