

# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Hebrews 4:16  
*“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need”*

*“Y’all come back now, you hear.”* This warm parting expression from a gracious host assures the guests that they were a pleasure and are welcome back any time.

An even more gracious and blessed invitation is the Bible’s exhortation for us to come confidently to the throne of grace as often as we need to. This is an encouragement to come into God’s very presence to commune with Him in prayer and share with Him our challenges, concerns and distresses. He promises that we will find mercy and grace for these times of need because of Christ’s work on our behalf. Christ not only died for us, but also rose again, ascended to Heaven, and is currently our High Priest before God’s throne (the throne of grace). Furthermore, Christ understands our hurts and weaknesses and empathizes with us. He stands ready with all the resources we need to triumphantly negotiate all of life’s challenges.

It is at the very times in our lives when we feel a bit overwhelmed, unmoored, or confused – when we’re not sure where life is going and when positive change will come – that God invites us to come to Him again and again so that He can refresh and sustain us.

This week, as often as you need, go to the throne of Grace. You are always welcome. Your Heavenly Father waits there to comfort and strengthen you. Again. And again.

Believe and accept His invitation to come back often.

God bless you.

Pastor James

## 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!

## REKINDLING YOUR SPIRITUAL FIRE.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Explore Mountain Stream Classes** for those interested in becoming members or simply finding out more about Mountain Stream continue **Sunday**. Please contact Pastor James at 570-856-3310 or mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com if you’d like to attend.
- **As we observe social distancing** at our in-person services, there is only a limited number of persons who can be accommodated inside the building at one time. Please call ahead (570-856-3310), or email us at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com if you are planning to attend this Sunday’s service so we can make adequate preparations. If you’d prefer to come and stay outside, you are welcome to. You don’t need to call.
- If you are **interested in learning basic music** (primarily for church worship purposes), please come to church on **Saturdays at 5 pm** for free instructions in keyboard, guitar and drumming. For more information please contact Dwain Gayle at 347 677 2923.
- Nick Smith, Guistino Joseph and Giovanni Joseph are to be baptized and received into membership. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Pastor James.
- **The Church Mini Pantry** is available thanks to the generosity of each of us. The trailer is unlocked and you can enter from the side door. We would like to help as many people as we can, please be considerate of others, take what you need. You do not need to make a donation in order to take items. We are asking you to donate as you are able (just leave the items neatly in the trailer). If donating items, please ensure items are in good condition and not expired.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information on in-person gatherings.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE. @ 7 PM

### August 18

Join us via Zoom video  
Please contact Pastor James for details.  
rcantio@gmail.com

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

### August 21

Youth meetings are in-person at church.

**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
@ 11 AM

### August 23

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

**VIRTUAL KIDZONE**  
SUN @ 4 PM

### August 23

Kidzone is available every Sunday.  
Contact Candice at candicebrich@gmail.com for logon information.

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If at any time during this virus outbreak you feel that you need some help: whether you are physically unable to go out for groceries, or you might need a little financial help due to the virus, or you just need prayer, feel free to reach out to us, our contact details are below.

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