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What can Jesus do for me?

In the first century, leprosy was a common disease. It was an awful disease. People who had it had to leave their homes and communities, and go live with others who shared the same disease. They couldn't be around anyone who did not have leprosy. It was a lonely existence. Often they would live in obscure places like caves and just wait to die.

During Jesus' time on earth, He was the only one who could heal these people with leprosy. There was a man in the book of Mark who knew this. He had heard of this man who was claiming to be the Son of God and the promised Savior of the world. So, the man with leprosy went to Jesus. In a great show of faith, Mark 1:40 says the man with leprosy came to Jesus "and begged Him on his knees, 'If you are willing, you can make me clean.'" Filled with compassion, verse 41 says, "Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' He said. 'Be clean!'" Verse 42 goes on to say, "Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured."

Jesus was willing to do for this man, what no one else would do or could do. Jesus did not only heal this man from leprosy, but He touched the man. The man with leprosy was not used to being touched. People do not ever touch a man with leprosy. However, Jesus reached out and touched him.

We don't have leprosy, but we do have what in God's eyes, is much worse, and that is sin. Sin makes us unclean. Sin separates us from God, just as leprosy separates a person from others. No one was able to take away leprosy from the man but Jesus, and so is the same with our sin. No one can take away our sin but Jesus. Not only can He take away our sin, but He is also always willing to reach out and touch us when no one else will. The only thing we have to do is humble ourselves enough to ask Him for help. The man with leprosy had faith in Jesus and humbly came to him asking Him for help.

What can Jesus do for me? He can touch me in a way that no one else can or will. He can make me clean. He can forgive me of my sins. All we have to do initially is come to Him admitting that we are lost in sin without Him. And then in faith, confess Him as our Lord and Savior, and show that faith by obeying Him in baptism for the forgiveness of our sins. That baptism cleanses us of our sin (Acts 22:16), just as Jesus' touch cleansed the man with leprosy of his disease. Let us continue to humbly reach out to Jesus. Jesus is always willing to reach out to you!

~ Ron S

NEWS & NOTES

Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm

Congratulations- **Becky Ruiz** and **Emille Jones**, both were recently baptized.

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 **Mark Shoemaker** (friend of Ron & Lisa), he lost his house to fire, also lost 3 of his dogs.
 *Pray for **Maria Margarloli** (Lisa's friend's mother), recently had a stroke.
 *Pray for **Jinxia Lin** (Zach's friend) whose grandmother passed away recently, after a long illness
 *Pray for **Simone Beans** who is having several health challenges.
 *Pray for **Karen Ohrenberger** whose parents are being moved into an assisted living facility and they will be selling their home.
 *Pray for the **Repecko family** as they go through a difficult time.
 *Pray for **Carolyn Farris** whose husband recently passed away.
 *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**, (friend of Greg Saracino) who has been diagnosed with a serious illness.
 *Pray for **Nana Aggrey** who continues to have abdominal pain.
 *Pray for **Doreen and Skip French** (friends of Jay & Flo's) Doreen 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 **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 Yagowski. 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 :
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Week of 07/16//23
Song Leader: Greg Payne
Lord's Table: Kris Eddy
Closing Prayer: Bruce Post
Usher: Bob Discala
Week of 6/25--7/1/23
Donations: \$6157
Expenses: \$7131