

MOUNTAINSTREAMNEWS

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

Really Blessed



Matthew 5:3
"Blessed are the poor
in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven."

In the Beatitudes Jesus reveals the nature of those who are truly blessed - those who experience the deep, inner fulfillment of heart that can only come from a genuine, close relationship with God.

The first Beatitude teaches us that it is the poor in spirit who inherit the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom of heaven cannot be seized by those who rely on their own power, abilities or goodness. It is not the prize of the worldly wise, or the worldly rich. Rather, it is given as a gift by God to those who realize how truly poor they are spiritually.

Jesus uses a word for poor that describes someone who is so destitute, he must beg for a living. When it comes to spiritual resources and qualifications, all of us are so desperately poor that we must approach God as a penniless spiritual pauper who must cast ourselves totally on Him for mercy and grace. When we come to Christ thus, we find that He graciously opens the reservoirs of heaven to us.

Those of us who believe we possess spiritual virtues in our natural selves refuse to receive God's gracious gift of righteousness, and set about the futile task of trying to establish a righteousness of our own making. We end up defeated, distressed, deluded - and ultimately locked out of the kingdom of heaven for eternity.

May God impress upon our hearts our true spiritual poverty so we will humbly turn to Him and find overwhelming grace and spiritual riches. That is when we will be truly blessed.

God bless you,

Pastor James

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!

SET YOUR HOPE ON THE PROMISE KEEPER. JESUS!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please be in prayer for Rose and Scott and their extended family. Rose's sister, Cindy, passed away on Friday.
- We would like to still do our usual Christmas outreach for the folks at The Garden at Stroud. If you are interested, please contact us mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com.
- Please pray for Maria Palermo who is back in hospital with her stomach issue.
- Please welcome Dwain & Tashoy Gayle, our newest members to the MSBC family!
- Please continue to pray for Marilyn Johnson recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Plan to join either the Thursday or Friday online Growth Group this week! Sign up via email at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com or call for log-in information.
- **As we observe social distancing** at our in-person services, there is only a **limited number of persons who can be accommodated inside the building** at one time. **Please call ahead (570-856-3310)**, or email us at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com if you are planning to attend this Sunday's service so we can make adequate preparations. If you'd prefer to come and stay outside, you are welcome to. You don't need to call.
- If you are **interested in learning basic music** (primarily for church worship purposes), please come to church on **Saturdays at 5 pm** for free instructions in keyboard, guitar and drumming. For more information please contact Dwain Gayle at 347 677 2923.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information on in-person gatherings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

October 13

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James for details.
rcantio@gmail.com

GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM

October 15 & 16

Contact Pastor James at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com for logon details.

YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM

October 16

Youth meetings are in-person at church.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

October 18

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

VIRTUAL KIDZONE SUN @ 4 PM

October 18

Kidzone is available every Sunday.
Contact Candice at candicebrich@gmail.com for logon information.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If at any time during this virus outbreak you feel that you need some help: whether you are physically unable to go out for groceries, or you might need a little financial help due to the virus, or you just need prayer, feel free to reach out to us, our contact details are below.

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