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NO MORE HURT OR DESTRUCTION

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Isaiah 11:9
They shall not hurt or
destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be
full of the knowledge of the
LORD as the waters cover
the sea.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain! Our minds can hardly grasp

that concept. We are threatened everyday by harmful, destructive things. Natural disasters constantly hover over us. Predatory animals stalk us — and harmful organisms assault us. Callous people hurt us with harsh words, attitudes, and actions. We ourselves are adept at causing hurt and destruction too. We are surrounded by so much danger that a huge portion of our time and resources are spent trying

to protect ourselves from harm. The physical and medical protection industry is worth trillions. Multiple corporations race to produce surveillance equipment, personal protective devices (both lethal and non-lethal), and sophisticated medical technologies. Yet hurt and destruction remain an ever-present part of our lives. We strain under the emotional load of feeling unsafe.

Yet God promises through the prophet Isaiah that one day there will be nothing that harms or destroys in His restored world and economy. You and I will never have to look over our shoulders again. We will never have to worry about what lurks in the dark. We will need no security cameras, devices, or personnel. The earth will be so suffused with the knowledge and presence of God that even wild beasts will become tame and harmless.

The reason such security and harmony will

prevail is because through Jesus, God has redeemed the world and is restoring all things to Himself. While sin still exerts its baleful influence over our world, the day is coming when sin and all its attendant ills will be banished forever. Those who trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord will live forever with Him in this new world that is void of hurt, pain and destruction.

I can't wait.

Will you be part of this new world? God Bless you,

Pastor James



CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

JUL 4

Join us via Zoom video

Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM

JUL 16

Join us in-person at church

GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM

JUL 6 & JUL 7
In-person at church.

YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM

JUL 7

In-person at church.

For teens ages 13 and over

KIDZONE & NURSERY SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 9

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service

Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 9

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 2 more volunteers to serve at VBS as either chaperones or in the craft area. Members may sign up to serve at the Information Center.
 - B) Students can be registered online.
- Men's Breakfast Saturday at 9 am. Men, please bring a friend and something to share for breakfast if you can
- ➤ 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.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- 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!