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THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year.” Those are the words that I heard Andy Williams singing on the radio the other day. For some, there are many reasons to believe that those words are true this time of year (presents, pretty lights, good food, caroling, time with loved ones, etc.). However, for others, it definitely does not feel like “the most wonderful time of the year.” For some, the gathering of family and friends during this time of year can resurrect old wounds. Loved ones who have passed away come to mind, and old painful memories of families torn apart by divorce or tragedy resurface. There are people who are hurting this time of year. Often, as we hurry through the holiday rush, we become so focused on ourselves that we sometimes become blind to those hurting around us.

In Psalm 147:3, the Psalmist describes God in these words: “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” That is such a wonderful picture of God. Throughout the Bible, it is comforting to see that God has always been concerned with the hurting. Jesus reflected that concern during His earthly ministry, even when He was involved in something else. When Jesus was on His way to heal the daughter of Jairus (a very important man), He was not too busy to stop and help a woman who was ill. The woman had fought her way through the crowd just to touch Jesus’ cloak in hopes of being healed of her illness, and she was. After healing the woman, Jesus said to her in Mark 5:34, “Your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.” Jesus had something important to do and time was of the essence. Yet, He was still willing to stop in the middle of His task to change a woman’s life. As Christians who are told by Jesus to let our light shine (Matthew 5:16), do we not have the same responsibility to stop and help those in need?

Hurting people are in every one of our lives, and within our church. They might not fight their way through the crowd of people to let us know, but shouldn’t we be looking for them? This holiday season, when you are buying gifts, you might think of a friend whose holiday is not a pleasant one, and may want to buy that person a special gift. When you are planning your holiday meal, you may want to invite someone to dinner who will be alone this year. When you are making your holiday visits, calls, or writing your cards, you may want to include a few lonely individuals to remind them there are still people who care.

As God’s people, it is our calling to show compassion to the hurting, the less fortunate, and the sick. Jesus tells us that one day we will stand before our Judge and Creator, and the saved will hear, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” (Matthew 25:34-36) Our rushed holiday pace should never distract us from our mission to let the love of Jesus shine. This could be “the most wonderful time of the year” to share Jesus with someone.

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

Jan1-April 10-100 Days of Prayer- see Pancoast’s e-mail for details

Jan.4- 5:30pm-An evening to share your testimony. Bring a sandwich and desert to share

Jan. 7 & 21- 9:30 am Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study

Jan. 11- 10-12 noon-Ladies Bible Study @ JoAnne DiScala’s home

Jan.31 Midnight Oil- an evening of prayer at the church building - 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

Prayer Request

*Pray for **all our members** traveling this holiday season

*Pray for **Emille Jones** who is receiving IV treatments for Waldenstrom lymphoma, and for **Jenna** who is walking this journey with him.

*Pray for **Flo & Jay**.

*Pray for **Jose** (Karen Stanzione's S-I-L), hospitalized with cellulitis.

*Pray for **Debbie Christy** who is very sick and struggling with breathing.

*Pray for **all our members** who may be dealing with illness, grief, trials and life struggles.

*Pray for **Bob & Deborah** (friends of the Walkups) ,Bob was recently hospitalized due to a brain tumor which has metastasized to his lungs.

*Pray for the families of **Joe Saint Clair & Andre** (friends of Jay's) they both recently passed away.

*Pray for the **Aponte & Flood families**, their son Josiah was recently killed in a tragic motorcycle accident.

*Pray for **Judy Ragland**, (Chelsea Eddie's grandmother who is being worked up for colon cancer.

*Pray for **Lisa Tobey** (Leah's cousin) recently diagnosed with cancer.

*Pray for **Barbara** (Angela;s M-I-L) who fell last week, also for her family as her Uncle Phil passed away suddenly this past week.

*Pray for **Seymour Parks** (Nadine's uncle) who will be recuperating in a nursing home.

*Pray for the **family of Christine Nelson** who recently passed away (friend of Nadine)

*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 Yagowski. 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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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 12/22/24

Song Leader :Kris Eddy

Lord's Table:Andrew Langalis

Closing Prayer:Zach Saracino

Usher:Bruce Post

Week of 12/15/24- 12/021/24

Donations \$2756Expenses:\$902

