



The TrumBulletin



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Which God?

Read: [Daniel 3:1-18](#)

We will not serve your gods. (v. 18)

One of the tools the US Secret Service uses to combat counterfeiting is a document entitled “Know Your Money.” It features detailed photos and descriptions not of counterfeits, but of genuine dollar bills. The best way to spot a fake is to know the original intimately. It should come as no surprise that Nebuchadnezzar built a monument and demanded to be worshiped. This is what kings do. The surprise is that some of his subjects refused to do so—even when threatened with death. Why didn’t Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego bow the knee to save their lives? They recognized a fake when they saw it. They didn’t fear the false god because they knew the real one.

You and I are constantly confronted with “false gods”: earthly people, places, and things that demand a degree of devotion only God deserves. In fact, our world is so full of counterfeit gods that, no sooner do we recognize and eliminate one, we find another. How do we safeguard our hearts and minds from misguided devotion to false gods like prosperity, power, and politics? The only way is to know the original. In [John 10:4](#), Jesus says of the good shepherd, “The sheep follow him, for they know his voice.” We can know Jesus intimately and personally by familiarizing ourselves with his word, welcoming his Spirit, and communing with his church. The temptations and threats of the world’s false gods cannot compete with the real thing.

As you pray, ask God to make himself known and draw you close.

Ben Van Arragon

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 27-7pm Men’s Bible Study at church building

Sat. Sept 28 Young Adult Group- Bible Study and fellowship- see Zach/Tori
Sun. Sept.29- 3:30pm area wide hymn sing at our building
Oct.1-9:30 am Ladies Bible Study via zoom
Oct, 4-4:30 pm Young Adults “escape room “ adventure- see Zach/Tori

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 **Mike Ross** who struggles with chronic/intense pain.
 *Pray for **Luis & Jen Ruiz** regarding permanency for Levi.
 *Pray for Debbie Christy's niece, Carrie as she struggles with cancer. She has made the decision to not continue chemo., also for Debbie's brother who is going through testing.
 *Pray for Leah's friend, **Sue Noyes** who fractured her leg.
 *Pray for **Linda Cerminara** who fainted and fell a few times this past week, and **Greg** as he cares for her.
 *Pray for **David** (Mary Lou's friend, Barbara's son) who recently had heart surgery.
 *Pray for **Emille Jones**, he is scheduled for a brain biopsy 9/26
 *. *Pray for **Ray Fernandes** 's brother **Mike** healing from surgery, & his **mom** who recently fell and fractured her pelvis and spine.
 *Pray for **Irene Aschen** with treatment for delicate medical issues.
 *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 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.

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 9/22/24
Song Leader :Patrick Keller
Lord's Table:Derin Wilson
Closing Prayer:Ray Fernandes
Usher:Bruce Post
Week of 9/15-9/21/24
Donations \$1915Expenses:\$800