



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## DAD'S ROLE

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Genesis 18:19  
For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.*

As we celebrate Father's Day, it is a great time to pause and reflect on the role of a father. Almost every sector of society has its expectations of dads and, by extension, men. Men are expected to be leaders, providers, protectors, models of real manhood (however society defines it at the moment), and general jacks of all trades. While many of these expectations are good in themselves, there is one that is often overlooked by our society – yet it is of

profound importance to God.

God outlines this responsibility in a statement about Abraham in Genesis 18:19, but it is clear from passages such as Deuteronomy 6, and Psalm 127 that this expectation applies to all men. God declared that He chose Abraham for a particular role. This was not a role Abraham conjured up for himself, nor was it imposed on him by his family or society. God Himself, our Creator and Redeemer, chose Abraham (men) to fulfill this role in the home and, indirectly, in the community. What an honor! What a responsibility!

God's particular role for men is for them to command – lead – their children and household to follow the Lord. Men have the primary responsibility of looking after their families' spiritual wellbeing. The man accomplishes this by first building a genuine, deep relationship with the Lord. He acquaints himself with God's ways by consistent careful study, and practical application of the Word of God. As he faithfully follows the Lord, he becomes a

credible voice to call his family to follow his example. His honest, intimate relationship with the Lord enables him to be a godly example and instructor to his family in the face of the many conflicting voices they will hear from their society. As a result, he and his family will live lives of righteousness (pleasing to God) and justice (fair and even-handed before men). Consequently, they will enjoy God's promise of divine blessing and significance.

How are you doing father? Are you conscious of God's expectations of you? Have you embraced them? While this role may seem daunting, God will empower all who strive to obey Him to be successful.

Amidst all the things you do for your family, may God help you to understand that their spiritual wellbeing is your greatest responsibility, and the greatest investment you could make in them.

God bless you,  
Pastor James

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE @ 7 PM

**JUN 21**

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 24**

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 26**

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 26**

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

- Growth Groups continue this week. Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend one convenient to you. Prep questions are available at the Information Center and on the church's website.
- **Praise & Prayer Evening, this Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.** Come celebrate God's working in your life, and pray for one another.
- **Ladies meeting this Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at church at 10:30am.** Our meeting hostess will be Jacque Murray. Don't miss out!
- The church's **Quarterly Business Meeting will be July 10** immediately following the morning service. All members please plan to attend. A special election will be held to fill the vacant deacon position.
- If you are able to head down to Lancaster this Saturday to help repair a deck for the Odicios, please contact Frankie Cid or Pastor James.
- **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 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!