



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## GETTING LIFE RIGHT

### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Proverbs 3:5-6  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Everybody lives by a certain philosophy that reveals how they think life works. This philosophy may be deduced by the individual himself or it may be the consensus of society's collective wisdom. Some of the ideas are: "smile at the world, and the world will smile back at you," or "You have to take care of yourself before you can take care of someone else." Or how about the great American ideal that if we work hard enough, we will reap the benefits and become successful? It doesn't take us too long to discover that these philosophies generally don't work. How many of you have smiled at the world only to have it

snarl back at you? Or how many have discovered that taking care of ourselves first quickly morphs into a fulltime obsession that leaves us no time to help anyone else? And how is the great American ideal working for you? Do you feel like you have received as much reward as your efforts deserve?

Thankfully, God has not left us to figure life out for ourselves. He clearly records the critical foundation of a truly successful life in multiple places in the Scriptures. One such place is the verses we are considering today. We are told to trust in the Lord will all our heart and not lean on our own understanding. This means we need to discover God's instructions from Scriptures and confidently obey them even if they go counter to our own thinking. When we do that, we are acknowledging that God knows best and has the right to guide us. We are also demonstrating our conviction that God is benevolent and is working for good in our lives.

We are further exhorted to acknowledge Him in all our ways. We cannot just invite the Lord into

a few select areas of our lives. He must have free access to, and full authority over, every area of our lives. Our profession, our pastimes, our pursuits, our purpose must be directed by Him. As we grow in our knowledge and personal love and trust for Him, we will find that He gently and faithfully leads us into the right paths for our lives.

Unfortunately, even though God has spoken so clearly and stands ready to aid us, many of us still try to do life according to our own limited understanding. We allow our experiences and the clamor of the crowd to induce us to ignore or disobey God's guidelines. But we must remember that God loves us dearly and truly wants us to get life right. He wants us to live full lives here, and then eternal lives with Him in Heaven. Why don't you start listening to Him today? He will never lead you astray.

God bless you,  
Pastor James

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

**CORPORATE PRAYER**  
TUE @ 7 PM

**OCT 31**

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

**NOV 3**

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

**NOV 5**

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

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

**NOV 2 & NOV 3**

Restarting soon.  
In-person at church.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
SUN @ 11 AM

**NOV 5**

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.
- 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!