

# MOUNTAINSTREAM

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## THE BEAUTY OF UNITY

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Psalm 133:1  
Behold, how good and  
pleasant it is when brothers  
dwell in unity!*

Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine has precipitated an almost unprecedented show of united opposition from world leaders, international businesses, and sporting organizations.

While ideological differences still exist between many of these nations, and these businesses are competitors in the marketplace, they find common ground in their opposition to an obvious evil. If disparate nations and businesses can unite around a common cause, imagine the possibilities of Christians uniting around the cause of Christ.

In Psalm 133, a Song of Ascents (a group of songs that the Israelites traditionally sang as they journeyed to Jerusalem to celebrate their yearly festivals), David extols the beauty of unity among God's people. Perhaps he was inspired by the joyful throngs ascending to Jerusalem to worship God collectively despite the differences and little tensions that develop in the day to day lives of communities. David pays the highest compliments he could to this show of unity by comparing it to the unique, precious perfume that God prescribed to be used for anointing priests only, and the precious dew that watered the peaks of Mt. Hermon, Israel's highest mountain.

Similarly, God revels in the unity of His people. Despite the natural differences we may have, we are bound together by our common love for Jesus, and our common pursuit of His purposes in our lives and in our world. Such a perspective transcends our personal preferences and impels us to strive for

nobler goals than our own – often petty – desires. In the book of Acts 2:42-47, we see the profound impact of a united church on its community (43 & 47), and on the eternal destiny of individuals (47).

May God help us as Christians to pursue unity within our local congregations. May we be ready to subordinate our desires and goals to the marvelous program of God and become a magnet that draws people to Christ.

God bless you,

Pastor James

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we mark our 100th edition of the eBulletin, I want to thank Lina Scibelli for not only proposing the idea as a means of keeping us informed and encouraged during the Covid pandemic, but also for diligently working to ensure its publication each week. Thank you, Lina!

Daylight Savings Time

**SPRING FORWARD** this Sunday at 2 am



WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE @ 7 PM

**MAR 8**

Join us via Zoom video  
Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

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

**MAR 11**

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

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

**MAR 20**

Join us in-person at church

**KIDZONE & NURSERY**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**MAR 13**

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

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

**MAR 10 & MAR 11**

In-person at church.

Plan to attend one convenient to you. Prep questions are on our website and the Info. Ctr.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**MAR 13**

In-person service & livestream

Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.

### Can you believe we are Celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> e-Bulletin issue?

The e-Bulletin was birthed at the beginning of Covid-19. It was a way to stay connected, keep you informed of important church updates, opportunities and upcoming events, Showing that inspite of the pandemic we were active.

The message from Pastor was and continues to be spiritual nutrition as we go into the week.

Our prayer is as we continue delivering the eBulletin this tool remains beneficial to you.

If you missed or would like to read any past issue, please [click here](#) or visit our website. The announcements will be old but the Pastor's message remains timeless, current and relevant.

- 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.
- If you haven't turned in your donation for the Baby Bottle Fundraiser yet, please do so right away.
- Men's Breakfast Saturday at 9 am. Please invite a friend and bring a food item to share for breakfast if you can.
- Please plan to join us for our first quarterly evening of Praise and Prayer on March 27th @ 6 pm.
- 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!