



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## CIRCUMCISED HEARTS

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Colossians 2:11*  
*In him also you were circum-*  
*cised with a circumcision*  
*made without hands, by*  
*putting off the body of the*  
*flesh, by the circumcision of*  
*Christ*

The Israelites were given a physical mark of circumcision that denoted them to be the people of God. At eight days old, every Jewish male endured this rite that proved him to be part of the nation of Israel which experienced God's special care and blessing. Circumcision also

implied that the individual intended to honor God as his Lord by living according to the ways and will of God. Since circumcision was administered when the man was a baby and had no input in the decision, many who were circumcised chose to live contrary to the compact that the rite implied.

Christians today also bear a mark that they belong to God. It is a circumcision made without hands. It is a profound change that is wrought in the heart of the believer by the work of the Holy Spirit. Because the heart of the believer has been circumcised, he no longer lives by his flesh – that is, he no longer pursues the passions that his sinful self produces. And he no longer strives to

honor God by his own will power. Instead, he is committed to living a life that honors God through the power of the Spirit of God.

Every Christian today is to be marked by holy living. As he yields to the promptings and enabling of the Spirit, he will find himself living out the reality of the change that has occurred inside of him.

Does your daily walk reflect the fact that your heart is circumcised?

God bless you,

Pastor James

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

**MAY 24**

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

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

**MAY 27**

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

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

**JUN 5**

Join us in-person at church

#### KIDZONE & NURSERY SUN @ 11 AM

**MAY 29**

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

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

**BEGIN JUN 9 & 10**

In-person at church.  
 Plan to attend one convenient to you.  
 sign-up on our website or the Info. Ctr.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

**MAY 29**

In-person service & livestream  
 Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.

- **Growth Groups begin June 9 & 10.** Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend one convenient to you.
- **All Nursery and Kidzone workers** are reminded to attend **Virtual Training each Monday night in May from 6-7:30 pm.** Others interested in children's ministry are also welcome!
- There are about 9 Pregnancy Resource baby bottles outstanding. If you have an empty one, please return it asap. No guilt. No shame. We just don't want to lose the bottles.
- Ladies Meeting this Saturday, May 28 @ 10:30 am at church.
- **VBS is coming soon!** Members, would you prayerfully consider serving in this exciting ministry to children during the week of **July 18 -22, 2022 from 9:30am - 12:30pm** each day? The volunteer sign-up sheet is located at the Information Center.
- Mattie Foulks is to be received into membership. If you have any comments, please contact Pastor James.
- 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 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!