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Volume CL 150 Issue 18, March 24,2024 Victory over the World through Faith

The enemy of our souls would love to devour our lives. 1Peter 5:8-9 says, "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings." The devil will use anything he can to devastate us. He will use all that is available to him in this world to break us spiritually and destroy our relationship with God. 1John 5:19 says, "We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one." The unbelievers of the world (those who have not obeyed the Gospel of Christ) are all under the influence of the evil one. They are lost and without victory. However, those who have made Jesus their Lord and Savior have victory over the world through faith.

The only people who can ever walk in victory over the world are believers in Jesus Christ. 1 John 5:4 says, "Everyone born of God overcomes the world." We urgently need the overcoming grace of God because of the earthly enticements that the devil can use against us. 1 John 2:16 says, "For everything in the world-the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-comes not from the Father but from the world." Through the world around us, our enemy wants to draw us into ungodly areas that our flesh craves. The path of victory over sins of the flesh is our faith in Him who died for us. (1John 5:4)

We initially entered into the victory of Christ by placing our faith in Him. 1John 5:5 says, "Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." Do you trust that with Jesus you can overcome anything? Jesus taught this truth when He was here upon earth. He said in John 16:33, "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" It is absolutely certain that the world will bring to us all many troubles and trials. Our sure hope is the Lord Jesus Christ. The world came against Jesus with every device and scheme, but our Lord and Savior never succumbed to any of it at any point. He is the one we are to rely upon if we are to walk in victory ourselves. 1 John 4:4 says, "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." If you trust in the victor, you will walk in victory. Do you trust Him?

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

March 26 @ 9:30 am-Tues.
morning Bible Study via zoom
Potluck- March 24 right after
morning worship service
Fri.March 29 4pm- Young Adult
Event-Sleeping Giant Park Bible
Study picnic, Back to Jin's for
desert & games April 6-6:30 pm
Talent show- sign up to share
your talents. Admission-bring
non- perishable food item for
Spooner House

April 13th- 10am Ladies Bible study @ church building

April27th Give Away Dayfill out sheet on back table as to what you might contribute See other upcoming events on back table.

Trip to see Daniel @ Sight and Sound Theatre in sept. Inquiry sign up sheet in back.

June 14-15 Kent Men's Retreat

July 20- VBS - a signup sheet is posted for volunteers who can help in any capacity. The **Shine ministry** is collecting items for the homeless-see list on the back table.

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

- *Pray for **Jenna Jones** as she recovers from the recent birth of her daughter, And congratulations to Jenna and Emille on the birth of Emiliana!
- *Pray for **Karen Ohrenberger's mother** as she recovers from a broken hip. Cont'd prayers for **Karen** as she deals with CIDP.
- *Pray for Joe Nuzzo's cousin, **Angela** who suffered a heart attack, causing heart damage,
- *Pray for **Linda Cerminara** who fell this past week.
- *Pray for **Kevin Early**'s mental health.
- *Pray for **Karen Tabor**, Angela's co worker, Her cancer has spread to her brain. She has 2 young children.
- *Pray for **Aidan**, (Luis's co worker) who is dealing with serious health issues.
- *Pray for **Desrine Forbes**' health and recovery from recent surgery
- *Pray for Karen Stanzione's S-I-L, **Jose**, who is recovering from his third liver transplant.
- *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 **Daryl Smith** who recently had a kidney transplant.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend), 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), 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 3/24/24

Song Leader: Bruce Pancoast

Lord's table:LuisRuiz Closing Prayer: Kris Eddy Usher: Bob Discala

Week of 3/18/24-3/23/24 Donations \$936 Expenses:\$2788