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EBENEZER: ROCK OF REMEMBRANCE

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*1 Samuel 7:12
Then Samuel took a stone
and set it up between Miz-
pah and Shen and called its
name Ebenezer; for he said,
"Till now the LORD has
helped us."*

The Israelites were returning to the Lord in penitence after more than two decades of defection and disobedience. Their leader Samuel was presiding over a time of repentance and restoration when the Israelites perennial enemies, the Philistines, decided it was a good time to attack. Rather than scattering in fear, Samuel led the

people into deeper worship and sacrifice to God while beseeching Him to protect them. The Lord roared out of Heaven that day and overthrew the Philistine armies. So complete was the defeat that the Philistines never again attacked Israel during Samuel's lifetime. On that day of victory Samuel erected a stone, and called it Ebenezer, meaning: "To this point the Lord has helped us." Ebenezer became a rock of remembrance to the Israelites, reminding them that they could trust the Lord to fight for them as they stayed close to Him.

Each year we celebrate our church's anniversary as a reminder of God's faithfulness to us. Through challenges and changes, God has remained faithful. He has protected us and provided for us. Even through this latest Cov-

id crisis, God has showered His care and protection upon us. We want our anniversaries to not only remind us of God's faithfulness, but to also remind us of our responsibility to be faithful to Him. May God help us as individuals and as a church to erect "Ebenezers" in our lives that will spur us to cling closely to our ever-faithful God. May we purpose to remain faithful to Him in personal obedience, and in reaching our community for Christ.

As you celebrate our 13th Anniversary with us, praise God for all He has done so far, and pledge to continue to follow Him wherever He leads.

God bless you,
Pastor James

BE FAITHFUL TO HIM

I say this for your own benefit,
not to lay any restraint upon you,
but to promote good order and to secure
your undivided devotion to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:35

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

Oct 5

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

EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM

Oct 17

join us in-person at church.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

Oct 10

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

GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM

Oct 7 & Oct 8

in-person at church.
Plan to attend one convenient
to you.

YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM

Oct 8

Youth meetings are in-person
at church.
for ages 13 & older

KIDZONE SUN @ 11 AM

Oct 10

Kidzone is available every Sun-
day during the morning service.
for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thanks to all who participated in the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos annual Walk for Life on Saturday.
- **Growth Groups begin this Thursday & Friday at 7 pm** at the church. Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend a group convenient to you.
- **Men's Breakfast this Saturday at 9 am** at church. Invite a friend and bring something to share for breakfast if you can.
- Please sign up to supply gifts for the annual Garden at Stroud Nursing Home - Christmas Gift Drive. Contact Tom Watson for details.
- We'll be picking up a section of Route 209 on Saturday Oct. 16th. Contact Tom for details.
- Dear CBI Supporters, we are very sorry to report that the classes we offered this fall will not be scheduled. There were not enough requests to participate in either course. We will review possibilities for 2022, so if you know of any who are interested after the first of the year let Jimmie Van Sant know 973 534 0835.
- *Want to discover God's will for your life? Join us at church for our in-person Evening Service the 1st and 3rd Sunday @ 6 pm.*
- Bible reading plans for 2021 are available at the Information Table and on our website. Pick up a copy or download one today. Also, please read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings.

QUICK TIPS

Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. 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!