



# MOUNTAINSTREAMNEWS

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## CALM LIKE A BABY

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Psalm 131:1-3*  
*O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.*

There are many circumstances that puzzle us and frighten us. Life doesn't go the way we expect or believe it should. We don't always know why things go wrong. We do what we believe to be right, yet we get unfavorable results. This reality can be maddening. But the ancient poet David discovered a remarkably

effective strategy for resolving this conundrum.

David decided to stop tormenting himself with the pursuit of complete understanding of life's ebbs and flows. He freely admits that he does not see the full picture – and never will. He concedes that there are some things too high for him. He recognizes that he will never be able to unravel all the mysteries of life. So instead, he focuses on one thing he can be absolutely sure of: God is absolutely trustworthy. And this trustworthy God is in control of his life and the universe. He uses this truth to calm his restless thoughts and rampant fears. He tells his soul to abandon the futile quest of knowing everything and to focus on knowing and believing one thing: God is faithful. The peace he discovers is like that of a fully satiated infant blissfully sleeping in its mother's

tender arms completely unperturbed about life's struggles and challenges.

David's strategy still works today. Instead of demanding to understand every circumstance and insisting that God owes us an explanation for every situation we face, we need to remind ourselves that our good God knows what He is doing and remains faithful to us. We can then humbly yield ourselves to Him, fully confident that we are safe in His care.

May God give us the humility to trust Him so we can "sleep like a baby" despite life's challenges.

God bless you,  
 Pastor James

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

**MAY 2**

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

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

**MAY 5**

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

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

**MAY 7 & MAY 21**

Join us in-person at church

#### KIDZONE & NURSERY SUN @ 11 AM

**MAY 7**

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

#### WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

**MAY 7**

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

- Vacation Bible School is July 17-21.
  - A) Members may sign up to serve at the Information Center.
  - B) Students can be registered online.
- We'll be celebrating the Lord's Supper this Sunday.
- Join us for our Mother's Day service on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We'll be doing family portraits as a gift for attending.
- The Pregnancy Resource Center's Fundraising Banquet is May 11 @ Camelback Resort. Contact Lori for more details.
- Clarks Summit University's Lyfe Women's Conference is June 2-3. Contact Sherrill or Becky for more information.
- 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.

#### 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!