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The Chapel (REVISITED): Relying On God's Power

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Our Lord's prayer has given us a blueprint for the Great House of God. From the living room of our Father to the family room with our friends, we are learning why David longed to "live in the house of the LORD forever" (Ps. 23:6). In God's house we have everything we need: a solid foundation, an abundant table, sturdy walls, and an impenetrable roof of grace.

And now, having seen every room and explored each corner, we have one final stop. Not to a new room, but to one we have visited earlier. We return to the chapel. We return to the room of worship. The chapel, remember, is where we stand before God and confess, "Hallowed be thy name."

The chapel is the

only room in the house of God we visit twice. It's not hard to see why. It does us twice as much good to think about God as it does to think about anyone or anything else. God wants us to begin and end our prayers thinking of him. Jesus is urging us to look at the peak more than we look at the trail. The more we focus up there, the more inspired we are down here.

Some years ago a sociologist accompanied a group of mountain climbers on an expedition. Among other things, he observed a distinct correlation between cloud cover and contentment. When there was no cloud cover and the peak was in view, the climbers were energetic and cooperative. When the gray clouds eclipsed the view of the mountaintop, though, the climbers were sullen and selfish.

The same thing happens to us. As long as our eyes are on his majesty there is a bounce in our step. But let our eyes focus on the dirt beneath us and we will grumble about every rock and crevice we have to cross. For this reason Paul urged, "Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to the things going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective" (Col 3:1-2 MSG). Paul challenges you to "be alert to the things going on around Christ." The Psalmist reminds you to do the same, only he uses a different phrase. "O magnify the LORD with me and let us exalt his name together" (Ps. 34:3).

Magnify. What a wonderful verb to describe what we do in the chapel. When you magnify an object, you enlarge it so

that you can understand it. When we magnify God, we do the same. We enlarge our awareness of him so we can understand him more. This is exactly what happens in the chapel of worship—we take our mind off ourselves and set it on God. The emphasis is on him. "*Thine* is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." Max Lucado

## **NEWS & NOTES**

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

Ladies Bible Study -Tues.Jan. 24th 9:30 am via zoom

Mail at Trumbull has resumed, a new secure mailbox has been installed. **Ladies Bible Study-**Sat. Jan,21-10am at the building

**Time for Prayer-** Jan. 27th 6pm-9pm at the building

Jan. 28th - 6:30 pm Beyond Reasonable Doubt John Cooper video series **Spooner House** has specific needs for towels, washcloths, pillow cases, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Toiletries for 4 women without families. If you would like to bring a meal or sandwiches Contact Liz Holcomb at (203)2250455X105

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 Jessica and Rich Lennon Who are expecting a baby boy in May.
- \*Pray forVirginia DiScala who is recovering from a stroke.
- \*Pray for Grace Christianson who is recovering from surgery.
- \*Pray for **Jasmyn** (Lisa's daughter) who is going through a rough time. \*Pray for all those traveling this holiday season. \*Pray for the family of Mel Skiegen who passed away
- \*Pray for **Nadine** who is awaiting results from her recent biopsy.

recently.

- \*Pray for Debbie Christy's brothers- **Frank** recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and **Clarence** recently lost his son
- \*Pray for **Emily and Jose** (friends of Kristen Wilson) who are going through IVF treatment.
- \*Pray for Michelle's brothers- **Al and Tony** who are both dealing with health issues.
- \*Prayers for **Karen Ohrenberger's parents** who are going through a difficult time, and for the family as they care for them.
- \*Prayers for **Mike Ross** that his pain will subside.
- .\*Randy Springer is at home recovering from a spinal infection.
- \* Continued prayers for **Flo** who is recovering at home and her daughter **Lauren** who is having many health issues and awaiting medical test results.

- \*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)
- \*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: Judith Gomez, Jeremy Sazone, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomezl, Mildred, Gladys Howley, 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

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

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Online Bible study and worship Go to our website: trumbull churchofchrist.org

Week of 1/15/23 Song Leader: Derin Wilson Lord's Table: Jay Repecko Closing Prayer: TBD Week of 1/7/23-1/14/23 Donations: \$2528 Expenses: \$4210