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Why Joseph? Why Mary? Why me?

Why did God pick Joseph? “An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 1:20) We ask the question, “What did Joseph do to deserve this?” meaning, what a great honor for God to choose him for this special moment in history. But, Joseph may have asked the same question, from a different point of view. Like, “What are people going to say?” “How will I handle such a huge responsibility?” “What am I going to do?”

Why did God choose Mary? The angel Gabriel said to Mary, “You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.” (Luke 1:32) Again, we say, “what was so special about Mary that God would choose her for such an honor?” And again, Mary may have had a few other things going on in her head, at least at first. After all, she was pledged to be married to Joseph. “What would people think if I were found to be with child before Joseph and I were married?” “Give birth, but I am a virgin?” “I’m scared!”

Sometimes, as a Christian servant, when I read the pages of the Bible and come across a command that God has given me, my first response is often, “Why me?” or “How can this be?” or “This is going to be too hard.” It’s natural to think that way. Many would say, there are real fears we face as Christians. After all, Jesus even said, “the world will hate you because of me.” (John 15:18-20) However, when I have time to meditate on His Word and pray to God about His commands, I quickly remember, “Hey, the Bible is God speaking to me and for me!” It’s not much different than God speaking to Joseph and Mary. He did so with a purpose, a plan. This is GOD speaking, the Creator!! Do I trust Him or not? He has given me great reason to trust Him. After all, He sent His one and only Son to die for my sins. That kind of love is life changing. So, in the end, when I ponder God’s wisdom and His love for me, I come to the same conclusion that Mary did in Luke 1:38, when she said to God’s angel, "I am the Lord's servant...may it be to me as you have said."

Why Joseph? Why Mary? Why me? Well, because I am the Lord’s servant, may it be as He has said.

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

Secret Prayer Sister activity-if you would like to participate please let Nadine know ASAP
Jan. 30 9:30 am-Tues. morning Bible Study via zoom

Feb, 10-10 am Ladies Bible Study at the church building

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 Simone Beans who is struggling with several health issues and recuperating from covid *Pray for Eric Reynolds father who has been in and out of the hospital. *Pray for Chelsey Eddy's grandfather, Raybern Ragland, is recovering from a stroke *Pray for all those who have/or are recovering from covid. *Pray for Mick's friend's grandson, Seth, (and family) who has a terminal illness and is now unresponsive. *Pray for Marie Preteska who is dealing with a difficult situation, also for the Cerminara, Bonadio, DiScala families. *Pray for Kevin Early (Bruce's B-I-L) who is struggling with a mental health crisis. *Pray for Carol Ligori who is in severe pain due to sciatica. *Pray for Emille Jones, recently diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. *Pray for Mike Fernandes, Ray's brother, who is dealing with several health issues. Also prayers for Mike's granddaughter Mallory.	*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: Nadine Keller, 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), 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.
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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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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11 am

Online bible class and worship service go

to our website: trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Week of 1/28/24

Song Leader Patrick Keller

Lord's table: Kris Eddy

Closing Prayer: Derin Wilson

Usher: Steve Froehlich

Week of 1/14/24-1/20/2024

Donations: \$1895 Expenses: \$3644

