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LIVING FOR JESUS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Philippians 3:8
Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

Everybody lives for something and or someone.

Even if we have not formally processed the idea and made a conscious decision, we are all driven by something. Something that makes us get out of bed when we would rather not. Something that provides the promise of fulfillment and meaning. For many people, tangible and intangible material acquisitions such as wealth or adulation drive us to invest our efforts into accomplishing

various goals. But for those who are blessed to discover the highest purpose for living, our reason for existence is Jesus Christ.

The essence of Christianity is living for Jesus.

Paul captured this truth in his bold testimony of how he embraced Christ as the center of his life. After listing several commendable accomplishments that marked his previous life (Philippians 3:4-6), he declared that he gladly abandoned those pursuits to follow Christ because of the “surpassing worth of knowing” Jesus. Wow. Read those words again slowly. The. Surpassing. Worth. Of. Knowing. Jesus. Knowing Jesus – that is, living a life of intimacy with Him (Philippians 3:10) – dwarfed every other life reward or gratification. It far supersedes the returns that can be earned on any other investment. No wonder Paul gladly sacrificed all other

pursuits for this one all-consuming passion.

Many Christians relegate Jesus to the tiniest sliver of their lives that they can. But living for Jesus is still the highest call any person can pursue. Everything else, and anyone else we center our lives around are unworthy of our devotion. They will ultimately disappoint us because they are just created entities as we are. But Christ is Creator and Savior. And He is the Joy-Giver. Those who center their lives around Him find that they live fuller, more meaningful lives. And later enjoy eternity with Him.

What or who are you living for?

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

SEP 27

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

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

SEP 30

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

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

OCT 2 & OCT 16

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

OCT 2

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

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

BEGIN OCT 6 & OCT 7

In-person at church.
Plan to attend one convenient to you.
Sign-up on our website or the Info. Ctr.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

OCT 2

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

- There will be **no Explore Mountain Stream Classes this Sunday** due to our Anniversary & Friend Day.
- 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.
- Join us **this Sunday for our Friend Day & 14th Anniversary celebration @ 11 am**. Plan to stay for the free potluck International Luncheon that will follow the morning service.
- Thanks to all who helped with the street cleanup on Saturday.
- **Growth Groups begin Thursday October 6th & 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 1st. Contact Lori Ditaranto for details.
- Living Waters Ministry of Jesus (led by Jean Williams) is hosting a luncheon to honor first responders & veterans at Aquatopia on Nov. 3 from 11 am – 2 pm. Tickets are \$45. Pastor James is one of the featured speakers.
- 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.cbepoconos.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!