

A **Publication** of the Trumbull Church of Christ, 2 Drew Circle, Trumbull, CT. 06611 203-261-5201 Volume CXLIX 149 Issue 16, March5,2023 THE ONLY PROMISE THAT MATTERS

The police promise to give us a ticket if we fail to maintain the speed limit on the highway. The IRS promises to audit us if our taxes don't make any sense. Our teachers promise us detention if we say one more word during our exam. Not all promises make us feel all warm and fuzzy inside. Many of us would probably agree that that would include the promise that Jesus makes in John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble." This probably is not a promise that makes us get excited to start our day. However, unlike some of the other promises we mentioned earlier, this promise that Jesus makes is not a threat. Jesus is simply stating the facts. Jesus knows that the reality of living in this world means trials, tribulations, and hardships. Some days seem like they will never end, and there are other days when we wish that it was the end of life as we know it. Whether it's failing relationships, financial woes, physical ailments, trouble does seem to be a reality of life. The bottom line, if Jesus, God in the flesh, promises us trouble in this life, what hope can we have? Well, if we read the rest of John 16:33, we get the answer, "But take heart! I have overcome the world." There's the promise that gives us hope! 1 Corinthians 15:54 says, "Death has been swallowed up in the victory!" The sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and the resurrection of His body from the tomb is all the proof anyone needs to know that if they have faith in Him, they cannot not lose in the end. Jesus says that we can join Him in the victory! Jesus says in John 10:9, "I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved." Those who put their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior have victory in life, as well as in death. Suddenly, those promises of trouble don't seem so hopeless. Christ has conquered death! He lives and reigns now and forever. Trusting that Jesus has overcome and that He shares His victory with us makes every promise of our Savior comforting - even His promises of trouble and trials. Suddenly we understand and embrace scriptures like 1 Peter 4:12-13, "Do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed." Jesus knows how tough life's troubles can get because He lived as we have lived. He understands and can empathize with us. So let us hold on to the only promise that matters. "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES					
Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm Tuesday Ladies Bible study-3/7 and 3/21 -9:30am via zoom Ladies Devotional 3/11 @ 10 am at the building	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 Spooner House is in dire need of nonperishable items.			

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 Deval while he is in Nepal.
- *Pray for **Stephanie Noble** who has cancer and in the last stages **Seymour Parks** who will be having stents put in soon. (Nadine's *Prayers for **Nana Aggrey** who was recently hospitalized, also for the entire family.
- *Pray for **Dorthea** who has increased pain. Also for the family of Kathy Carbone. Kathy recently passed away.
- *Pray for **Taylor** (Cindy Holly's cousin) who recently had a prophylactic bilateral mastectomy. Prayers for all the family. *Pray for Nuris regarding upcoming doctor appointments and future housing situation.
- *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 **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 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 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

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

Bible service and worship service 10 am at the building Online bible class and worship service

Go to our website: trumbullchurchofchrist.org Week of 3/5//23 Song Leader:Bruce Pancoast Lord's Table:Derin Wilson Closing Prayer:Luis Ruiz

Week of 2/12/23-2/18/23 Donations: \$2772 Expenses: \$2216