



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## ABBA FATHER

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Romans 8:15-16*  
*"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'"* The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God"

Daddy, Dad, Dada, Pops, Papa, Papi. These are just some of the many names children call their fathers as expressions of their special relationship. In the Bible, Abba

is a term for father that indicates a personal, intimate relationship. This term occurs three times in the New Testament –twice in Paul's letters describing the believer's relationship with God (Romans 8:15-16, Galatians 4:4-7), and once by Jesus in His most vulnerable moment on earth. As He wrestled in prayer with His Father the night before His crucifixion, He cried "Abba, Father, let this cup pass..." in an intense moment of profound personal intimacy and entreaty (Mark 14:36).

Do we dare address God like that? Wouldn't it be presumptuous?

Actually, the Bible reveals that God longs for this intimacy with us. He has sent His Spirit into our hearts to assure us of this closeness to Him, and to prompt us to ad-

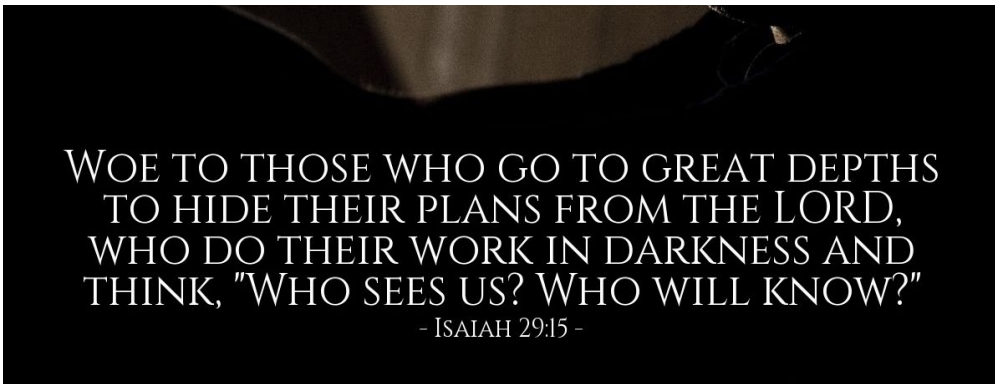
dress Him in this intimate way. While He is indeed the awesome God and Creator of the universe, He is also our Savior and Daddy – our Abba.

May God draw us to such levels of intimacy with Him that "Abba" falls naturally and comfortably off our lips as we commune with our heavenly Father in times of distress or bliss. May we play our part by addressing the sins and ignorance in our lives that hinder such intimacy. May we do it today.

God bless you,

Pastor James

## GOD KNOWS



WOE TO THOSE WHO GO TO GREAT DEPTHS TO HIDE THEIR PLANS FROM THE LORD, WHO DO THEIR WORK IN DARKNESS AND THINK, "WHO SEES US? WHO WILL KNOW?"

- ISAIAH 29:15 -

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<p><b>CORPORATE PRAYER</b> TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p><b>Jun 22</b> Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>EVENING SERVICE</b> 1st &amp; 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p><b>Jul 4 &amp; Jul 18</b> in-person at church.</p>	<p><b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p><b>Jun 27</b> In-person service &amp; livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p><b>GROWTH GROUPS</b> THU &amp; FRI @ 7 PM</p> <p><b>Jun 24 &amp; Jun 25</b> in-person at church. <b>Sign up at the information center or online to join.</b></p>	<p><b>YOUTH GROUP</b> FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p><b>Jun 25</b> Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 &amp; older</p>	<p><b>KIDZONE</b> SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p><b>Jun 27</b> Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ladies Meeting this Saturday at 10:30 am at church.**
- **Vacation Bible School** for ages 4 to teens is on **July 19-23 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm each day.**
- **Church Clean Up Day July 10.** Sign up to help with one of our projects.
- **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!