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Back to School

Well it's that time of year again. Summer is over and school is back in full swing. Whether you are a student, a teacher, or even a parent, it's a busy time of year. Students are juggling schoolwork, outside activities, church, and in some cases work as well. Parents are busy with work, taking care of the home, as well as being involved in their children's lives. It is hectic, it is stressful, and just getting from one day to the next can be a challenge. However, somehow, someway we are able to tap into the energy needed to accomplish all the back to school tasks and challenges. How much better off would we be if we could tap into that same energy to improve our spiritual life? Not only would a stronger spiritual life help us get through the back to school challenges, but it would also help us to have a stronger relationship with God. And, a stronger relationship with God, means a healthier more driven life. So what can we do to improve our spiritual life?

For starters, let's make sure that we get up every Sunday morning to worship the Lord who gives us life, redeems us, and provides for us. We set our alarms to go off early every morning and find a way to make it to school and work on time. God deserves at least one morning of our busy schedules. Besides going to church on Sunday morning, there are all kinds of Bible studies made available that we can be a part of, so we can learn God's Word. It says in Acts 17:11 that the "Bereans... received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." Students go to school almost every day of the week to learn how to add, read, and write so that they will be better prepared for their life in the "real world." Well, let's be serious about preparing ourselves for life in the "after life" and having a better quality of life in the "real world" by reading our Bible's daily.

One thing that starts during the school year are all of the extracurricular activities associated with and around school. Students, teachers, and families take part in a wide range of activities from sports to music, from school dances to school pep rallies, from PTA meetings to ice cream socials, and from glee clubs to the chess clubs. We take part in these things for fun, to spend time with friends, and to become more "well rounded." Let's put even more of that energy into meeting and greeting our church family. There are more than enough activities planned this Fall, here in Trumbull, so you can do that. Acts 2:42-44 says that the Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... All the believers were together and had everything in common." What was the result of their time spent fellowshipping together? Acts 4:32 says, "All the believers were one in heart and mind." The more time we spend with other fellow lovers of Jesus, the greater the bond we will share in serving Him. Connect with other people through the planned activities of the church. Learn from others' experiences and also share your own with others.

In our spiritual walk with God, we can all learn a lot form those who are going back to school. Keeping God in the equation is a sure path way to a rewarding life as we look toward our eternal reward.

~ Ron Saracino

	NEWS & NOTES		
Sun. Sept.29- 3:30pm area wide hymn sing at our building Friday- 10/4-Biblical boundaries by Flo Repecko 6:30 for fellowship, 7pm Bible study. Last study. Refreshments will be provided.	Oct.1-9:30 am Ladies Bible Study via zoom Oct, 4-4:30 pm Young Adults "escape room "adventure- see Zach/Tori Sat. Oct. 12 10-12 Ladies Saturday Bible Study @ church building. We will putting together college care bags.	Oct. 26- Trick or Trunking- details to follow	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 **Angela Webber** and family, her mom passed away this past week.

*Pray for **Conrad Moorer** (the Eddy's minister in Indiana) and family, his wife passed away this past week.

*Pray for Greg Cerminara's friend, **Kenny Bruno**, he is receiving chemo, also for Greg's sister**Mary Preteska..**

*Pray for **Mike Ross** who struggles with chronic/intense pain.

*Pray for **Esther Aggrey** who has some health issues, also for her family as her aunt passed away.

*Pray for Luis & Jen Ruiz regarding permanency for Levi.

*Pray for Debbie Christy's niece, **Carrie** as she struggles with cancer. also for Debbie's brother who is going through testing.

*Pray for Leah's friend, **Sue Noyes** who fractured her leg.

*Pray for **Emille Jones**, had a brain biopsy 9/26 and is having excruciating pain.

*.*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 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 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 9/29/24

Song Leader :Bruce Pancoast
Lord's Table:Wiley Mullins
Closing Prayer:Zach Saracino
Usher:Ray Fernandes
Week of 9/22-9/28/24
Donations \$2023Expenses:\$2688
3rd quarter donations \$40,174 expenses \$45,193