

PASTOR'S CORNER



Psalm 103:13 & 14

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

BECAUSE HE KNOWS OUR FRAME

Psalm 103 is a celebration of God's knowledge-based care for us. By the time we are done contemplating the splendor of this care we feel impelled to join a mighty chorus of heavenly and earthly beings in full-throated praise of God.

God knows our frame. He remembers that we are dust. God knows that despite our claims of strength and competence we are not as self-sufficient as we believe. He knows our origin and capacity because He made us out of dust and bestowed us with our abilities and capabilities. He knows exactly what we can and cannot do.

Because He knows how frail and needy we are:

He showers us with blessings to provide the care we could never achieve on our own (verse 2).

He delivers us from danger because our frail minds and stub-

born wills constantly lead us into unnecessary peril (verse 4).

He forgives our transgressions because our wayward hearts are constantly sinning against Him (verse 3).

He renews us because this difficult, sin-cursed world wears us down (Verse 5).

He defends us because many vicious enemies of our soul who would drag us down to hell if they could (verse 6).

He is compassionate toward us because He loves us despite our weakness and brokenness (verse 10).

He extends grace because we can never earn His blessings. In fact, if He gave us what we deserved we would be condemned (verses 11 & 12).

Thank God He knows us better than anybody else does – even better than we know ourselves.

He knows the lies we tell ourselves. He knows the errors we embrace. He knows our bravado. He looks beyond our tough facades and sees the trembling person behind. Yet He does not despise us. He recognizes His terrified children trying to conquer the world on their own. And like a loving father, He reaches out a strong gentle hand to help and sustain us.

Aren't you glad God knows you for what you really are? Aren't you glad He loves you nevertheless?

Then let us praise Him with not just our lips, but our whole lives.

Bless the Lord O my soul!

God bless you!

Pastor James

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

JAN 21

Join us via Zoom video

Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

FRI @ 6:45 PM

JAN 24

In-person at church.

For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM

FEB 2 & FEB 16

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY SUN @ 11 AM

JAN 26

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service

Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

JAN 26

In-person service and Livestreaming on Facebook, Youtube and our webpage.

GROWTH GROUPS BEGIN THU & FRI @ 7 PM

FEB 6 & FEB 7

In-person at church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All ladies are invited to Ladies' Meeting this Saturday at 10:30 am at church.
- Grab a baby bottle and fill it with coins, cash or a check and return by Feb 16th to support Pregnancy Resource Center's Baby Bottle Fundraiser.
- Support Silvia & Yael Cid and other BCM missionaries on a mission trip to Boliva. You may support them in prayer and/or by purchasing items to be used in Boliva from this Amazon link: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gf/guest-view/2KPFUMSVVQMPQ>. If you have any questions, you may contact Silvia by phone at 570-369-7017, or by email at silviapcid@gmail.com.
- Growth Groups begin February 6th & 7th. Sign-up will be open Sunday.
- We receive a Building Fund Offering every 4th Sunday. Be sure to put your contribution in the specially marked envelopes.
- Check out our Spiritual Growth Resource Library to find resources to help you in your Christian development. We add new resources from time to time.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 3:15pm at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Check out The Exchange on our webpage where you can list items you'd like to give away, and/or claim items which are listed.

WAYS TO GIVE

Traditionally during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website.

Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes.

Thank you!