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## **GET UP & START OVER**

Are you feeling "down" today? Are you discouraged because of your experience yesterday? In an unguarded moment, did you stumble and fall by giving in to some worldly temptation? Did you say something to someone that you now regret? There is something worse than falling down. It is staying down. Psalm 37:24 says, "Though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand." The wicked fall and will not rise, but with the Christian, that is not the case. Though we do sometimes fall, we will not be content until we are restored. We should not sin, but too often we do.

The apostle John wrote, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves." (1 John 1:8) Doesn't sound too encouraging? Well, here's the good news: "I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense -- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:1-2) What is John saying? He is saying that we should be humble enough to admit our failings, but do not worry because the repentant believing sinner has been given an Advocate who died for those sins, Jesus Christ. Before Jesus died for us, He knew that we would continue to struggle with sin, so He made provision for our daily cleansing. John says in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." How comforting!

Make a fresh start each day by taking time to confess your sins, to admit your weakness, and to ask God for His strength to do what He wants you to do. Someone once wrote, "We are thankful, Lord, that when we fall, we can begin anew, if humbly we confess our sin, then turn and follow you." As you depend on the Lord's grace and strength, you will soon know what victory really is! Jesus conquered death through His wonderful resurrection from the dead so that if we are in Him, we too may have eternal life. "When the perishable have been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'" (1 Corinthians 15:54)

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES				
Nov. 26- 9:30 am mid -week Ladies Bible Study via zoom  Nov. 23- 6pmYoung Adults dinner, devotional and games at Ron & Lisa's home. Please bring dessert/snacks	Dec, 7- Men's Breakfast at church building, details to follow  Dec, 7-6pm-Families with  Young Children-Glow Wild-Beardsley Zoo- tickets on sale now  Dec. 14- 10am-12 noon Ladies  Bible Class	Jan1-April 10-100 Days of Prayer- see Pancoast's e-mail for details	Remember to contribute to Spooner House food collection and our own food pantry BARNABAS PROJECT- IF INTERESTED in joining contact MaryLou(475)529-5751	

## **Prayer Request**

\*Pray for the **family of Romeo Tomlison**, he recently passed away.

\*Pray for Molly Medling's sister's 3rd pregnancy.

\*Pray for **Tori** who is in Indianapolis this week for a seminar.

\*Pray for **Tom Boston** as he recovers from a recent hospitalization.

\*Pray for **Kandice Pimpton** who will have surgery Dec, 13.

\*Pray for **Brad Frye**, his cancer has spread to his tongue. Also for his wife **Shirley.** 

\*Continued prayers for **Nancy and Gerry Melson** as they deal with health struggles.

\*Pray for **Michelle Wilson** and family, her brother Al recently passed away.

\*Pray for **Karen Ohrenberger's** family, her father recently passed away.

\*Pray for friends of Nadine's who are having marital problems.

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

\*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, 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, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, NadineKeller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, 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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Luis Ruiz 203-610-2396 Bob Discala 203-521-7252 Patrick Keller 203-218-9517 Derin Wilson 203-360-1695 **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 11/17/24
Song Leader :Kris Eddy
Lord's Table:Wiley Mullins
Closing Prayer:Patrick Keller
Usher:Bruce Post

Week of 11/10/24- 11/16/14

Donations \$\$5,083 Expenses:\$3,172