

PASTOR'S CORNER



1 Corinthians 12:13

*For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to
drink of one Spirit.*

ONE BODY IN CHRIST

“One nation under God.” This statement from our National Pledge reveals the aspiration and ideal of the United States as a nation. We want to be one nation no matter what state we live in, what our ethnicity is, or our social standing. Our history (and present) is a constant reminder of how difficult it is to achieve this ideal. But it is a dream worth pursuing.

What remains an aspiration for us as a nation is a marvelous reality in the body of Christ. Every Christian is formally and functionally connected to each other through the regenerating and unifying work of the Holy Spirit. As our verse above reminds us, the Holy Spirit unites us no matter our surface differences. While this

unity is an objective reality, Christians have to embrace it in order to experience its glorious benefits. Too many Christians still cling to the worldly idea that we are solo individuals whose primary responsibility is to take care of ourselves first. This approach generally results in loneliness, dissatisfaction, and dysfunction in our lives and in the church.

When we understand and embrace the oneness of the body of Christ we find immediate connection with other Christians – especially those who are members of the same local church. We are connected on the deepest level of our identity: our redemption in Christ and consequent acceptance into His family. Therefore,

we belong to and with each other. We are united by a common vision – advancing the program of Christ in the world and bringing Him glory. We recognize the intrinsic dignity and value of each member, and we strive to reflect that in our dealings with each other.

Are you aware of your spiritual unity with the rest of the body of Christ? Do realize that you belong in the local body God has planted you? Are you embracing your fellow believers and supporting them in their journey? May God give you a deep sense of belonging and purpose in His body.

God bless you!

Pastor James

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM

JUL 9

Join us via Zoom video

Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

FRI @ 6:45 PM

JUL 12

In-person at church.

For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM

JUL 21

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 14

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service

Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM

JUL 14

In-person service and Livestreaming on Facebook, Youtube and our webpage.

GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM

JUL 11 & JUL 12

In-person at church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Men's Breakfast Saturday 9am at church. Invite a friend and bring a dish or beverage to share for breakfast if you can.
- Growth Groups continue this Thursday and Friday at 7 pm at church. Sign up at the Information or online to attend one convenient to you.
- WildLive! VBS for ages 5 to teens is Monday, July 15th – Friday 19th from 9:30-12:30 each day. Register students online or at the Information Center. See you there!
- The Church's Quarterly Business Meeting is Sunday July 21st following the morning service.
- Family Fun Day is August 3rd 12-4 pm at 109 Clubhouse House Dr (Bulldog Realty), East Stroudsburg PA 18302. Join us for games, prizes, food and fun. Everything Free!!!
- We receive a Building Fund Offering every 4th Sunday. Be sure to put your contribution in the specially marked envelopes.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 3:15pm at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Check out The Exchange on our webpage where you can list items you'd like to give away, and/or claim items which are listed.

WAYS TO GIVE

Traditionally 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!