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## **Learning from those before Us**

The apostle Paul recognized the value of history and how we can all profit by studying the past. Once when speaking about Israel, he said, "These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come." (1 Cor. 10:11) One might then ask the question, what can we learn by studying that night, in Egypt, when the children of Israel prepared to leave Egypt for the Promised Land?

The first thing we can learn is about God's concern for His children. God has always heard the cry of His people. Exodus 3:9 tells us, "And the cry of the Israelites has reached me and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them." This assures me that God can and will always hear our cry. 1 Peter 3:12 tells us, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer."

The second thing we can learn is about God's faithfulness. God remembers His promises. Exodus 2:24 says, "So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." If God fulfilled His promise then, He will do the same for us now. Paul understood this, when he said, "No temptation has over taken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it." (1 Cor. 10:13) The faithfulness of God is shown in the fact that he will support us spiritually and prevent us from being overwhelmed by an unbearable temptation. God's faithfulness to his people is perfect, even though man's faithfulness to Him is imperfect. The third thing we can learn is about is the importance of preparation. Moses expressed his need of preparation when he said, "Now you shall eat it in this manner: with you loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste – it is the Lord's Passover." (Exodus 12:11) He was basically saying, "Get ready because tonight, we are moving out!" The Boy Scouts have a motto, "Always be prepared." We all remember the story told by Jesus about the five virgins who were not prepared for the midnight coming of the bridegroom. His advice then, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." (Matt. 25:13)

Are we ready to journey to the Promise Land? If Jesus were to return today, would your suitcase be packed?

~Ron Saracino

## **NEWS & NOTES**

Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm Tuesday Ladies Bible study-2/21-9:30am Ladies Devotional 3/11 @ 10 am at the building

Feb,. 25th - 6:30 pm Beyond Reasonable Doubt John Cooper video series Barnabas Project if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475) 529-5751 Tidal River Christian Camp-50th anniversary-flyers on the back table. If able to help out with camp contact Pat Keller

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 Kristin Barnes** (friend of Chelsey Eddy) who recently passed away.
- \*Pray for all those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.
- \*Pray for **Gary and Sue Babcock**, both have covid. Sue is in the hospital with pneumonia and a UTI.
- \*Pray for **Joe Nuzzo** and family, his mother passed away recently.
- \*Pray for **Maureen** (Leah's coworker), recently diagnosed with cancer.
- \*Pray for Ashley Stevens's sister- **Debra Finklea** who is in the ICU after having gallbladder surgery, and for her family. \*Prat for **Pat Yaglowski** who will be seeing a pain specialist for chronic pain.
- \*Pray for **Joane DiScalia** who will had shoulder surgery, she has a 12 week recovery period.
- \*Pray for **Virginia 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 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.
- \* Continued prayers for **Flo**, her procedure went well 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

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

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Bible service and worship service
Go to our website
trumbullchurchofchrist.org
Week of 2/19//23
Song Leader:Greg Payne
Lord's Table:Ray Fernandes
Closing Prayer: Jay Repecko

Week of 2/12/23-2/18/23 Donations: \$2473.05 Expenses: \$2879.25