



Kids Ministry Update

What an amazing opportunity God has given us as believers at this time, and we are excited to share with you how God is using Kids Ministry to be the church and change the world for His glory! The curriculum that we use, called GO!, and our Student Ministry lead team, called KidsCom, are providing ways to equip parents with Bible lessons and songs they can enjoy at home as a family each week. If you'd like to learn more and receive the GO! lessons in your inbox, you can [sign up here](#). We will also post the links for GO! and KidsCom to Mountain Life Kids [Facebook](#) page, [Instagram](#) @mtnlifekids, and in the Kids Ministry newsletter weekly. If you would like to receive the newsletters, please email cullen@mountainlife.org. Also, MLKids has provided over 100 fun packets filled with activities for kids to do at home. They were filled with St. Patrick's Day crafts and make your own resurrection eggs for an Easter activity. People were very excited to receive them and put them on neighbors' porches. Finally, we wanted to let you know that whenever we return to Mountain Life Church, MLKids Ministry will be celebrating Easter. So, get ready to join in the fun celebration of Easter, complete with someone dressed up as Jesus walking around, saying, "High Five Jesus is ALIVE!"

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Student Ministry Update

SOAP Journey // No this does not have anything to do with personal hygiene! (But for real... wash your hands on the reg!) This is an acronym for a scripture reading guide. **SOAP** stands for... **S**cripture, **O**bservation, **A**pplication, **P**rayer. Over the next four weeks, we will be doing a SOAP journey through the book of James. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we will send out the scripture reading on Instagram and Email. You will simply read the Scripture that we send out, write down an Observation from a specific verse, write down an Application for your life, and then write a short Prayer. (This should take about 10 minutes but could be as thorough as you want.) ****We want to encourage everyone to find someone to share their SOAPs with via text for accountability and relational connection.*

Video Message // Each Tuesday night at **6:30 pm**, someone will be sharing a short, live encouragement on Instagram Live. If you are not following us on [Instagram](#), please do so to stay connected! ****We will also share this video via email for those not on social media.*

Group Connecting Online // We want to challenge everyone that calls MLC home to stay connected with a Life Group or Grade Group through an online service. Over the last week, our staff has found [Zoom](#) to be a very helpful resource for connecting online. [Google Hangouts](#) is also a great option. Student and Adult Leaders will be taking the lead on this connection point. Please reach out to Jill or me if you need help finding a group to be a part of.

Sunday Services // To be in step with our House, we want to encourage all families to tune into our Sunday service on the [MLC app](#), [Facebook](#), or [Website](#) at 9:00 am. This is an amazing opportunity for you and your family to corporately connect with our House from the comfort of your living room!

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Latino Ministry Update

1. Key things we are doing or about to do. Anglo and Latino sides of the church:
 - a. We are caring for people via phone calls, email, devotionals.
 - b. We are preaching the Bible expressing messages of confidence in God alone.
 - c. We are using any means available.
 - d. We are encouraging people to:
 - i. Fix our eyes in Christ Col.3:1-2
 - ii. Obey the ordinances in Rom. 13 to care for one another
 - e. Life Groups are running.
 - f. Latino group just started another Life Group on Thursday, March 26.
 - g. Arelys is leading two Life Groups: On Tuesdays and Saturdays via WhatsApp.
 - h. Arelys is leading one-on-one discipleship.
2. We are probably in the midst of one of the biggest challenges in our lives but, on the other hand, we are in the midst of the biggest time to get closer to God and to people. We have the tremendous opportunity of showing the love of God to our families, neighbors and church.
3. Other key areas of focus.
 - a. Fervent Prayer and Bible reading.
 - b. Intentional connection to people - believers or unbelievers.
 - c. Using our time at home to grow as individuals and as a family.
 - d. Creativity.

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Global and Regional Impact Update

Global Impact

- Maintaining contact with supported missionaries and strategic partners where possible to assess any needs and prayer requests.
- Honduras family trip still meeting/training to go in July. Healing Nations/Global Impact Team optimistic that this will pass by summer. The end of May/mid-June is our reassessment point.
- All other trips on-hold (pending reassessment) or cancelled.

Regional Impact

- Organized a Virus Response Team to recommend/coordinate MLC's response
- Working closely with Care Ministry and Crisis Response volunteers to:
 - Identify volunteers (within MLC) - all specialties.
 - Identify local resources for referrals (we don't want to "compete" with other local non-profits. At this point we want to "plug-in").
 - Create communication avenues to register needs (help email and "helpline").
 - Contacting local partners to see how they are faring and to coordinate activities/referrals.

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Care and Connection Update

On the Care Team we are praying for ways to show God's love to people during this time. One of the ways we are doing this is by checking in with regulars and members of MLC to make sure everyone is doing okay and if there are any needs at this time. We have found that so many people appreciated the call and are doing well. There are some that are concerned with finances as some have lost jobs, income such as lost money in the stock market. Others are concerned with their loved ones especially those working on the front lines. We have learned that a few have been tested positive for the COVID-19, but are getting the care that they need during this time, but request prayer. We have compiled a list of prayer requests and have shared them with the church prayer chain and the confidential requests with staff only. We have partnered with the Christian Center to keep the food pantry stocked with food and community benevolence. Our benevolence team is also available for needs as they come. We have organized a team from the Lay Counselors and Stephen Ministers to provide one on one video calls or phone calls for those experiencing anxiety and other issues during this time. For professional counseling we have been referring people to the Christian Center. Our next step this week is our Care call volunteers will be making more calls to those that have attended MLC a few times in the last year. The volunteers are also on standby for when people need groceries picked up and delivered or "Care Boxes" for specific needs. The good news is we have far more volunteers than needs at this time, but this could change as the weeks go on. Our Support Groups are checking in with each other via Zoom but, for confidentiality sake, we are keeping confidential information to one on one calls to ensure safety. We have created a resource list, and a helpline email help@mountainlife.org for anyone who "needs help" or "can help" since we all fit in one or the other category.

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