

MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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TREASURES

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Matthew 6: 19-20 (19-24)
“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”*

All of us are laying up treasures somewhere. The location of your treasure will profoundly impact your life and eternal destiny. “But I have no treasure,” you may respond. Actually, you do have treasures. Everybody has treasures. A treasure is anything that is of great value to you. The things for which you will gladly sacrifice. The things that give you greatest pleasure and greatest fulfillment.

The thing that captivates your heart. That is your treasure.

There are two types of resources that can be treasured. Earthly resources and heavenly resources. Earthly resources are the things we can see and touch and feel. The things we can lock away in a vault, or stash away in some repository. Sometimes they are feelings or individuals that we carry in our hearts. But the trouble with these treasures is that they are subject to decay, depreciation, and deterioration. They can be stolen. They can lose their luster. They can lose their value to us.

Heavenly treasures, on the other hand, are the things that God values. Often, they are intangibles. But they are always noble and pure and glorious. They are reflected in a life that is lived for the glory of God. They include sacrifices, hardships and suffering endured for the advancement of God’s kingdom. Many times, these heavenly treasures are despised on earth.

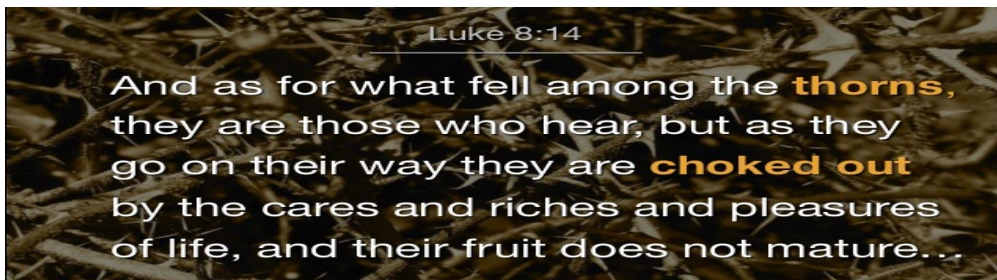
They seem like trash rather than treasure because they are not always shiny and pretty. But these are the things that truly matter. They not only stand the test of time, but will also last into eternity. They never depreciate. They never deteriorate. They can never be stolen.

Where is your treasure?

God bless you,

Pastor James

THE SOIL OF YOUR HEART



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM	MONTHLY EVENING SERVICE EVERY 3RD SUN @ 6 PM	WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM
March 9 Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com	March 21 Please contact us by phone (570 856 3310) or email (mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com or rcantio@gmail.com) for login information.	March 14 In-person service and livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.
ONLINE GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM	YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM	VIRTUAL KIDZONE SUN @ 4 PM
March 11 (in-person) & March 12 (online) Sign up at the information center or online to join. email: mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com or call for log on details.	March 12 Youth meetings are in-person at church.	March 14 Kidzone is available every Sunday. Contact Candice at candicebrich@gmail.com for log on information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Breakfast Saturday at 9 am.** Invite a friend and bring some food or beverage to share for breakfast.
- Our first **Quarterly Prayer Session** will be on Sunday March 28th at 6 pm.
- Get involved in our **Random Acts of Kindness Outreach** this month. Find details on our website.
- **Explore Mountain Stream classes** for folks interested in becoming members or just finding out more about Mountain Stream continue this Sunday at 10 am on the lower level.
- **Growth Groups** continue. Please sign up at the Information Center or online to attend. Meetings are in-person Thursdays 7 pm at church and Fridays online at 7 pm.
- The **2021 Church Directory** will be published soon, if you need to update your information or want to be included please visit our website, click the **ABOUT** button at the top of the page or use this convenient link.
- **Bible reading plans for 2021** are available at the Information Table and on our website. Pick up a copy or download one today. Also, please read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings.
- We are excited to have you at our in-person worship at 11 am on Sundays. Please call ahead to 570 856 3310 or email us at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.
- Through the generosity of your brothers and sisters, we are able to provide a **no contact mini pantry** in the trailer at the rear of the church building. Please help yourself to whatever you need at whatever time is convenient to you.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information on in-person gatherings.

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!