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## **Now Is All the Time We Have**

What mindset do we have when it comes to people? Are they simply in our way at the store or slow us down on the highway? Are they possible business partners or customers that will help us succeed in this world? Or, do we look at each person as a soul, a child of God? Do we think lost or saved? Not in a judging way, but in a way that God views us? God loves us and desires all people to be saved. Do we share that desire? Let us not forget that this may be the day the Lord returns. Psalm 118:24 says, "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." This verse surely includes our rejoicing in the return of the Lord. If I really believe Christ may return today, I will live differently than I ever have, seeking to affect others for Christ. Nobody knows when He will return, so we ought to live each day as though he will come back today. We need to use our time wisely and make the most of every opportunity. Colossians 4:5 says, "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." Let us not make excuses, but rather be involved in the lives of those who do not know the Lord. Pray daily that God will keep alive a desire to reach out to those who are not in Christ. Ask God to revive your loving concern that all people be taught of Him, and to help you be involved in every effort to teach them.

Let us treat everyone as if you will never see them again. Romans 13:11-12 says, "The hour has come for you to wake up... because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed... the night is nearly over, the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." If we do not take for granted that we will have time in the future, our treatment of each other will greatly improve. Use the time NOW to share a little about Jesus, for you may not have another chance to do so.

If we truly believe NOW is all the time we have, what a difference that will make in our lives. Let us approach each person thinking, "How might I show this person the love that only can come from Jesus?" The more we pray on it, the more we think it, the easier it will become. The time is NOW.

~Ron Saracino

## **NEWS & NOTES**

**Wed. Night Bible Study** via zoom -7pm

**Ladies mid week Bible Study-**June 16 @ 9:30 am via zoom

May 21-VBS meeting immediately after services

June 11 -Pot Luck & Secret Sister reveal right after service- sign up for something to bring **Barnabas Project** if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475) 529-5751

Vacation Bible School - July 22 Kent Men's Retreat - June 16 & 17 May 21 @3pm- Memorial service for Suzanne Babcock @ Sterling Church of Christ

May 21 - 3-4:30pm Danbury Church of Christ Hymn Sing

Tidal River Christian

Camp-flyers on the back table. If able to help out with camp contact Pat Keller, also donation of bags of potato chips and cookies are appreciated.

Spooner House is in dire need of nonperishable items.

- \*Pray for *Mike Fernandes*, his wife Terri passed away. recently. Prayers for Ray & Leah.
- \*Pray for *Daniel Ruiz* and his girlfriend *Bella*, they are going through a difficult time.
- .\*Pray for *Karen Rzasa* as she completes her 2nd Master's Degree.
- \*Pray for Michelle Wilson's friend, *Amina Smith* who is having a difficult time dealing with her mother's death.
  \*Pray for *Nadine's mother* 's health she has high blood
- pressure.
- \*Prayers for *Minister Aaron Trembley* (Cindy Holly's minister recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer.
- \*Pray for *Mary Cornell (*friend of Paula Ross) has been very sick
- .\*Pray for *Kimberly Diaz*, she is having preliminary problem with her liver.
- \*Pray for *Tom Byer*, the minister of South Road Church of Christ who has throat cancer and is undergoing chemo and Radiation treatments.
- \*Pray for adult children to develop a relationship with God. \*Pray for all our students finishing school soon.

Congratulations to Jessica and Rich Lennon, they recently welcomed a healthy baby boy, Ronan,

- \*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend), Sarah (Angela's niece \*Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.
- \*Pray for our country & our leaders in government ,first responders and health care workers.
- \*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: Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia
- \*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Jeremy Sazone, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
- \*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.

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

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Bible class 10 am, Worship service 11 am Online bible class and worship service Go to our website : trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Week of 05/21//23
Song Leader:Derin Wilson
Lord's Table:Bruce Post
Closing Prayer: Ray Fernandes
Usher:Bob Discala
Week of 04/23-5/13/23 average
Donations: \$3158
Expenses: \$7962