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GLORIOUS MISSION

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Luke 19:10
For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost...

On September 12, 2023, news broke that Mark Dickey, an American expert cave explorer was safely back above ground after a complex days-long operation to rescue him. Dickey got seriously ill while leading a professional team to explore one of Turkey's deepest caves and ended up trapped more than 3000 feet underground, unable to climb out by himself. After an operation involving about 200 rescue workers from multiple countries Dickey was finally freed. The effort required doctors climbing down to him in the cave to provide live-saving care - including a blood transfusion. Experts had to widen narrow passages in the cave, bolster areas that were susceptible to rockslides, and create several mini

campsites along the way for the teams and Dickey to rest as they lifted him by stretcher back to the surface. This rescue immediately joined the list of some of the toughest rescues in history. One rescue participant expressed how privileged and joyful he felt to have been involved in this outstanding rescue operation.

As heartwarming and gripping as this rescue was, the most glorious rescue mission in the history of humanity occurred nearly 2000 years ago when the only qualified Individual descended to earth and effected the rescue of the human race. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took on himself human flesh and came to earth to live a perfect life among us for over thirty years. Then in one act of glorious self-sacrifice, He died on the cross for our sins. Three days later He rose triumphantly from the dead and later ascended back to His Father in Heaven. The death and resurrection of Jesus paid the full price for the sins of mankind and now makes it possible for us to have our sins forgiven and a right relationship with God restored. Jesus

was fully aware that this was His purpose and had declared to Zacchaeus, a tax collector he rescued, that He had come to earth to seek and to save the lost.

Thank God Jesus did for us what we could never do for ourselves. Our combined best efforts and resources were insufficient to the task of procuring our salvation. Only the precious blood of Jesus Christ could save us. Thank God He was willing to embark on the gracious rescue mission even though it involved great personal pain and sacrifice. Now He invites those of us who know Him to become part of this glorious mission by taking the Good News of the salvation He has provided to people everywhere. It is the highest and noblest endeavor we could ever participate in.

May God help us to obey our Savior and eagerly fulfill our role in this glorious mission.

God bless you,
 Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

OCT 3

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

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

OCT 6

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

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

OCT 15

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

OCT 8

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

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

OCT 5 & OCT 6

Restarting soon.
 In-person at church.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

OCT 8

In-person service and Livestreaming on Facebook, Youtube and our webpage.

- Pregnancy Resources of the Poconos Walk for Life is Saturday, October 7. Registration and Breakfast will be at 8:30 am and the walk starts at 9 am. Please see Lori for sign-up sheets and more details.
- Growth Groups restart October 5 & 6 at 7pm at church. Sign up at the Information Counter or online to attend one convenient to you.
- Anthony Bonito is to be accepted into membership shortly. If you have any comments, please see Pastor James.
- **Men's Retreat** at New Life Island October 13-14th. See Ted for details.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2023 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!