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DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



1 John 5:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And

the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

The pleasures of the world are an alluring object for most people – including Christians. Enticed by the false promise of pleasure, prosperity and significance, many people fall over themselves to accept this seductive invi-

ation. What most don't realize is that this lie is deadly bait that kills their love for God and dooms their lives to ruin.

John 15: 16 reminds us that these gleaming baubles of the world do not originate with God. While God created the world (earth), the world systems that promise purpose and fulfillment apart from intimacy with Him are at best flawed human constructs, and at worse cleverly designed Satanic traps. These worldly enticements pull our hearts away from God and erode our love for Him. It is impossible to love God and love the world at the same time. We must choose one. Anyone who pursues the world will find himself drifting further and further away from God.

Even when some people sense this drifting from God, they convince themselves that the rewards are worth the price. They imagine that

the pleasure and significance they are currently experiencing are real and lasting. They will discover soon enough that these are but fleeting possessions which can be taken away in a moment by unforeseen circumstances, or poor judgment. Even if they manage to keep their worldly achievements for life, they will discover at life's end that these useless baubles only distracted them from life's true purpose – a wholehearted pursuit of God.

What are you pursuing today? Are you seeking your fulfillment and purpose in worldly pursuits? While the world may applaud you and celebrate you, you are running in the wrong direction. Listen to God's entreaty. Stop pursuing the world. Pursue Him instead. He is the source of true purpose and lasting fulfillment.

God bless you,

Pastor James

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

JUN 14

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

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

JUN 17

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

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

Canceled on JUN 19
due to our **Father's Day Picnic**

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

JUN 19

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

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

CONTINUE THIS WEEK

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 19

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us on the back lawn for our **Father's Day Picnic** immediately following the service this Sunday, June 19th. The church will provide the burgers and hotdogs. You may bring sides, desserts, and drinks.
- **Growth Groups continue this week** at church. Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend one convenient to you. Prep questions are at the Information Center and on the church's website.
- Praise and Prayer Evening, Sunday June 26th at 6 pm. Come celebrate God's working in your life, and pray for one another.
- **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.
- 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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING