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## **Pioneer Jesus**

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1-2

Hebrews 11 provides an interesting list of faith-heavyweights in biblical history. These are people who were able to see living possibilities where others only saw dead ends, who saw victory where others saw defeat, who saw what God could do when others saw the impossible. They not only saw with eyes of faith, but they also acted on that faith.

Each person mentioned here understood faith as a verb, as a spiritual muscle that allowed them to act. Faith helped them persevere even in the midst of difficult circumstances—like Joseph in Egypt. They were able to step out into the unknown with courage and to take risks—like Rahab and Gideon.

It shouldn't surprise us where this list ends: with "Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Jesus, Prince of peace. Jesus, Immanuel ("God with us"). Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords!

As we look forward to a new year and the journey of life ahead of us, we can look back at people who have lived by faith, spiritual ancestors in Jesus' extended family and many others who have been welcomed into the family of God. We can be encouraged by their stories. Even more, we can look forward to the One who looks encouragingly back at us, the One who came to die so that we could live with him forever.

Lord Jesus, give us the courage and strength to be the people of faith you call us to be. Amen. Thea Leunk

	NEWS & NOTES		
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	Happy New Year	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 **Flo Repecko**, Flo passed away this past week.

\*Pray for **Desrine Forbes** who was in the ER this past week.

\*Pray for the **Metz family**, Carolyn Metz passed away this past week.

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

\*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, 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 12/29/24

Song Leader :Patrick Keller Lord's Table:Bruce Pancoast Closing Prayer:Bruce Post Usher:Ray Fernandes Week of 12/22/24- 12/028/24

**Donations \$1321Expenses:\$3984**