



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## HEAVENLY MINDED FOR EARTHLY GOOD

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



enables him even to subject all things to himself.

*Philippians 3:19-21*  
*Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that*

Sometimes people are accused of being “so Heavenly minded they are no earthly good.” But the Bible celebrates the genuinely heavenly minded. In contrast to those who are so fixated on this earth and its ways that they become devoured by their appetites and end up unfit for Heaven and no good on earth, those who get it right are not only Heavenly

minded but are also profoundly good on earth.

The location of our hope determines how we live from day to day. Those who look for fulfilment in this world end up chasing the feeble rewards this world offers such as a good education, a good job, enjoyable relationships, and fun experiences. While none of these pursuits are sinful or base of themselves, if that is all persons live for, they are condemned to a mundane life that is often upended by unfavorable life circumstances. And even if they achieve all they pursue, they will discover that they are still empty and unfulfilled.

If, however, our hope is anchored in Heaven – in the Lord Jesus Christ – the whole tenor of our lives changes. We live joyfully, righteously and loving in this world confident that we are secure in Christ. No matter what we experience or sacrifice on earth, we are assured that our future is bright and full. Our ultimate hope is the reality that one day Christ will return,

transform us, and take us to live eternally with Him in His perfect, glorious home.

Knowing this, we can still live joyfully in the face of life’s unpleasant realities. We are delivered from self-absorption so we can invest in the lives of others for eternal impact. We do not descend into asceticism or hedonism but enjoy life’s pleasures while maintaining a higher purpose. Our goal on earth is to know Christ deeply, and to invite others to know Him too. As a result, our lives are of the highest earthly good.

Where is your mind set? On what is your hope fixed? Fix them on Christ and discover the fulness of a life anchored in Heaven.

God bless you,  
 Pastor James

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
**TUE @ 7 PM**

**MAR 7**

Join us via Zoom video  
 Please contact Pastor James for log on information at [rcantio@gmail.com](mailto:rcantio@gmail.com)

**YOUTH GROUP**  
**FRI @ 6:45 PM**

**MAR 10**

In-person at church.  
 For teens ages 13 and over

**EVENING SERVICE**  
**1st & 3rd**  
**SUN @ 6 PM**

**MAR 5 & MAR 19**

Join us in-person at church

**KIDZONE & NURSERY**  
**SUN @ 11 AM**

**MAR 12**

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service  
 Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

**GROWTH GROUPS**  
**THU & FRI @ 7 PM**

Continue this week Plan to attend one convenient to you. Sign-up on our website or the Info. Ctr.

**MAR 9 & MAR 10**

In-person at church.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**SUN @ 11 AM**

**MAR 12**

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

- Explore Mountain Stream Classes for those interested in becoming members of Mountain Stream or just finding out more about our church begin Sunday March 19 @ 10 am. Please sign up at the Information Center to attend.
- Men’s Breakfast Saturday @ 9 am. Invite a friend and bring something to share or breakfast if you can.
- Join us for Good Friday Service April 7 @ 7pm and Easter Celebration Service Sunday April 9 @ 11 am.
- Save the date: Vacation Bible School will be from July 17-21. Be praying how God might use you in this ministry.
- Growth Groups continue this week at 7 pm at church. Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend one convenient to you. Questions are available at the Information Center or on our website @ [www.mountainstreamchurch.com](http://www.mountainstreamchurch.com).
- We’re updating our Church Directory. If you’d like to be included, please contact Lori at 570 688 3072 or [niclorprc@gmail.com](mailto:niclorprc@gmail.com) by March 31st.
- If you’d like to be part of the church’s refreshment team, please contact Lori Ditaranto for details.
- Join us on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 3:15 at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2023 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie’s daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.
- Calvary School of the Bible (CBS) offers a 3-year program with courses on Christian living, ministries, theology, and Bible book surveys. Check out this link to some uploaded classes [www.cbcpoconos.org](http://www.cbcpoconos.org) and contact H. Lee Thompson directly at [hleet1412@gmail.com](mailto:hleet1412@gmail.com) for more information.

### QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional 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!