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SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Colossians 3:1-2
If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

The things on which our minds are set determine the nature of our lives. Because we are born sinners, our default orientation is to the things of earth. Sadly, even after we've put our faith in Christ, we can still be (unconsciously) driven by worldly motives and philosophies. We

may not be purposely pursuing outrightly sinful activities, but our values and pursuits may still be strongly influenced by the world in which we live. For example, we prefer ease and complacency over spiritual growth through difficulty and challenges. We embrace self-promotion and self-exaltation over self-sacrifice and humility. Material prosperity may still be more important to us than spiritual prosperity. Frequently we are so steeped in these philosophies that we aren't even aware of what we are doing. This regrettable state of mind limits our growth in the Lord and our impact on society.

We escape this spiritual quagmire by intentionally setting our minds on spiritual values. We seek the "things that are above, where Christ is" by fully embracing our new identity in Christ (verse 10) and saturating ourselves with the

Word of God (verse 16). As we purposely and fully surrender to the Lord and the work of the Word in us, we find ourselves valuing virtues such as holiness, kindness, and patience above vices such as sensual pleasures and rivalries (5-15). As we drink deeply and regularly of the Word of God and meditate on it, it transforms our thinking and actions. Over time, we will find that things of the Spirit (the things which are above) become increasingly important to us and direct the way in which we live.

On what is your mind set?

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

OCT 25

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

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

OCT 28

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

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

NOV 6 & NOV 20

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

OCT 30

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

GROWTH GROUPS
THU & FRI @ 7 PM

OCT 27 & OCT 28

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 30

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

- Steve & Laura Gentile are to be received into membership. If you have any comments, please contact Pastor James.
- 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.
- Growth Groups continue Thursdays and Fridays at 7pm at church. Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend a group convenient to you. Preparation questions are available at the Information Center and on our website.
- Living Waters Ministry of Jesus (led by Jean Williams) is hosting *Courageous* a luncheon event to honor first responders & veterans at Aquatopia, 193 Resort Dr. Tannersville, PA 18372, 4th FL banquet space on Saturday Nov. 5 from 11 am – 2 pm. Tickets are \$45. Keynote Speaker: Pastor James.
- 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.cbpcosonos.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!