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## Encouragement for a New Year

"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. "Joshua 1:9

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a "Happy New Year!" But as we begin a new year, we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement. A new year brings lots of questions: Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right school? Will I live to see the end of this year? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones? The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged." What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: "The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!"

Arthur J. Schoonveld

	NEWS & NOTES	
Fri. Jan. 12th@ 7pm a night of prayer at the church building Sat. Jan.13th @ 10 am Sat. morning		Spooner House in need of non-perishable items.
Ladies Bible Study Jan. 28th Baby shower for Jenna Jones right after worship service in		Our in house food pantry in need of restocking or grocery store gift cards.
our fellowship hall.		Barnabas Project- if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475)529-5751

- \*Pray for **Ron Sr.** who is dealing with neuralgia pain in his cheek
- \*Pray for **Kevin Early** (Bruce's B-I-L) who is struggling with a mental health crisis.
- \*Pray for **Bianca Carter** who tested positive for covid.
- \*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 Emille Jones, recently diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma.
- \*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 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&LindaCerminara,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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Week of 12/31/23
Song Leader:Derin Wilson
Lord's Table:Patrick Keller
Closing Prayer:TBD
Usher: Ray Fernandes
Week ending:12/09-12/16/23
Donations: \$1464

**Expenses: \$1561**