



# MOUNTAIN STREAM NEWS

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## THE GIFT OF WORSHIP

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Acts 17: 24-25*  
*The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything*

While browsing through some birthday cards recently, I chuckled as I came across one that read “For the man who has everything – except this card.” I believe

we can all identify with trying to find something for someone who seems to have everything. We face a similar dilemma when we try to figure out how to worship God. Many of us think that the best form of worship is to give Him things. But today’s text reminds us that God does need anything, because He made everything and gives to us everything we have. So, if things are not the answer, how can we show our love and devotion to God? The best gift we can give is genuine worship.

A heart of genuine worship is one that comes to God in full surrender because of who He is. Such a heart recognizes the greatness and goodness of God, and falls at His feet in profound gratitude, overwhelmed that

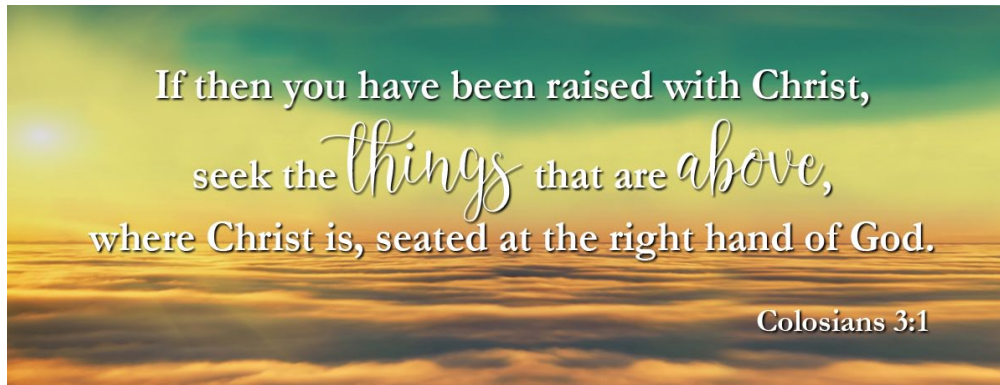
this Almighty, transcendent God who needs nothing, nor delights in material offerings per se, will graciously accept our lives of devotion to Him. Whatever else we might offer to God, we must first offer ourselves. We must joyfully and willing present ourselves to Him. We must find our pleasure and fullness in Him. When we arrive at that place, we will give to God what really matters to Him – our honest worship.

May God lead us to love and worship Him as He deserves.

God bless you,

Pastor James

## PUT ON THE NEW SELF



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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
- Please plan to join us for our **Christmas Eve Service Dec 24 @ 6 pm** at church, our **Christmas service on December 26 @ 11 am**, and our **New Year’s Eve service on December 31 @ 10:30 pm.**
- We need some church members to serve in our Nursery ministry. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Moritz.
- The Church’s Annual General Business Meeting will be January 8th @ 2 pm at the church. Members, please plan to attend this important meeting.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are now available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie’s daily blog on the readings through the link on our website

## WHAT’S HAPPENING

<b>CORPORATE PRAYER</b> <b>TUE @ 7 PM</b>	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b> <b>1st &amp; 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>SUN @ 11 AM</b>
<b>Dec 14</b> Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at <a href="mailto:rcantio@gmail.com">rcantio@gmail.com</a>	<b>Dec 19</b> join us in-person at church.	<b>Dec 19</b> In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.
<b>QUICK TIPS</b>	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b> <b>FRI @ 6:45 PM</b>	<b>KIDZONE</b> <b>SUN @ 11 AM</b>
<b>Two ways to give your offering.</b> 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!	<b>Dec 17</b> Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 & older	<b>Dec 19</b> Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.