



MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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FATAL ATTACHMENTS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*1 John 2:15 & 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... And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

Our world is full of bright and shiny things. We are constantly bombarded with objects and activities that promise us the good life. We are told that if we would give our heart to the latest this or the latest that, we will experience fullness and deep satisfaction. Many people – including Christians – have surrendered to this siren call and are vigorously pursuing these fatal attachments that leave nothing but disaster in their wake. While not all the things we are enticed to embrace are inherently sinful, they exert two horrible influences on us – especially Christians.

The first evil is that fascination with a worldly lifestyle poisons a Christian's passion for Christ. While worldly things initially present themselves as servants to our whims, we soon discover that they subjugate our hearts and subvert our devotion to Christ. We find ourselves gradually, almost imperceptibly, neglecting our relationship with the Lord to pursue the world's offerings. Godly activities such as attending church and Christian service begin to feel like obstacles to our pursuit of "fun" and are increasingly neglected. Soon Jesus is no longer our number one – supplanted by a shallow rival. We begin to live our lives for worldly pleasures – not for the Lord who loves us and sacrificed Himself for us.

Fascination with the world also results in ultimate disappointment and loss. Everything in the worldly lifestyle is rotting and fading. The gaudy paint and strong perfumes hide the sickening truth that our godless world is a rotting mound. Our sin-cursed world lies under God's judgment and will one day be destroyed and replaced with a new heaven and a new earth. If we become or remain enamored with

the world, we will discover at the end of our lives that we wasted our time on earth. We squandered the precious time and resources God gave us on foolish, harmful pursuits. As a result, we will stand ashamed before our God on that final day.

That is why God warns us to guard our hearts and protect ourselves from being seduced by the world. We need to intentionally nurture our devotion to Christ. Choose Him over the competing voices. Scrutinize the things we are involved with. Compare our excitement for godly things with that for worldly activities. Choose to spend time in the Word of God. Attend worship events even when we don't feel like it. Saturate our mind with reminders of the goodness of God.

Do not allow yourself to develop fatal attachments.

God Bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

JUN 27

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

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

JUN 30

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

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

JUL 2 & JUL 16

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 2

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

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

JUN 29 & JUN 30

In-person at church.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 2

In-person service and Livestreaming on Facebook, Youtube and our webpage.

- **Vacation Bible School is July 17-21, 9:30am-12:30pm. Volunteer Training & Decoration is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at 10am.**
A) We need 6 more volunteers to serve at VBS as either chaperones, craft director, or mission storyteller. Members may sign up to serve at the Information Center.
B) Students can be registered online.
- Explore Mountain Stream Class for folks interested in becoming members or just finding out what our church believes continues Sunday at 10 am.
- Growth Groups continue Thursday and Friday @ 7 pm at church. Please sign up online or at the Information Counter to attend one convenient to you.
- Family Fun Day is August 5th at Bulldog Realty & Property Management (formerly Mountain Manor). Sign up at the Information Counter to help with this wonderful outreach.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2023 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!