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Can You Be Stopped?

The chief priests and the Pharisees were determined that Jesus was going to stay in His grave after the crucifixion. They used everything available to them to make sure of it. In Matthew 27:65, Pilate said, "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." They secured the tomb by placing a seal on the stone that was rolled in front of it. They posted guards at the entrance of the tomb. Despite all of their efforts, the Jewish leaders were not able to prevent Jesus from accomplishing what had been promised in Matthew 27:63, "After three days, I will rise again." The religious leaders did not know that nothing in the physical world could stop the divine will of Jesus from accomplishing His purpose. God's incomparably great power is available for those who believe and obey. "That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms" (Eph. 1:19-20). Paul states that "all who are baptized into Christ are baptized into his death, and in the same way that Christ was resurrected they are to be resurrected to a new life in Christ (Rom. 6:3-7). If you deliberately decide in your heart that you are going to bury your old self and be resurrected to a new life in Christ, you have God's promise that you cannot be stopped. However, if you are looking for an excuse for living the same old life day after day, you will find one. There are many excuses and things to blame if you want to find them. You can blame society, or your spouse, or your children, or your parents, or your neighbors or "hypocrites" in the church. You can blame bad breaks, the wrong side of the bed, circumstances, or your tough childhood. Excuses are endless, but if you want to be resurrected to a new life you will be. Nothing can stop you, just as nothing was able to stop our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from doing what He was sent to do. Mark 16:16 tells us that "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." If you always have an excuse why you cannot change, you will not change. If you are genuine and desire to be with the Lord for eternity, you will not and cannot be stopped.

~Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

- *Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School**-contact Ron
- *Asking for donations of nonperishable goods for inhouse pantry.
- *Sunday Bible Class will now be available online. Go to the church website.
- *Announcements to be made at the end of services should be given to Ron before Sunday.
- *Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Prayer request for bulletin may be sent to Margaret @ mrizzio07@gmail.com

*Please let us know if you are not receiving robocalls so we can update our list.

Tithing can be done either through the mail or viatithe.ly app

Spooner House is in need! Donations may be dropped off at the church building or contact Ron. Weare also collecting travel size personal care items for abused women that come to the shelter.

To Our visitors: We welcome you to the worship service of the church of Christ that meets in Trumbull. Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the collection plate when it is passed so that we may have a record of your attendance. If you have any questions concerning why we worship the way we do or what we believe, please feel free to ask. We would be happy to set aside time to study the Bible with you. Please let us know if we can be of serv

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for **Judith Gomez** who is struggling with intense pain.
- *Pray for Skip French,a close friend of Jay Repecko.
- *Pray for Jody Pancoast who is due with her second child at the end of May.
- *Pray for **Tracy Walkup** and family, her Dad (Ray) passed away on Friday.
- *Pray for Joe Nuzzo's coworker Al Garcia who has had some challenges related to a kidney transplant. He and his wife are expecting their first child. Also for his friend Jason Kaspryzk who is dealing with pain.
- *Pray for **Fran** who is scheduled to have Mohs surgery in
- *Pray for Flo who is not feeling well and has been undergoing testing to find a cause.
- *Pray for all those citizens of the Ukraine and all those trying
- *Pray for Carolyn Metz recovering from a mini stoke.
- *Pray for Marie Preteska at the passing of her husband Eddie this week, also for Bob & JoAnne DiScala and family.
- *Pray for Sylvia Sandavol (Elmer's wife, Spanish ministry) who has a rare autoimmune disease that can cause paralysis.
- *Pray for John Partington & family. Their 9 y.o grandson, **Seth** has been diagnosed with a degenerative, incurable disease and their son (Seth's father) suffers from multiple health problems
- *Pray for Ken and Karen Harvey who were recently in a car
- *Pray for Nadine's cousins, the Philips, who are struggling in age with their health.
- *Pray for Jen Ruiz who is struggling with severe vertigo.
- *Pray for Mel Skigen's declining health, also his sister, Arlene passed away recently.
- *Pray for Jay and Flo's daughter, Lauren.
- *Pray for **Romeo Tomlinson** who is having severe memory problems and stage 3 kidney disease. Also Nadine's cousin **Veronica Ellis** who has been having mini strokes.
- .*Pray for Lance Flood who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 liver failure.
- *Pray for Dorthea and Noah

- *Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, Donna Post, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend)
- *Pray for all of our vouth, that they see God's glory and find Jesus on their journey...
- *Pray for our country & our leaders in government.
- *Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord.
- *Special prayers for our church leaders.
- *Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Greg Payne caring for his mother ,Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Dean Perkins-Mildred Perkins, Paula & Bruce-Fran.
- *Pray for: Pat Yagowski, Fran Elizus, Mildred Perkins,, Daniel Ruiz
- *Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Nuris Gomez, Irene Aschen, Mel, Gladys Howley, Noah Darrow, Orion,, Tabitha, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti, and Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Taylor Rusin and Rocco's friends (Karolyn Kirchgesler & Joanne Karow) Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer. Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
- ~Tidal River Christian Camp- info on back table. See Pat Keller for details.
- ~Sunday morning Bible class now live online.
- ~Next year our congregation will be celebrating it's 150th anniversary. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping to plan this event. Next planning session - March 6th right after worship service.
- ~Tori will be in a Performing Arts Show Fri. March 25th 7 pm @ Seymour High School- Songs from all eras- join her for a night of free entertainment.
- "When I was in prison you came to visit me" (Matthew

Starting March 13th we will be collecting toiletries for the Bridgeport Juvenile Detention Center.(ie:toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, they particularly like AXE body wash.) These items are put in a care package to give them when they are released from the center.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the Spooner House - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m canceled til further notice, participate online via Zoom Sunday Bible Class 10 am @ church building

Worship Service @ 11 am

Elders: Bruce Pancoast 203-452- 0426 Ron Saracino 203-913-8345

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914-914-486-9146

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Week of March 13,2022

Online services Go to Trumbull Church Of Christ website:

trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Song Leader:Bruce Pancoast Lord's Table: Yeremi DeLeon Closing Prayer: Luis Ruiz

> 3/5-3/12 Donations: \$3213

Spending: \$3875