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Represented by the Best!

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." In 1 John 2:1-2, John is expounding on the remedy for sin. For, if anybody does sin, we have a remedy. If anyone sins, John says we have one who speaks in our defense. He identifies Jesus Christ, the Righteous as that one who speaks in our defense. Yes, as Christians, even when we sin, we still have Jesus. John doesn't say, "If any man sins he has lost his advocate." Despite our sin, we have someone to represent us before the Father.

The first part of the name given in 1 John 2:1-2 is "Jesus." It is the name of One who's delight and business is to save. Matthew 1:21 says, "They shall call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." The next part of the name given in 1 John 2:1-2 is "Christ." It comes from the Greek word, Christos, meaning the anointed. This shows His authority to plead. The Christ has every right to plead for us because He is the Father's own anointed advocate and chosen priest. If we were the ones to choose our advocate, he would most likely fail. That is not the case. Jesus is the Christ, chosen by the Father, and therefore authorized. He is the Christ, and therefore qualified. He is the Christ, therefore He is full fitted for His work. When we sin, only Jesus Christ can plead for us and actually move the heart of God the Father. Only Jesus Christ can prevail on our behalf. I can only imagine the words of tenderness and persuasion that the Anointed One will use to plead for me before our Father. The last part of the name given in 1 John 2:1-2 is "the righteous." This is the character of Jesus Christ. It is also His plea. If the Righteous One is my advocate, then my cause is good, otherwise He would not have brought things

His plea. If the Righteous One is my advocate, then my cause is good, otherwise He would not have brought things together. He meets the charge of unrighteousness against me by the plea that He is righteous. The Righteous One declares Himself my substitute and puts His obedience to my account. "My soul, thou hast a friend well fitted to be thine advocate, he cannot but succeed; leave thyself entirely in his hands."

~Ron Saracino

## **NEWS & NOTES**

Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm
Aug. 20- Congregational meeting right after services
Aug.26- 11am-2pm Families with young children event at the church building

Fri. Sept 8 @ 6:30 pm Young Adult Devo at the building. Ages 18–29 Sat, Sept. 9th 10 am Ladies and teen girls bible study at the church building

Spooner House is in dire need of nonperishable items

Barnabas Project if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475) 529-5751

- \*Pray for **Pat Yaglowski** she will be having a pain spinal procedure Aug. 23
- \*Pray for **Chester** (friend of Joanne and Bob's), he was mauled by his dog.
- \*Pray for **Toni Bonadio** who is having several health Challenges.
- \*Pray for *Irene Aschen*, she will be having hip replacement surgery Sept. 6th.
- \*Pray for *Emille Jones* who will be going for a second opinion soon.
- \*Pray for *John Westkott*,( Friend of the Pancoast's)who has salivary gland cancer.
- \*Pray for *Karen McMullen w*ho will be having surgery on her esophagus.
- \*Pray for *Maria Margarloli* (Lisa's friend's mother), recently had a stroke.
- \*Pray for *Simone Beans* who is having several health challenges.
- .\*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 *Kimberly*, (fried of Greg Saracino) who has been diagnosed with a serious illness.

Esther Aggrey is participating in an effort to help young children 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), Tom Byer \*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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Online bible class and worship service
Go to our website:
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Week of 8/13//23

Song Leader: Bruce Pancoast Lord's Table:Jay Repecko Closing Prayer: TBD Usher:Derin Wilson

Week of 8/6-8/12/23 Donations: \$6983 Expenses: \$5204