



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## TOMORROW DIDN'T COME

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Luke 12:20  
But God said to him, 'Fool!  
This night your soul is  
required of you, and the  
things you have prepared,  
whose will they be?'*

He was ecstatic. Life couldn't be better. All his tomorrows were set.

His farm had just produced an amazing bumper crop and presented him with a fantastic financial windfall. Instead of wasting this unexpected bounty, he invested it so the returns would last him for a lifetime. He didn't have to stress about strenuous work anymore. He could take it easy going forward. He could even retire early and live a life of leisure.

He couldn't have been more content as he drifted off to sleep that night.

However, his life took an unexpected, tragic turn. Tomorrow didn't come for him. He died that night (Luke 12:16-21). And God pronounced him a fool. That seems like a harsh judgment. After all the hapless man had made prudent, disciplined decisions about his newfound wealth. He might have been unlucky, but not foolish, we would think. But there are two levels on which God counted him as foolish. First, the things he had prepared and preserved would not benefit him. Others he did not know would enjoy the fruits of his labor – maybe not even entertaining a thought of him as they devoured his legacy.

But the real tragedy was that he had made all this material preparation while neglecting to make any spiritual preparation. Listen to God's stinging rebuke: 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God' (Luke 12:20-21, emphasis mine). The man was foolish because

while he pursued and gained material wealth, he was a spiritual pauper. He had not laid up any riches with God! This man is not the only fool as far as God is concerned. Everyone who focuses on material wellbeing instead of spiritual health is a fool. Spiritual health is a rich relationship towards God. It is not just putting your faith in Christ, but it is also living your life for God's purpose and growing in intimacy with Him. Making Him the center and joy of your life. When we approach life like that, tomorrow will always come. Either here on earth or in eternity with God.

So, if tomorrow never comes again for you on this earth, will you prove to be wise or foolish? May God help us to pursue a deep and rich relationship with Him today.

God bless you,

Pastor James

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE @ 7 PM

**AUG 1**

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

**YOUTH GROUP**  
FRI @ 6:45 PM

**AUG 4**

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

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

**AUG 6 & AUG 20**

Join us in-person  
at church

**KIDZONE & NURSERY**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**AUG 6**

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

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**AUG 6**

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

- **Free Family Fun Day** this Saturday August 5th at Bulldog Realty & Property Management (formerly Mountain Manor) from 12 noon to 4 pm. Invite your friends and join us!
- **Help Needed:** If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!