



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## RADIANT FACES

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Psalm 34:4-5  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.*

David, the future king of Israel, was in dire straits. Hounded by jealous King Saul who wanted to kill him to prevent his ascension to the throne, David fled to a city of the Philistines, Israel's bitter enemies. His presence among them soon drew the attention of the local overlord who demanded that David

be brought to him. Fearing for his life, David pretended to be insane and behaved so bizarrely that the king cast him out of his presence.

As David reflected on this close call, he saw God's hand all over his deliverance. Writing about this ordeal in Psalm 34, David revealed that he had cried out to God, and God answered him and delivered him. He further affirmed that those who look to God are never ashamed. What a blessing to have God answer us in our times of distress and struggle. It is fitting that we cry out to our Almighty, loving Lord when we are in distress. But we should go further than that. David talks about those who "look to [God]." He means those who cry out to God not just when they are in distress, but who depend on Him in the daily journey of life. These

folks experience a sublime quality of life even in the midst of life's challenges. They are "radiant, and their faces [are] never ashamed." They know God is in control of their lives. They know He is looking out for them. So they are able to face life with confidence and joy.

How about you? Do you pray to God in your distresses? Good. Do you pray to Him as a regular part of your relationship with Him? Even better.

May God help us to weave earnest, enthusiastic, prayer throughout the entire fabric of our lives. And may our faces be radiant as a result.

God bless you,

Pastor James

## WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

<p><b>CORPORATE PRAYER</b> TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p><b>Feb 15</b> Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>EVENING SERVICE</b> 1st &amp; 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p><b>Feb 20</b> Join us in-person at church.</p>	<p><b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p><b>Feb 20</b> In-person service &amp; livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p><b>GROWTH GROUPS</b> THU &amp; FRI @ 7 PM</p> <p><b>Feb 17 &amp; Feb 18</b> In-person at church. Plan to attend one convenient to you.</p>	<p><b>YOUTH GROUP</b> FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p><b>Feb 18</b> Youth meetings are in-person at church. For ages 13 &amp; older</p>	<p><b>KIDZONE</b> SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p><b>Feb 20</b> Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. For ages 6 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Growth Groups continue this week on Thursday & Friday at 7 pm at church.** Sign up at the Information Center or Online to attend a group convenient to you. Preparatory questions are available at the Information Center and on our website.
- **Explore Mountain Stream Classes** for those interested in becoming members, or just finding out more about Mountain Stream continue on Sunday at 10 am.
- **Ladies' Meeting Saturday Feb 26th @ 10:30 am** at church. Theme: "Let's Move Part 2 Because it's Time to Get Up and Move – Physically & Spiritually."
- **Evening Service on Sunday @ 6 pm.** Topic: Sharing Your Faith.
- **The Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos** is on. Please grab a bottle from church and fill it with coins, cash, or a check and return it to church by February 27. If you aren't able to get to church, you may go to [prepoconos.org](http://prepoconos.org) and click "DONATE NOW," or you may mail your donation to us at Mountain Stream Baptist Church, P.O. Box 192, Bushkill PA, 18324 and we will forward it to the PRC for you. **Be sure to mark your donation clearly "for PRC."**
- **Giving Statements for 2021** are available at the Information Center at church.
- **Bible Reading plans for 2022** are now available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

### QUICK TIPS

**Two ways to give your offering.** Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. 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!