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Stick With It

“Footprints in the sands of time are never made by sitting down.” Perseverance, endurance, and plain ole’ stubborn tenacity are needed to hold on to our hope in the midst of difficulty. If our life’s work will leave behind footprints in the sands of time, it will be because we have striven to go in a direction that is different from the well-traveled road taken by the world.

The Christian life is compared to many things in the word of God. Surrounded by “so great a cloud of witness”, it is a race in which we must “lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us” and run with our eyes fixed upon Jesus, “the author and perfecter of faith” (Heb. 12:1-2). The Christian life is much like a race. But, it is not so much a sprint as it is a marathon. Speed is not required so much as stamina. Therefore, we have a great need for endurance.

Our ability to remain in the struggle – to keep on keeping on – is measured by the strength we receive from the Lord, not by the strength we receive from men. God is the one who gives perseverance and encouragement (Rm. 15:5). While it is true that God may use others as sources of encouragement to help us develop greater endurance, God is only one who can provide the spiritual sustenance we need to finish the race.

One way God provides endurance is through suffering. Most of us would prefer another method. But there are no short-cuts to endurance. Those who compete in marathons know the importance of training. A person doesn’t just decide to run the grueling 26-mile course on the spur of the moment. Training is needed to gradually build up endurance to complete the course.

The trials and tribulations which come our way in this life have a way of helping us develop spiritual endurance. By turning to God for strength and learning from what we suffer, we can develop a stronger and deeper character, one that will see us through to the end of life’s journey.

As we run the race, our perseverance is inspired by hope (1 Th. 1:3). The hope of heaven is a grand and glorious hope, one that will motivate and inspire us to endure whatever hardships or difficulties come our way. We fix our eyes on Jesus. He is our goal. To be with Him is our destiny. In the meantime, we must hold to the course that is set before us, never giving up but always keeping our trust in Him.

–Glen Elliott–

NEWS & NOTES

Month of Sept. We will be collecting items for the Seymour/Oxford food bank for recent flood victims-List on back table- see Lisa with any questions. Monetary donations also appreciated.

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

Sept. 17- zoom mid-week ladies bible study-study of Genesis to continue. Sat. Sept 21 trip to Big E Sept.27-7pm Men’s Bible Study at church building Sun. Sept.29- 3:30pm area wide hymn sing at our 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 **Emille Jones**, he is scheduled for a brain biopsy 9/26

*.*Pray for **Ray Fernandes** 's brother **Mike** who will be having surgery next week, his **mom**'s medical issues and son **Zach**, recovering from shingles.

*Pray for **Irene Aschen** with treatment for delicate medical issues.

*Pray for **Jim & Tracy Walkup** who are driving back to Tucson.

*Pray for **Flo** as she continues with medical testing.

*Pray for **Kathryn Dutt** (employee of Kris Eddy) she is to have heart surgery to correct A-fib, also for **Chelsey** as she navigates a new job.

*Pray for **Tatyana Malagutti** who is undergoing testing for several medical issues.

*Pray for all those in CT affected by the recent storm.

*Pray for Ken & Pamela Pimpton's daughter, **Kandice** who will be having tests for her kidneys on 9/4.

*Pray for **Theresa** (Ray & Leah,s coworker) who recently had a fall sustaining multiple injuries.

*Pray for **Molly Medling**, her cousin (a highschool student) had a seizure and passed away.

*Pray for **Judith Gomez and family**, her brother passed away this past week.

*Pray for **Michelle Raipolt**, 20 y.o. (friend of the Pancoasts), she recently had a heart transplant. And is making progress, she is out of ICU.

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

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

*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, NadineKeller,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.

Congratulations to the walkup family on their new addition of a baby girl Leia Leigh.

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 9/08/24

Song Leader :Kris Eddy

Lord's table:Andrew Langalis

Closing Prayer:Luis Ruiz

Usher:Steve Froehlich

Week of 9/01-9/7/24

Donations \$5880Expenses:\$3455