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TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

Growing up, one record that was played often in our home was by the comedian, Flip Wilson. He did a skit where he would play a woman named, Geraldine. Whenever Geraldine got caught doing something wrong, she would say, "The devil made me do it." We would always laugh at her answer to getting caught red handed. The not so funny part of this skit is that it is often true of real life, especially in our society today.

Often, people do not take responsibility for the choices they make. It's easier to say, "They made me do it," than it is to say, "I'm wrong." The trouble is, what may appear at first to be the easiest way out may eventually leave us in a worse condition. Unless we acknowledge that a problem may also be rooted in a sinful choice we've made, we will never enjoy the healing we can receive by being forgiven. On the other hand, if we are willing to admit that we did wrong, that we sinned, we can be forgiven by God and by others. By admitting that we have failed, we qualify for the spiritual deliverance that only God can give, and this is such an important part of our healing.

After committing adultery with Bathsheba, David knew that true healing only came with acknowledging his sin before the Lord. In Psalm 51:3-4, he writes, "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge." Not only does David take full responsibility for his sin before the Lord, but he also will recognize that it is only God who can truly heal him of his sin problem. He says in Psalm 51:1-2, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

Let's not hinder the healing process by seeing only the physical side of sin. We must also see the spiritual side. We shouldn't be too easy on ourselves. If we don't call sin "sin," we'll never experience God's healing touch. Someone once said, "Jesus died to pay sin's debt, forgiveness to bestow, but if we try to make excuse, His grace we'll never know." If we make an excuse for sin, our sin will not be excused. Do not be afraid to take responsibility for your mistakes, but take comfort in the sacrificial unconditional love of the Lord. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

June 7- 6:30 pm Ladies & teen girls- hymn sing & fellowship at the Pancoast's house- bring an appetizer or dessert to share
June 30- Pot luck after service

Tidal River Christian camp- registration open. Food donations (see Paula's e-mail) and cash donations being accepted prior to June 15

June 14-15 Kent Men's Retreat
July 20- VBS - a signup sheet is posted for volunteers who can help in any capacity. 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 the family of Peter Kiman, he recently passed away (a close childhood friend of Ron)
 *Pray for **Al Wilson** (Michelle's brother), he has begun chemotherapy.
 *Pray for the **Ruiz family** as they await a court date regarding Levi.
 *Pray for **David D'Elia** who recently had a stroke and is now awaiting heart surgery.
 *Pray for the family of **Hero**, he recently passed away, a close friend of Eric Stephens.
 *Pray for the Pancoast's S-I-L's grandmother, Clydia Birdsall who recently had a stroke.
 *Pray for Zach's coworker's friend, **Anna**, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
 *Pray for **Cindy Holly** and her son **Christopher** who are going through a very difficult time.
 *Pray for **Crissy Flood** (Richard's wife) recently diagnosed with Alzheimer Disease.
 *Pray for **Emille Jones** as he seeks further follow up regarding a small brain tumor
 *Pray for **Karen Stanzione's** healing after hand surgery .
 *Pray for **Paula Ross** as she continues to deal with effects of Epstein Barre,

*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:** Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, 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.

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 6/0224
Song Leader : Kris Eddy
Lord's table: Luis Ruiz
Closing Prayer: Derin Wilson
Usher: Ray Fernandes
Week of 5/26//24-6/01//24
Donations \$1951 Expenses: \$2688