



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## FROM MOURNING TO DANCING

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Psalm 30:11-12  
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

God delights in pouring joy into His children's lives.

This sin-cursed world can be joy-sucking. Societal problems and personal challenges often leave us feeling depressed and frustrated. Events like the horrific murder of elementary students and two of their teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uval-

de, Texas just days ago leave us stunned, angry and numb. We feel helpless – unable to quell the growing flood of atrocities in our country. And then there are the day-to-day tensions of rising prices, shortages, and global uncertainties. As if those are not enough, many of us also wrestle with hardship and difficulties in our own lives. We endure broken bodies, broken relationships, and broken spirits. David, the author of the psalm above had his fair share of struggles. He plunged from the height of self-confidence (verse 6) to the depths of despair as his circumstances changed. Things were so dire, David feared for his life (verses 8-10). But God intervened and delivered him. This mighty deliverance prompted David's heart to erupt in praise.

God does not promise His children that there will be no difficulties in life. But He has promised to turn our mourning to dancing. He has promised to replace our garments of grief and with His abound-

ing joy. Many of our challenges are setting us up for God's victorious, joyful intervention in our lives. May the reality of God's promised deliverance sustain your hearts during your times of struggle and challenge. May God give you hope and peace in Him until the day your deliverance comes. Then may you break out in songs of praise and testimony to God so that others may know of His power and grace and be drawn to Him.

And may God keep your eyes and heart set on that day of ultimate deliverance when our Lord Jesus Christ will return and take us to be with Him. Then we will experience joy and peace unending.

God bless you,  
Pastor James



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE @ 7 PM

**MAY 31**

Join us via Zoom video  
Please contact Pastor James for log on information at [rcantio@gmail.com](mailto:rcantio@gmail.com)

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

**JUN 3**

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

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

Join us in-person at church

**KIDZONE & NURSERY**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**JUN 5**

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

**JUN 5**

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

- **Happy Memorial Day.** We salute those who gave their lives in the defense of others, and timeless principles of justice and righteousness. We keep in prayer those who stand in harm's way today for those same reasons.
- There will be baptism on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Please join us on the back lawn for our **Father's Day Picnic** immediately following the service **on June 19<sup>th</sup>**. The church will provide the burgers and hotdogs. You may bring sides, desserts, and drinks.
- **Growth Groups begin June 9 & 10.** Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend one convenient to you.
- **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!