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LOSE SELF

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 10:39) These words spoken by Jesus may seem like a contradiction in terms. Our life is saved by losing it! How can that be? Christ was speaking of life in a double sense, contrasting the relative value of our physical life and that of our spiritual life. Back in the first century, thousands of early Christians suffered martyrdom as a demonstration of their faith in Christ. They sacrificed their temporary physical life for their eternal spiritual life. They died on earth that they might live in heaven. The sacrifice was not too great, for Christ would later say, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26) In other words, the value of a person's soul outweighs everything.

When Christ spoke of losing one's life, He did not necessarily mean martyrdom. He meant that life was not to be lived for self, but for something more important than self. Only the life given to God is a saved life. Sacrificing ourselves for Christ is our only way to true peace and joy in our lives. A life "hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3) can never be lost. It is a life that will reap eternal rewards. Jesus Christ "lost" his life at Calvary but He gains it back in every life that is saved through Calvary's cross.

Every Sunday morning, at the Lord's Supper, we honor Jesus for the sacrifice He made. But in order to truly be blessed by His atoning death, we must sacrifice self. The blessings of Calvary cannot be received by those whose thoughts are solely on self. They must live for Christ because Christ died for them. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 says, "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." There is a greater One to live for instead of self... Jesus Christ!

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

Registration is now open for current and past members to join us on Nov. 4th,5th & 6th to celebrate our 150th anniversary. See page 3

We will be compiling a recipe book for our 150th anniversary. If you would like to include a recipe please email it to Kristen Wilson @kristenlanewilson@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study-Sept. 8-7pm Ladies Bible Study Sept 9 @7 pm at the building

Ladies Tues, AM Bible Study-Sept. 13 @930 am

Big E trip- Sept. 24th-sign up sheet in back.

Sept. 25th-Group photo at church Oct. 15-Cleanup Day

Planning session for 150th anniversary-Sept. 11th after service Nov. 11-13 Manchester/Meriden Youth Rally in Manchester

Spooner House has specific needs for towels, washcloths, pillow cases, toothbrushes and toothpaste

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 service

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for the family of **Tracie Hampton** (a good friend of Leah's). Tracie passed away recently.
- *Pray for **Morgan Rzasa** who will be having outpatient surgery Sept. 9th
- *Pray for the **Moktans** who will be traveling to Nepal.
- *Pray for **Daniel Ruiz** who is going through a difficult time.
- *Pray for the family of David Trone, he recently passed away (**Linda Cerminara**'s brother)
- *Pray for Mary Lou, she twisted her ankle.
- *Pray for **Seth** and his family, (a young friend of Mick's) as his health is declining. Also prayers for **Mick**'s job search.
- *Pray for **Mildred** who is atWhitney Rehab Center.
- *Pray for **Greg Payne's mother** who remains in the hospital.
- *Pray for Nadine's mom, **Audrey Parkes**, who is having additional testing, foot surgery has been postponed.
- *Pray for Jay and Flo's son's M-I-L, **Kathy Brooks**, who fell and had surgery on her wrist.
- *Pray for the family of **Michelle Cummings Post**, her parents and grandmother were swept away in a flash flood in N.M. Her mother and grandmother died, her father is missing.
- *Pray for the family of **Melton Durant**, he recently passed away.(Ashley's uncle)
- *Pray for the family of **Santos Hernandez**, Gus's B-I-L, who passed away,
- *Pray for **Paula Ross** who continues to have migraines.
- *Pray for **Sarah Jane Graves**, a toddler scheduled for open heart surgery Sept. 29th (Cindy Holly's coworker's daughter) *Prayers for **Judith Gomez**who has additional lumps behind her ear and is going for further testing.
- *Pray for Zach's friend, Jen for her grandmother in China who only has weeks to live,
- *Pray for Carlos & Kala Perez, they found lumps in her breast (nephew and wife of Gomez family & Jen Ruiz)
- *Pray for \boldsymbol{Meegan} \boldsymbol{Aschen} 's job search ,

- *Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Sarah** (Angela's niece), **Teri** (Ray's S-I-L)
- *Pray for our country & our leaders in government ,first responders and health care workers.
- *Pray for our children, young adults and teachers who are returning to school.Sept
- *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,

- *Pray for: Pat Yagowski,, Mildred Perkins,, Daniel Ruiz
- *Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:Flo Repecko, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomez, Irene Aschen, Mel, Gladys Howley, Noah Darrow, Orion,, Tabitha, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti,, Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Taylor Rusin, Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
- Our congregation will be celebrating it's 150th anniversary this year. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping to plan this event.
- *Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School** contact Ron
- *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.

If anyone would be interested in being a liaison to one of the organizations that we have assisted over the past six months, please let Ron know: Yale, Boys detention center, Umbrella center for domestic violence, etc.

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

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

Worship Service @ 11 am

Elders: Bruce Pancoast 203-452- 0426 Ron Saracino 203-913-8345 Minister: Ron Saracino 203-913-8345 Spanish Ministry: Elmer Sandavol

914-914-486-9146

Deacons: Ray Fernandes 203-459- 0284 **Luis Ruiz** 203-610-2396 Week of Sept. 4 20222
Online Bible study and service:
Go to Trumbull Church of Christ website:
trumbullchurchofchrist.org
Song Leader:Bruce Pancoast
Lord's Table: Jay Repecko
Closing Prayer:Bruce Post

Week ending Donations: Spending:

Registration is now open for current and past members to join us on November 4th, 5th and 6th.

Here is how to register:

Visit our church website – www.trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Click on the 150th anniversary link

Click on current and past members and complete the RSVP.

Recipes of favored potluck dishes from years past can also be shared for a recipe book that will be put together for the event. Photos can also be uploaded (up to 5 photos).

To upload photos:

1. Digitally

A. Email to 150th@trumbullchurchofchrist.org

(no more than 5 attachments in an email). You can send as many emails as you might like.

B. Direct upload

Goto: http://150ys.trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Note: (Do not use www.)

Password is: Trumbull!

Use the ... at the upper right and create a new folder and rename it your first and last name.

Open the folder and either use the up arrow or drag and drop folders or individual pics. Every member needs to register individually, for us to get a complete headcount for those that are coming. It only takes a few minutes to register