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Volume CL 150 Issue 4, December 17,2023 Engraved Grief

Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll . . . inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! Job 19:23–24

After receiving the devastating diagnosis of a rare and incurable brain cancer, Caroline found renewed hope and purpose through providing a unique service: volunteering photography services for critically ill children and their families. Through this service, families could capture the precious moments shared with their children, both in grief and "the moments of grace and beauty we assume don't exist in those desperate places." She observed that "in the hardest moments imaginable, those families . . . choose to love, despite and because of it all."

There's something unspeakably powerful about capturing the truth of grief—both the devastating reality of it and the ways in which we experience beauty and hope in the midst of it.

Much of the book of Job is like a photograph of grief—capturing honestly Job's journey through devastating loss (1:18–19). After sitting with Job for several days, his friends wearied of his grief, resorting to minimizing it or explaining it away as God's judgment. But Job would have none of it, insisting that what he was going through mattered, and wishing that the testimony of his experience would be "engraved in rock forever!" (19:24).

Through the book of Job, it was "engraved"—in a way that points us in our grief to the living God (vv. 26–27), who meets us in our pain, carrying us through death into resurrection life.

By: Monica La Rose (Our Daily Bread Ministries)

NEWS & NOTES	
	Spooner House in need of non-perishable items.
	Our in house food pantry in need of restocking or grocery store gift cards.
	Barnabas Project- if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475)529-5751

- *Pray for **Carol Ligori** who is in severe pain due to sciatica.
- *Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Landon Butler (a teacher @ Laney's school) their 1 month old daughter

 Evangeline went to the arms of Jesus this past week.

 *Pray for Emilla Langa recently diagraced with
- *Pray for **Emille Jones**, recently diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma.
- *Pray for **Sam Walkup** who is hospitalized with many health issues.
- *Pray for **Helen Haddad** (98 Y.O.) who is now on hospice care.
- *Pray for **Mike Fernandes**, Ray's brother,who is dealing with several health issues. Also prayers for Mike's granddaughter **Mallory**.
- *Pray for Joe Nuzzo who recently had surgery.
- *Pray for **Randy Springer** who is recovering from back surgery.
- *Pray for **Marie Cornel** (friend of Paula & Mike Ross) who has serious health issues.
- *Pray for safe travels for **Esther and Rocko Aggrey**, they traveled to Ghana this past week.
- *Pray for **Angela's Aunt Mary**,recently diagnosed with acuteLeukemia.also for her friend, **Fred Schy** who is dealing with many health issues.
- *Pray for Brandy's F-I-L, **Paul Woodward**,who is not doing well.
- *Pray for **Israel** the hostages and all those who have lost loved ones.

*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 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, Gina Porto

*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:

NadineKeller, Greg & 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

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Go to our website:
trumbullchurchofchrist.org
Week of 12/17/23
Song Leader:PatrickKeller
Lord's Table:Wiley Mullins
Closing Prayer:Ray Fernandes
Usher: Bruce Post

Week ending:12/09-12/16/23 Donations: \$3062 Expenses: \$3655