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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Hebrews 12:1
"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us"

When life is challenging it is easy to become discouraged. We begin to think that our circumstances are unique and insurmountable. We tell ourselves that anybody else facing the same circumstances as

us would be unable to handle them too. But God encourages us by reminding us that others have not only faced our circumstances, but have also triumphed over them. The history of God's people abounds with example after example of godly people who overcame unimaginable odds, endured intense suffering and persecution, and accepted ostracism and privation with grace and strength due to their trust in God (Hebrews 11). If they can do it, so can we.

Not only can we take encouragement from our godly forbears, but we can join their ranks as "witnesses" if we live our lives obediently for God. Our own peers and future generations may cite our names in encouragement

to each other as examples of people who put God first and were therefore empowered to be victorious in the midst of life's challenges. May we strive to be faithful to God. As the chorus of the song Find Us Faithful (Steve Green) says:

*O may all who come behind us find us faithful.
 May the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
 and the lives we live inspire them to obey.
 O may all who come behind us find us faithful.*

God bless you,

Pastor James

REMEMBER

Ephesians 2:12-13

that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<p>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p>Jun 29 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>Jul 4 & Jul 18 in-person at church.</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Jul 4 In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p>GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM</p> <p>Jul 1 & Jul 2 in-person at church. Sign up at the information center or online to join.</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p>Jul 2 Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 & older</p>	<p>KIDZONE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Jul 4 Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us this Sunday at 6pm for our in-person Evening Service.
- **Church Clean Up Day July 10.** Sign up to help with one of our projects.
- **Vacation Bible School** for ages 4 to teens is on **July 19-23 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm each day.**
- **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!