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"God's Gentle Grace

"Tell all the truth but tell it slant," the poet Emily Dickinson wrote, suggesting that, because God's truth and glory is far "too bright" for vulnerable human beings to understand or receive all at once, it's best for us to receive and share God's grace and truth in "slant"—gentle, indirect—ways. For "the Truth must dazzle gradually / Or every man be blind."

The apostle Paul made a similar argument in Ephesians 4 when he urged believers to be "completely humble and gentle" and to "be patient, bearing with one another in love" (v. 2). The foundation for believers' gentleness and grace with each other, Paul explained, is Christ's gracious ways with us. In His incarnation (vv. 9–10), Jesus revealed Himself in the quiet, gentle ways people needed in order to trust and receive Him.

And He continues to reveal Himself in such gentle, loving ways—gifting and empowering His people in just the ways they need to continue to grow and mature—"so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature" (vv. 12–13). As we grow, we become less vulnerable to looking elsewhere for hope (v. 14) and more confident in following Jesus' example of gentle love (vv. 15–16).

By: Monica La Rose of Daily Bread Ministries

NEWS & NOTES		
Wed. Night Bible Study via zoom -7pm Ladies Bible Study-10/14 10am @ JoAnne Discala's home 175 Hilltop Circle, Trumbull Men's Breakfast- 10/21 @ 9am at church building-see Ron, Jay or Bruce for what you can bring	Trunk or Treat- Oct.28th Pot Luck 10/29 Nov. 10- Ladies Night out- Olde Town Restaurant please RSVP to Lisa by Nov. 10th College Care Packages— there is a list of items on the back table	Spooner House is in dire need of nonperishable items Barnabas Project if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475) 529-5751

*Pray for *Mary Likely* (Ashley's mom) who recently had a heart attack and had 3 stents placed.

*Pray for *Esther Aggrey's children* especially Aba.

Pray for *Karen Ohrenberger* who will be having a craniotomy Sept. 29th to remove a benign brain tumor.

*Pray for *Yeremi* who left Tuesday to begin his Army military Service.

*Pray for Bill Heckler who has a mass near his heart.

*Pray for *Greg & Linda Cerminara* as they deal with physical challenges.

*Pray for *Irene Aschen*, she is recovering from hip surgery.

*Pray for Joe Nuzzo's coworker whose brother recently passed away

*Pray for the *Toyer family* (friends of Beulah) in Trinidad. *Roland* had a 2nd stroke and is not doing well.

*Pray for *Nadine* who will be having a PET/CT scan soon.

*Pray for Nadine's friend, *Christine Nelson*, she is dealing with many losses and is quite ill from cancer.

*Pray for **Toni Bonadio** who is having several health challenges.

*Pray for *John Westkott*,(Friend of the Pancoast's)who has salivary gland cancer.

*Pray for *Karen McMullen and her mother, Clydia Birdsall.* both are having serious health challenges.

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)last day of collection 9/24

*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, Greg & Linda

*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Nadine Keller, Linda Cerminara, 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

participate online via Zoom

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Week of 9/24//23

Song Leader:Derin Wilson Lord's Table:Bruce Pancoast Closing Prayer :Andrew Langalis Usher:Greg Payne

> Week ending: 9/23/23 Donations: \$5885 Expenses: \$3075