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## **Living Proof**

As Christians, it could be nerve-racking to share the gospel with our friends, family, and loved ones who are not in Christ because you never know how someone will respond to being told the Word of God. We may fear rejection, embarrassment, or that our loved one will resent us. While verbal evangelism is crucial to sharing God's Word with others, living as an example can be just as powerful. Matthew 5:13-14 says, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house." It's so amazing that when we live a life for God, we function as the "light of the world" and God shines through us to all who are near to see. But how do we live in a way that allows us to glow for God? The best way to do this is to consult His Word. Psalm 37 talks about the difference between those who live as righteous examples for God and the wicked. Verses 3-6 say, "Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun." Simply our efforts to put our faith and trust in God and live a life in accordance to His good and perfect will not only blesses us, but it stands out to others as well. People see how we are so blessed and faithful to God despite our struggles and trials, and stand in awe. But above all, living a life of love is truly the key to showing others the amazing things that God has done for us, as Jesus states in John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." It may take loving people even when it's hard, even when they can't love you in the same way you love them, or sacrificing for others just to show them how much you care for them. Acts of love come in all different shapes and sizes, but no act of love is ever wasted as long as we try our best to love others in the way that God loves us, so much so that He gave up His one and only Son that we may live an eternal life with Him. Needless to say, we should live with intention as we have the potential to be living proof of a loving God. The next time someone asks why we live the way we do, or what it is that makes us different, I hope we can give all the glory to God and encourage our loved ones that He can do the same for them.

~ Victoria Saracino

NEWS & NOTES		
Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm	Barnabas Project if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475) 529-5751 Vacation Bible School - July 22 10am-2pm Please see lists in back for food and supply donations. Also in need of a polaroid camera.	Tidal River Christian Camp-flyers on the back table. If able to help out with camp contact Pat Keller Spooner House is in dire need of nonperishable items

- \*Pray for the *Repecko family* as they go through a difficult time.
- \*Pray for *Carolyn Farris* whose husband recently passed away.
- \*Pray for *Dr*, *Gabrielle Dafsa* who is having back surgery.
- \*Pray for *Frank Martini* who needs open heart surgery,
- \*Pray for *Stephanie Robinson's* daughter who was shot in the head. Of Esther Aggrey)
- \*Pray for *Corey Kastner* who is recovering from a stroke.
- \*Pray for Dorthea who is having an interventional pain procedure On her spine.
- \*Pray for *Robert Aggrey's* family, his aunt passed away.
- \*Pray for *Kimberly*, (fried of Greg Saracino) who has been Diagnosed with a serious illness.
- \*Pray for **Zak Fernandes** who has been having many health challenges.
- \*Pray for *Nana Aggrey* who continues to have abdominal Pain.
- \*Pray for *Doreen and Skip French* (friends of Jay & Flo's) Doeen is struggling with a brain tumor and pray for their Granddaughter, *Kylie*, for healing.
- .\*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 *Kimberly Diaz*, she is having preliminary problems 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.

Esther Aggrey is participating in an effort to help young children in

Ghana, she will be collecting school supplies and other items (see list in back) until October.

- \*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 adult children to develop a relationship with God \*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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Week of 07/02//23

Song Leader: Bruce Pancoast Lord's Table: Kris Eddy Closing Prayer: Kris Eddy Usher: Andrew Langalis Week of 6/25--7/1/23 Donations: \$1330

Expenses: \$994