

eBulletin weekly issue No. 191 • December 4, 2023

www.mountainstreamchurch.com

## FINISH STRONG

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

A thletes are obsessed with finishing strong. A race or game may be lost despite an excellent start if the athlete or team does not finish strong. Life

is just the same.

God expects Christians to finish strong and He provides three excellent tips through Paul's declaration in 2 Timothy 4:7 nearing the end of his life. Here they are:

Fight the Good Fight. That is, fight the right battle: the battle to honor Christ in this life. We all invest our lives in something, but is it the right thing? Excelling at the wrong

thing is as much a waste of your life as carelessly doing nothing. Life is not to be wasted striving to fulfil fleshly desires. Nor is it to be wasted on "noble," but ultimately unimportant projects. It is to be invested in God's plans and goals for us and our world. Are you focused on living your life for Jesus? Is He your reason for getting out of bed in the mornings?

Finish the Race. It is great that you have started to follow Jesus. Remain committed to Him. Finish the race. Is there a specific ministry God has entrusted to you? Stay with it. Finish the race. There will be times of great triumphs and times of profound disappointments. Stay with it. Do not let criticism and occasional failures deter you. Finish the race. The Christian path is littered with the remains of too many who started well, but fell away. Do not join them. Finish the race. Have you been knocked down by

adversity? [I say this kindly.] Don't just lie there. Get back up. Finish the race!

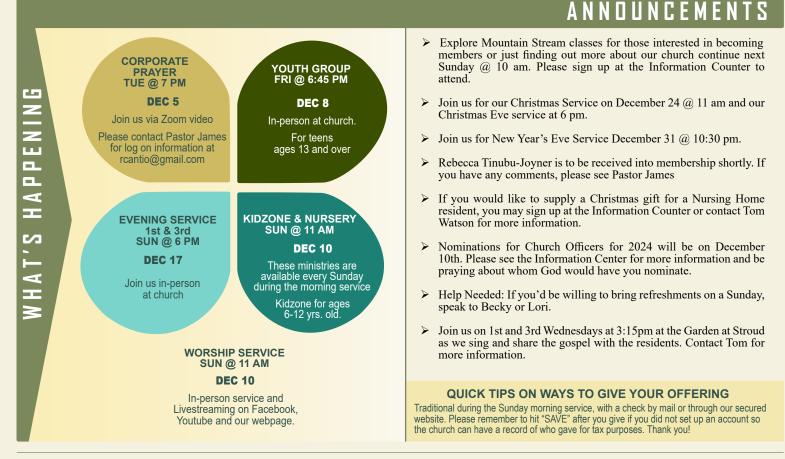
Keep the Faith. Know the truths of Scripture. Hold steadfastly to them. Reject the unbiblical "innovations" and dangerous deceptions that will try to lure you away from Christ. Maintain your confidence in Christ. He will keep His promises to you. He will sustain you in life and welcome you home after death. Do not let circumstances corrupt your faith. Stay true to Jesus.

By God's grace, Fight the Good Fight, Finish the Course, Keep the Faith.

Finish Strong!

God bless you,

Pastor James



305 Dartmouth Dr., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 \* email: mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com \* PH: 570-856-3310 Mailing address: Box 192 Bushkill, PA 18324