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"FORGIVENESS HELPED MY FAMILY MOVE ON"

In 2003, Dany Heatley could have gone to prison, but instead, he went to the 2006 Olympics as a part of the Canadian Olympic team. It was only made possible because of the forgiving heart of Dan Snyder's family.

In 2003, Dan Heatley and Dan Snyder were teammates and friends on the Atlanta Thrashers hockey team. One day in September, they got into Dan Heatley's Ferrari 360 for an early fall drive. Both were seriously injured when the car flew off the road and crashed into a wall, splitting the car in half and ejecting both of them from the vehicle. Heatley survived, but his friend, Snyder, did not. Heatley was charged with vehicular homicide because he was driving too fast for conditions, failed to maintain a lane, and speeding.

Dan Snyder's parents could have "thrown the book" at the man who killed their son. However something stopped them from doing that. It was something they believed in as a faithful Christian family.... Forgiveness! Graham Snyder (Dan's dad), could have asked the judge to go after Heatley on a charge of vehicular homicide, but did not. Instead, he asked the judge not to send Heatley to jail. The judge was touched by the hearts of the Snyder family and only sentenced Heatley to serve three years' probation.

Graham Snyder knew something important about forgiveness. It gives a person peace in their heart and allows them to go on with their life for God. Bitterness, anger, and resentment only stop life in its tracks and cause a lot more pain. Graham is quoted as saying, "Forgiveness helped my family move on. We are all human beings, and we know that humans make mistakes. We do not lay blame on Dany Heatley for the accident that took our son from us..."

When Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive someone, Jesus surprised Peter by telling him to forgive someone "seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:22) Jesus' words suggest the idea of never-ending forgiveness. Forgiving others is one more way for us to look up to God and thank Him for the love that He showed us by sending His Son to die for our sins on the cross. (John 3:16) Ephesians 4:32 tells us, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Who do you need to forgive today?

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

Sept. 17- zoom mid-week ladies bible study-study of Genesis to continue.

Sat. Sept 21 trip to Big E building

Sept.- Friday nights- Biblical boundaries by Flo Repecko starting Sept. 6 - 6:30 for fellowship, 7pm Bible study Refreshments will be provided.

Sun. Sept.29- 3:30pm area wide hymn sing at our building

Sat. Oct.12 10am-12 noon Ladies Saturday Bible Study at the church building

**Remember to contribute to Spooner House food collection and our own food pantry..
BARNABAS PROJECT- IF INTERESTED in joining contact MaryLou(475)529-5751**

*Pray for **Karen Ohrenberger** and her siblings as they work to care for their parents from afar.

*Pray for **John & Vanessa Walkup** during their last month of pregnancy.

*Pray for **Maureen** (Leah's coworker), her mother passed away recently.

*Pray for **Michelle Raipolt**, 20 y.o. (friend of the Pancoasts), she recently had a heart transplant.

*Pray for the **family of Eli Sousa**, he drowned in a pool recently, (classmate of Betsy's)

*Pray for all those who are traveling.

*Pray for the family of **Mike Foglietta** (Jay & Flo's friend) who recently passed away. His spouse, Erin, also lost her father shortly after.

*Pray for **Mike Fernandes** (Ray's brother), he has having circulatory problems due to diabetes.

*Pray for Leah's brother, **David** who has intense back pain. He will be seeing a surgeon soon.

*Pray for Judith Gomez who is in the hospital with severe back pain. She will be having an MRI soon to determine if the lymphoma has spread.

*Pray for **Louise** (Mary Lou's friend) who is injured and has blood clots due to the injury.

*Pray for **Donna (Murphy) Blakenship** recently diagnosed with melanoma.

*Pray for **Carrie Christey** (Debbie Christy's niece) recently diagnosed with cancer.

*Pray for **Esther** and **Nana Aggrey**, they are dealing with health issues.

*Pray for **Carol and Joe Ligouri**, both are dealing with health issues.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Al Wilson, 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:** Emille Jones, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg Linda Cerminara, Jeremy Sazone, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowksi. 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 8/11/24
Song Leader : Kris Eddy
Lord's table: Steve Froehlich
Closing Prayer: Patrick Keller
Usher: Bob Discala
Week of 8/04/24-8/10//24
Donations \$2900 Expenses: \$2788