



# MOUNTAINSTREAMNEWS

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## REAL SATISFACTION

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Isaiah 55:1-2*  
*“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.”*

Verse 2 of our text describes a pitiable situation. People are wasting their precious time and resources on activities that do not produce the desired or advertised results. In an effort to quench our seemingly never-ending thirst we invest in whatever well-meaning philosophers or deceptive huskers insist will satisfy our longings for fulfillment and meaning. What we often miss is that true fulfillment is only found in a close relationship with our Creator and Redeemer. We were made for God. Our meaning and purpose are tied up in our relationship with Him

– and nothing else will do. When sin entered the human race through Adam, we lost that intimacy with God. We now enter the world aware that something is missing, but we’re not always sure exactly what it is. We know our lives aren’t complete, so we experiment with all the siren calls of the world that promise meaning and fullness. We rush eagerly to each new thing, each new offer, only to be disappointed again... and again. Some of us eventually lose all hope of ever experiencing fullness and resign ourselves to empty, meaningless existence.

But God offers us the real solution. The only solution. He graciously invites us to come to Him and receive the satisfaction none of our resources can buy. Hear the question in verse 2: “Why do you spend... your labor for that which does not satisfy?” In other words, why are you wasting your life on empty pursuits? Haven’t you had enough already? God then invites us to come to Him and discover real fulfillment. He summons us to a bountiful, sumptuous banquet. “Listen to Me,” He cries, “eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.” And here’s the kicker: it is all free! We do not need money and we

cannot pay for it. The price is too high. The “food” and “drink” that we need is not material, of course. What we really have is a spiritual deficiency. Our sin stands between us and the only source of true spiritual fulfillment. So, Jesus paid for our sins with His life. On the cross of Calvary, He conquered the sin that deceived and destroyed us. In its stead, He offers us real, full life. All we have to do is trust ourselves to Him completely. We must turn from our sin and self-effort and depend fully on Him for freedom and fulfillment. When we do, we discover growing contentment and satisfaction that transcends our natural circumstances.

It is so sad to see so many people continue to waste their lives pursuing things that will never satisfy while ignoring the clear compassionate call of the Lord. His offer is for everyone – which includes you! Why will you continue to chase deceptive, useless “remedies”? Listen to your Creator and Savior. Surrender to Him and experience real satisfaction.

God bless you,  
 Pastor James

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
**TUE @ 7 PM**

**OCT 24**

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**

**OCT 27**

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

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

**NOV 5 & NOV 19**

Join us in-person at church

**KIDZONE & NURSERY**  
**SUN @ 11 AM**

**OCT 29**

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

**GROWTH GROUPS**  
**THU & FRI @ 7 PM**

**OCT 26 & OCT 27**

Restarting soon.  
 In-person at church.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**SUN @ 11 AM**

**OCT 29**

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

- Our Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon will be November 19 immediately following the morning service. Please sign up at the Information Counter to bring a dish.
- Explore Mountain Stream classes for those interested in becoming members or just finding out more about our church begin on November 12 @ 10 am. Please sign up at the Information Counter to attend.
- Growth Groups continue this week at 7pm at church. Sign up at the Information Counter or online to attend one convenient to you. Preparation questions are available at the Information Counter or on our website.
- Anthony Bonito is to be accepted into membership shortly. If you have any comments, please see Pastor James.
- Joe Kirschbaum is to be accepted into membership shortly. If you have any comments, please see Pastor James.
- Ladies Meeting hosted by Teri Eckert will be Saturday October 28th at church at 10:30 am.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!