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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Hebrews 10:23-24
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.*

Life can become challenging and disheartening at times. As a result, some Christians risk becoming discouraged and disappointed that God did not exempt them from these hardships of life in a sinful world. In fact, sometimes the hardships seem to arise because they are walking with the Lord. They, therefore, begin to

wonder if their relationship with Jesus is actually a beneficial thing. They may lose their fervor for Christ, and some even walk away from Him. Yet it is exactly at these difficult times that we need to cling to Christ, and encourage other Christians to do the same.

The believers to whom the book of Hebrews was written faced severe trials, which led some to question whether they should continue their journey with Christ. But they were encouraged to hold fast to God. They were reminded that the changing, challenging times were foretold in Scripture. That life had not spun out of control. That God is still in charge. That He is faithful. And that He will keep His promises to His children.

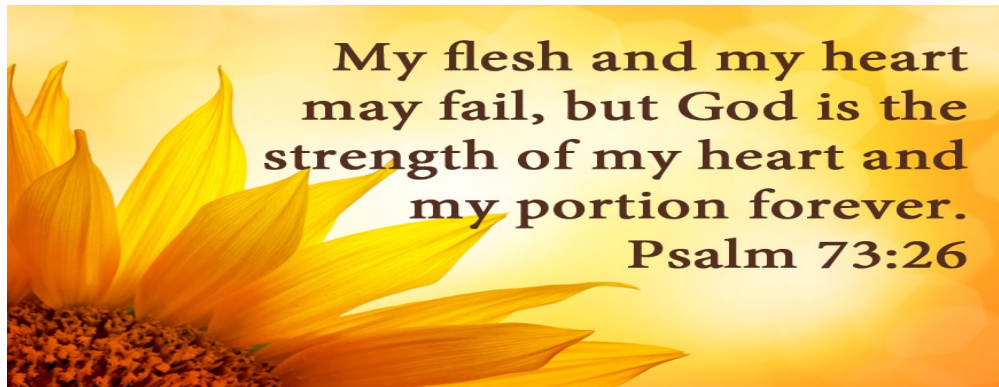
In these times when our society's values and worldviews are changing, and the Christians' bib-

lical position on purity, integrity and identity, etc. is seen as antiquated and oppressive, we need to persevere. While it might seem more expedient to abandon our stance, or try to fly below the radar, we cannot shrink back from the truth and from the Lord. Let us choose to stand firmly and graciously with Christ. Let us lift our gaze from the shifting sands of worldly ideologies, and look instead to the unshakeable, unchanging Word of God for our foundation. Let us cling to Christ, and reach out to our wavering brothers and sisters and encourage them to remain on the stable ground of God's Word.

God bless you,

Pastor James

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death”



WHAT'S HAPPENING

<p>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p>Nov 16 Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p>Nov 21 join us in-person at church.</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Nov 21 In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p>GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM</p> <p>Nov 18 & Nov 19 in-person at church. Plan to attend one convenient to you.</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p>Nov 19 Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 & older</p>	<p>KIDZONE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Nov 21 Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Growth Groups conclude this Thursday and Friday.** Discussion questions are available at the Information Center or online at our website.
- One of our sister churches, **Living Hope Baptist Church in Mt. Pocono, is hosting a Living Nativity ministry December 5 from 4 pm – 6 pm.** They would love to have you participate. Check out this link for ways you can be involved <https://livinghopepocono.com/serve-live-nativity>. You can sign up online or at the Information Center at church.
- **Faith Christian School will be hosting a free seminar, “Do Not Fear: Biblical Strategies for Discipling Children’s Fearful Hearts”** on November 20, 9 am – 12 noon. For more info or to register, please call 610 588 3414 or email troutj@fcslnions.org.
- **BCM Peru will be hosting their annual Christmas Pennies for Peru gospel outreach ministry.** The success of this outreach depends on donations from people like you. If you wish to donate, please go to: <https://bcmintl.org/give/> and mark your gift of love as PENNIES FOR PERU
- 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.

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!