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NO RECORD OF WRONGS

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” (1 Cor. 13:4-8) Such a beautiful picture of love. However, if I am to really internalize those words, the passage goes from a beautiful painting of what we expect of others, to a humbling look deep within our soul. I am forced to ask the question: “am I loving as this passage tells me to love?” For example, the phrase, “it keeps no record of wrongs.” Do I keep a record of wrongs?

“No record” means I do not keep score. “No record” means I choose to think about something else and decide that I will not fuel the anger nor dwell on the pain. But how do I do that when someone has hurt me so badly? How do I forget something that has been burned into my memory? How do I release the anger when the feelings appear with almost no warning? It seems impossible not to think about the wrongs committed against me.

Keeping “no record of wrongs” is a lot easier said than done. I am pretty sure from experience that I cannot love like this without some supernatural help. So, I approach God in prayer and I tell Him I do not want to hang onto the anger. I ask Him to help me forgive and move forward. I ask God to help me see the person who hurt me with eyes of love. I ask Him to help me turn the difficult situation into something good. Through all of this, I trust that God’s Spirit within me is working on my behalf to help me love the way I am called to love in Scripture. Romans 8:26-27 says, “The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.”

Something interesting happens when I approach God in prayer and trust His Spirit working within me. Instead of rehashing the pain over and over on the score pad in my mind, I instead think about all the blessings that God has given me. Instead of focusing on the sin of another, I am humbled by the grace that I have received in my own life by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross for me. I am able to stop keeping score and release that person who hurt me because my focus is on Jesus, who took my record of wrongs against God and nailed them to the cross forever. (1 John 2:2) The person I release may not ever know or care that they have hurt me or someone I love. They may not know that I will no longer keep score. Their response does not matter. I release them from owing me an apology because “God’s grace is sufficient” for me. (2 Corinthians 12:9) Finally, I am able to love like God wants me to love. Love “keeps no record of wrongs.”

~Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

Secret Prayer Sister activity-if you would like to participate please let Nadine know ASAP
Feb. 24 @ 4pm Game Night see flyer on back table
Feb. 27 @ 9:30 am-Tues. morning Bible Study via zoom

March 2nd-Ladies Night Movie & Dinner- time to be determined-The movie is Ordinary Angels .Lisa Saracino is organizing . more details to come'
April 27th Give Away Day- fill out sheet on back table as to what you might contribute and return to Pat by **mid February**.

Remember to contribute to the Spooner House food collection, and to our own food pantry, Barnabas Project- if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475)529-5751

	See other upcoming events on back table.	
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*Pray for **Desrine Forbes'** health, she will be having surgery Feb 27.
 *Pray for Angela's coworker **Karen Tabor**, her cancer has spread.
 *Pray for **London Stephens** who will be having surgery in the near future due to difficulty hearing.
 *Pray for **Bill Lane** (Margaret's brother) recently diagnosed with bone cancer.
 *Pray for **Daryl Smith** who recently had a kidney transplant.
 *Pray for **Jess Taylor's** remaining 2 months of pregnancy.
 *Pray for **Paula Ross's** sister and B-I-L, their house recently burned down.
 *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 **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 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 Yagowski. 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.

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 2/18/24
Song Leader : Greg Payne
Lord's table: Zachary Saracino
Closing Prayer: Jay Repecko
Usher: Kris Eddy

Week of 2/22/24-2/17/24
Donations \$829 Expenses:\$3849