



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## FREE AT LAST!

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Hebrews 2:14-15*  
*Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*

This universal, foundational bondage to sin breeds a host of other bondages. In Hebrews 2:14-15 we discover that all humans are held in the thrall of the fear of death, and the clutches of Satan. Our efforts to escape this fear-dominated life only drive us deeper and deeper into enslavement. We abandon ourselves to personal pleasures, prosperity pursuit, human approval, and adrenalin rushes – among other things – only to find that they do not produce the freedom we desperately desire. We discover instead that these pursuits become their own kinds of traps –enslaving us further.

But praise God, we do not have to continue to live in spiritual bondage. God made a way of escape by sending His son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. When Jesus died on the cross, He made the full payment for sin. As a result, all who accept Him as Savior are delivered from the fear of death and the clutches of Satan. We are now free to live as

God intended. We no longer need to desperately try to distract ourselves from looming death or try to squeeze fleeting enjoyment out of material pursuits. As we draw closer to Jesus day by day, we discover that we are free to love, free to sacrifice, and free to enjoy God’s gifts without become trapped by them. We discover that we are free at last.

Have you experienced this freedom? Have you trusted Christ as Savior? Surrender to Him and you’ll be shouting “Free at last! Thank God Almighty, I’m free at last!”

God bless you,

Pastor James

“All people are born free,” asserts the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This noble statement, unfortunately, is not true. At the deepest level of our beings, all people are actually born in bondage. The Bible declares that because of Adam’s sin we are all born in spiritual bondage (Romans 5:12).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE @ 7 PM

**JUL 5**

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

**JUL 8**

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

**JUL 10**

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

**GROWTH GROUPS**  
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

**JUL 7 & 8**

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

**JUL 10**

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

- **Happy 4th of July!**
- 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.
- The **church’s Quarterly Business Meeting** will be this **Sunday, 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.
- Calling all men to join us on a mission trip to Lancaster to do urgent repairs for the Odicios in place of our usual Men’s Breakfast this Saturday July 9th. Please speak to Frankie Cid or Pastor James for more information.
- **VBS for ages 4-teens is just two weeks away! July 18 -22, 2022 from 9:30am - 12:30pm each day.** Register your children to attend and invite your friends. At our information center or on our website.
- 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!