



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## WHO'S VOICE ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*John 10:1-5*  
 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

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It is incredibly important that we hear and follow the voice of Jesus our Good Shepherd. But there are so many voices claiming to represent God in our ears today. They are all over formal and informal media. We must be careful to ensure that what we listen to and absorb is actually from God. One way to do this is to check out the source of the messages and their grounds of authority. If they are anchored in the dreams and ideas of individuals, be very careful. If they are based on worldly philosophy, watch out. Another step to take is to examine their impact. If they condone our faulty living and thinking, be alarmed. If they downplay the consequences of sin, avoid them. These are not messages from God as

they are purporting to be.

God's word is impactful and convicting. God's messages are anchored in Scripture. God's word is honest about the reality of sin and its devastating consequences. God's message will always encourage us to forsake sin and pursue Him.

May God help us to discern His voice despite the confusing noises that try to mask it. If you seek Him honestly in His Word, you will hear Him.

God bless you,  
 Pastor James

## FINDING CONTENTMENT

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.



1 Timothy 6:6-10

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Breakfast** next week Saturday (8/14). Invite a friend and bring something to share for breakfast if you can.
- Bible reading plans for 2021 are available at the Information Table and on our website. Pick up a copy or download one today. Also, please read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<p><b>CORPORATE PRAYER</b> TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p><b>Aug 3</b> Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>EVENING SERVICE</b> 1st &amp; 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p><b>Aug 15</b> in-person at church.</p>	<p><b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p><b>Aug 8</b> In-person service &amp; livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p><b>GROWTH GROUPS</b> THU &amp; FRI @ 7 PM</p> <p><b>Aug 5 &amp; Aug 6</b> in-person at church. <b>CONCLUDE THIS WEEK.</b></p>	<p><b>YOUTH GROUP</b> FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p><b>Aug 6</b> Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 &amp; older</p>	<p><b>KIDZONE</b> SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p><b>Aug 8</b> Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

### QUICK TIPS

**Two ways to give your offering.** Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. 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!