

MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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FREE INDEED

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*John 8:36
“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

Over the last couple of years Juneteenth – an event that African Americans have celebrated for more than a century – has become more prominent in the general American consciousness. Juneteenth (June 19) commemorates the day enslaved African Americans were emancipated in Texas in 1865 – more than two

years after the Emancipation Proclamation was ratified. Even though official action was taken on January 1st 1863, these slaves did not experience freedom until the US army enforced the proclamation provision in this distant western state.

There are parallels to this event in the spiritual realm. Jesus Christ has died to set men free from the domination and tyranny of sin, but many people haven't experienced His liberation. Unlike the slaves who knew they were in bondage, many people today lie trussed up in the chains of sin even as they loudly declare their freedom. They do not realize that it is only in Jesus that anyone is truly free. The Jews of Jesus' day looked

to their ethnic background and religious history as the source of their freedom.

To what or whom do you look today for proof of your freedom?

It is only Jesus who can make you fully free.

May God help us to embrace the freedom that comes through Christ.

God bless you,

Pastor James

THE INCREDIBLE TRUTH

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin, because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.



Romans 6:6-7

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<p>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p>Jun 15 Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p>Jun 20 in-person at church.</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Jun 20 In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p>GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM</p> <p>Jun 17 & Jun 18 Sign up at the information center or online to join.</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p>Jun 18 Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 & older</p>	<p>KIDZONE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Jun 20 Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us on the back lawn for our **Father's Day picnic immediately following the service this Sunday June 20th.** The church will provide the burgers, hotdogs and drink. If you'd like to bring a dessert of snack, please bring pre-packaged, individual servings
- **In-person Growth Groups continue this Thursday and Friday @ 7 pm at church!** Please sign up at the Information Center at church or online to attend a group convenient to you.
- **Save the Date for Vacation Bible School (VBS). July 19-23, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.** Ages 4 to teens. If you are a member of Mountain Stream and would like to volunteer to serve in VBS, please contact Candice.
- Covid-19: Fully immunized persons do not need to wear masks at our services. Unimmunized persons should continue to wear a mask or face-covering until further notice. See detailed information on our website.
- Bible reading plans for 2021 are available at the Information Table and on our website. Also read Jimmie VanSant's daily blog.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information on in-person gatherings.

QUICK TIPS

Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. 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!