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WHAT A FINISH!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*2 Timothy 4:6
I have fought the good fight, I
have finished the race, I have
kept the faith.*

It took almost 2 minutes (an eternity for the athletes anxiously pacing the tracks) for the officials to determine who had won the 1996 Atlanta Olympics Women's 100m gold medal. American Gail Devers had exploded out of the blocks and held the advantage for most of the race, but archival Merlene Ottey of Jamaica gobbled up the last few meters of the race in a strong finish. In the end both athletes were awarded the same time of 10.94

seconds, and Devers declared the winner by the officials.

Although lacking the drama, there is another finish that is perhaps more amazing. As Paul neared the end of his very eventful life, he was able to declare with humble but supreme confidence that he had run an excellent race. He had fought well through opposition, personal weakness, and persecution. He had persevered through misunderstandings and cynical attacks. He had tenaciously adhered to the glorious gospel of God's gracious salvation despite scrutiny and challenge from friends and foe alike.

He was able to accomplish all this because of two indispensable realities. 1) He was completely dedicated to the glory of Christ (Philippians 1:20-21), and 2) he was completely dependent on the matchless grace of Christ (1 Timothy 1:12-14). Because

he made pleasing Christ his only goal, and the grace of God his only source, he was able to live his life how God intended.

All of us are capable of finishing as well as Paul did. We may not have the same experiences as Paul, but we can tirelessly embrace the same supreme purpose of pleasing Christ alone, and plug into the same inexhaustible grace of God.

May God help each of us to so live that at the end of our lives we may say: *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

That would be an amazing finish.

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

AUG 30

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

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

SEP 2

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

SEP 2

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

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

SEP 2

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 September 4th at 10 am. Please sign up at the Information Center if you'd like to attend.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15pm at the Meadows at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- We'd love to see you at the in-person services soon.
- Join us for our Friend Day and 14th 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.
- The Youth 7th Annual Sleepover is happening on Friday, Sept. 16 and starts with an exciting Kick-off at 7pm SHARP! until Saturday, Sept. 17, 8am. It's for all teens ages 13 & up. Don't miss this epic event. Teens invite your friends! 13 hrs. that could change your life!
- 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 and contact H. Lee Thompson directly at hleet1412@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!