



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## GUARANTEED TO SUCCEED

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*1 Corinthians 15:58  
Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

We cannot control the future. We have no way of ensuring that all the things we have loved and lived for will survive our passing. In fact, we can't even guarantee they'll survive our lifetime. This reality can be heartbreakingly true in ministry. We can pour our lives into people only to see them walk away from the Lord, or flounder dreadfully in life. Our own children can turn away from the Lord we love. Churches and ministries can wither and die. What

can we do in the face of such dire possibilities?

There are two dead end paths we can take. First, we can give in to despair and choose to live carelessly since we can't guarantee the survival of our efforts. We can just focus on getting by day by day and abandon ourselves to unpredictable fate. Or second, we can choose to use our own ingenuity to try to "hack" life. We can try to muscle our way through our difficulties by imposing our wills on people and situation. Neither of these approaches produce any real spiritual results.

But there is a third way. A glorious triumphant path that we can take. Writing to the Corinthians believers who were deeply distressed about the fate of their deceased loved ones, Paul reassured them that God had a plan beyond even death, and that there was a glorious future for their loved ones who had died in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:20-23). Because Jesus Christ has conquered death, there is coming a day when every believer will look death in the face

and triumphantly declare that death had no power over them. Death will be defeated once and for all (verses 54-56). If even death, the seemingly unstoppable enemy of life will be defeated, how should believers live?

According to verse 58, believers should resolutely abound in the work of the Lord. We should enthusiastically invest ourselves and our resources in the program of God. Not our own shortsighted dreams and schemes, but in God's glorious plans and purposes. We can then be certain that what we do will last because God's plans and purposes are eternal and ultimately successful.

In what are you investing? The only thing that is guaranteed to succeed is the work of the Lord. Abandon yourself to His purposes so you can live confidently and fulfilled.

God bless you,

Pastor James

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE @ 7 PM

**AUG 23**

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

**AUG 26**

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

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

**SEP 4 & SEP 18**

Join us in-person at church

**KIDZONE & NURSERY**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**AUG 28**

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

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**AUG 28**

In-person service & livestream

Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.

- Explore Mountain Stream Classes for those interested in becoming members or just finding out what Mountain Stream believes begin on Sunday Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Please sign up at the Information Center if you'd like to attend.
- Join us on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 3:15 at the Meadows at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Next ladies meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am. Please plan to attend. Leticia will be the meeting hostess.
- We'd love to see you at the in-person services soon.
- Join us for our Friend Day and 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Sunday October 2. Plan to stay for the free potluck International Luncheon that will follow the morning service.
- Married? Unmarried? Hoping to get married? Written off marriage? Loving your marriage? Hating your marriage? Whatever your status or attitudes towards marriage, join us 6 pm beginning Sunday Sept 4 at our evening services for honest, practical discussions on Making Marriage Work.
- We'll be joining with our township to pick up our community streets on September 24. Please contact Tom Watson if you are interested in joining us.
- The Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos will be hosting its fundraising Walk for Life on Saturday October 1. Contact Lori Ditaranto for details.
- Calvary School of the Bible (CBS) offers a 3-year program with courses on Christian living, ministries, theology, and Bible book surveys. Check out this link to some uploaded classes [www.cbcpoconos.org](http://www.cbcpoconos.org) and contact H. Lee Thompson directly at [hlee1412@gmail.com](mailto:hlee1412@gmail.com) for more information.
- 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!