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DAILY BREAD

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Matthew 6:11
Give us this day our daily bread.*

With those simple words, Jesus taught us this profound truth: we can trust God to take care of our needs one day at a time.

We are obsessed with excess and long-term security. We stock up our pantries with so much food that we often have to throw out items that expired before we got around to using them. And we replace them with other items that we will discard before we can use them. We buy more clothes than we can ever wear. On top of that we want all kinds of warranties and long-term guarantees. Many times, we do not even remember we have protection

plans when the items break. We are doing our best to control the uncontrollable. Yet there is a simpler way to live without unnecessary clutter and worry. It is to depend fully on God to provide for our needs in a timely manner.

This does not mean we make no preparations at all. After all God does tell us in the book of Proverbs to practice “antly” wisdom (Proverbs 6:6-8). We are encouraged to observe and emulate the ants who store up provisions in the winter and harvest so they’ll have supplies in the lean times. There is a place for diligent work and reasonable preparations. But we must guard ourselves against extremes which have no guarantee of enduring until we need them. Some of us are so fearful of future want that we do not know what is enough. We keep anxiously adding to our hoarded stockpile convinced that we just need this one more piece. God wants us to learn to rest in Him. In fact, in this same sermon Jesus challenged His

hearers to “take no thought for tomorrow.” The idea here is not to become consumed by worry over an unpredictable future. God takes care of birds and flowers. He will take care of us.

What an act of faith it would be if we could make only reasonable provisions and pray “Lord, give us this day our daily bread,” trusting God to provide. We would discover a freedom from stress and anxiety that we never knew before. We would have the opportunity of discovering that God can be trusted. That He will take care of those who prioritize Him in their lives. May God help us to attain the level of trust that equips us to rest in His daily provision.

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

JUL 11

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

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

JUL 14

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

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

JUL 16

Join us in-person
at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 16

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

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

JUL 13 & JUL 14

In-person at church.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 16

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

- Vacation Bible School is next Monday to Friday, July 17-21, 9:30am-12:30pm. Volunteer Training & Decoration is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at 10am. Students can be registered online or in person at church.
- Church Quarterly Business Meeting is Sunday July 16th following the morning service.
- 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!