



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## BECAUSE GOD IS FAITHFUL

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*1Thessalonians 5:24  
Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*

As he closes his letter to the church at Thessalonica, Paul expresses what seems like a wish. He reveals that he wants God to completely sanctify and keep his dear fellow saints. But as soon as the words leave his pen, he quickly adds a comment that shows

that this is no mere querulous wish. He is not just speaking with a kind of shaky uncertain hope. He is absolutely sure that his wish/prayer will be fulfilled because God is faithful. The sanctification and preservation of the Christian is the purpose of God's calling so God will do what he sets out to do. God is faithful to His promises and program.

The reality of God's faithfulness is a transformative realization. Most of life's most significant issues lie outside our control. Oftentimes life does not seem to be going the way we expected or the way we thought God promised. Within these circumstances, we are tempted to doubt that God's promises will be fulfilled. We begin to doubt if God even cares. If we lose sight of God's faithfulness we may even veer off course into harmful behaviors

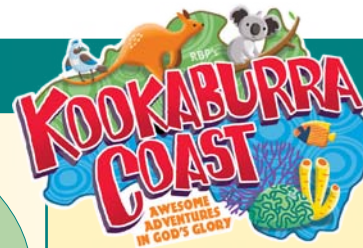
and attitudes.

But once we review God's character and record, we are abundantly reassured that God keeps His word. There is not a single promise God made that He has not kept. So not matter how long it seems to us, no matter how unlikely the fulfilment seems to us, no matter how trying our circumstances, we can face life with steadfast assurance. God is faithful. We will wait on His timing and His way.

When we get jittery, may God remind us that He is faithful and keeps all His promises.

God bless you,

Pastor James



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE @ 7 PM

**JUL 12**

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 15**

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

**EVENING SERVICE**  
1st & 3rd  
SUN @ 6 PM

**JUL 17**

is canceled due to VBS

Join us in-person at church

**KIDZONE & NURSERY**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**JUL 17**

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service

Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

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

**CONTINUE THIS WEEK**

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 17**

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

- **VBS for ages 4-teens begins Monday July 18 and runs all week from 9:30am - 12:30pm each day.** Register your children to attend and invite your friends!
- The workday for the Odicios has been postponed to this Saturday July 16th. Contact Frankie Cid or Pastor James for more information.
- **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.
- 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!