

# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## ONE HEART, ONE SOUL

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Acts 4:32  
Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and one soul...*

This simple statement records a near miracle. In a church of about 5000 people, the full number “were of one heart and one soul!” They enjoyed a sense of unity so deep it was as if they were a single person. We only need to look at our world for a minute to realize how amazing this situation was. Nations are at odds – even war – on this small planet we share. Various factions are in strife in our country. In these divisive

times, even families are estranged over simple disagreements. How could a group of 5000 people find such deep unity? It was because of their relationship with Christ.

As these believers embraced their new identity in Christ, they discovered a profound bond with other believers. Their union was first spiritual – in the very essence of their being. They were followers of Jesus Christ with the Spirit of Christ residing in them. This common “Possession” created an intrinsic, organic union which impacted their attitudes towards each other. The passage goes on to tell us that they joyfully shared their material possessions with any in their assembly who were in need.

In current church experiences rife with almost endless divisions and arguments over is-

...sues ranging from important to trivial, we can hardly imagine this kind of unity. Yet it is possible if, as individuals, we fully embrace our relationship with Christ. Christ is the Prince of Peace. He is the Reconciler. Those who walk closely with Him find His peace governing their attitudes and actions towards others – especially fellow Christians.

Let us purpose to walk so closely with Christ that we become agents of peace.

God bless you,  
Pastor James



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE @ 7 PM

**SEP 6**

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

**SEP 9**

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

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

**SEP 18**

Join us in-person at church

**KIDZONE & NURSERY**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**SEP 11**

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

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**SEP 11**

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 continue this Sunday at 10 am. Please sign up at the Information Center if you'd like to attend.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Meadows at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Men's Breakfast Saturday at 9 am at church. Invite a friend and bring something to share for breakfast if you can.
- 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 Sundays in September 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.
- Growth Groups begin Thursday October 6th, and Friday Oct 7th. Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend a group convenient to you
- 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 [hleet1412@gmail.com](mailto: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!

