



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## SOUL PROSPERITY

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*3 John verse 2  
Beloved, I pray that all may  
go well with you and that  
you may be in good health,  
as it goes well with your  
soul.*

What an amazing wish or blessing to ask for someone. As the apostle John was writing to his beloved friend Gaius, he voiced his desire for Gaius to be as prosperous in the rest of his life as he was in his soul or spiritual life. The basis of John's unusual wish becomes clear as we discover

er that Gaius loves and lives in truth (verse 3), and shows hospitality and support for gospel messengers (verses 5-8) despite the oppressive opposition of Diotrephes (verses 9-10), a despotic church leader. Gaius was clearly a well-rounded Christian. He was nourished in the Word and exercised by practical Christian living. Gaius understood what was first – Christ and His kingdom. As a result of making Christ his primary pursuit he was wealthy in soul.

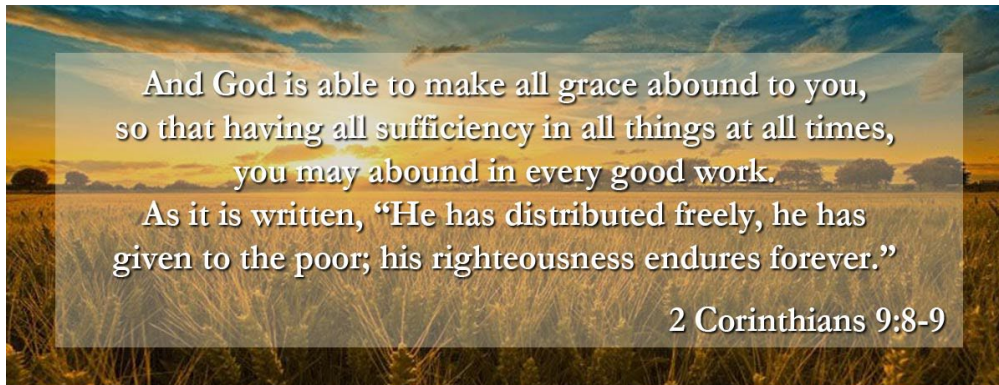
Would a prayer like this be a blessing for you? What if your material prosperity was linked to your spiritual prosperity? How would you fare? What if your physical health depended on your spiritual

health? How healthy would you be? If you would not consider John's prayer a blessing, then something needs to change in your life pursuits. Why don't you pursue God first so you have a healthy soul? After all, your soul goes on into eternity. Material possessions will be left behind on earth.

May God help us to order our priorities aright. May we pursue spiritual health and wealth.

God bless you,  
Pastor James

## PURSUIT OF THE ABUNDANT LIFE



And God is able to make all grace abound to you,  
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,  
you may abound in every good work.

As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has  
given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

2 Corinthians 9:8-9

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Growth Groups continue Thursday and Friday at 7 pm at the church. Sign up at the Information Center or online to attend a group convenient to you. Discussion questions are available at the Information Center or online at our website.
- Please sign up to donate gifts for the annual Garden at Stroud Nursing Home Christmas Gift Drive. Contact Tom Watson for details.
- Thanks to all of you who helped with the cleanup of Route 209 on Saturday.
- Ladies Meeting this Saturday Oct 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am at church. Hosted by Becky Fara, Sherril Thorne & Marilyn Johnson.
- 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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

<b>CORPORATE PRAYER</b> TUE @ 7 PM	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b> 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> SUN @ 11 AM
<b>Oct 26</b> Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com	<b>Nov 7 &amp; Nov 21</b> join us in-person at church.	<b>Oct 31</b> In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.
<b>GROWTH GROUPS</b> THU & FRI @ 7 PM	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b> FRI @ 6:45 PM	<b>KIDZONE</b> SUN @ 11 AM
<b>Oct 28 &amp; Oct 29</b> in-person at church. Plan to attend one convenient to you.	<b>Oct 29</b> Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 & older	<b>Oct 31</b> Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.

### 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!