



MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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GLOBAL COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Romans 16:16
All the churches of Christ
greet you.*

Churches are susceptible to the growing affliction of isolationism ravaging modern society despite its technological connectivity. Many churches are so focused on their particular ministry and challenges that they forget that they are part of a global community united by their common bond in Christ. Sometimes neighboring (solid, biblical) churches have no knowledge or relationship with each other – while some regard each other as competitors to be resented and criticized. That was never God’s intent. Each biblical church is part of a global network that

He has deployed in the great enterprise of reaching the world for Him.

The New Testament churches were well aware of their connectedness. In many of the epistles we find churches extending greetings and gracious concern to each other. In our text above Paul noted that all the churches of Christ sent greetings to the church at Rome. It is important for churches to remember that we are part of a global community so we can minister to and support each other in various ways. What a blessing it would be if churches prayed for each other. What a blessing it would be if churches in the same community knew about each other and encouraged each other. What a blessing it would be if churches used the amazing communication capabilities of our modern times to encourage and support churches in distant places.

Even if you are not a leader of a church, you can help cultivate a spirit of community. Perhaps you could start by praying for another bible-believing church in your community. Maybe you could send an occasional note of encouragement to a church or ministry associated with one of your church’s missionaries. Maybe you could even invest in a project they are doing in whatever way you can. Perhaps you could begin praying for God to give you and your local congregation a heart for other churches of like precious faith.

May God give us a deeper sense of connectedness and appreciation for our sister churches scattered across the globe serving our common Lord and pursuing His Great Commission.

God bless you,
Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

MAY 9

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

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

MAY 12

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

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

MAY 21

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

MAY 14

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

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

MAY 14

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.
- Men’s Breakfast Saturday at church at 9 am.
- Join us for our Mother’s Day service on May 14th. We’ll be doing family portraits as a gift for attending.
- Explore Mountain Stream Class for folks interested in becoming members or just finding out what our church believes begins June 4 at 10 am. Sign up at the Information Counter to attend.
- Heather Murzyn and Jilean Pink are to be received into membership soon. If you have any comments, please contact Pastor James.
- 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 1st and 3rd 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!