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Making a Fresh Start in 2025

“Starting fresh”, “a new slate”, “a second chance”, “a new beginning”... These are all phrases that we are used to hearing and even saying ourselves at the beginning of a new year. We can all start fresh, if we choose. In 2024, we may have fallen and want a fresh start, or we may have gone far and want to go further. However, we need to do so by taking our place in the “School of Christ” and be taught by Him. Ephesians 4:21 says we are “taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.”

Ephesians 4:22-24 tells us, “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” As Christians, “the old self” which we “put off” was clearly our former way of life, which was corrupted by our “deceitful desires.” We have now put on a “new self,” which through baptism, are created to be “like God in true righteousness and holiness.” We have been given a spiritual fresh start by the blood of Jesus Christ. Our job now should be to maintain the “new self” that we have become.

Our new self at times can become dirty and stained if we are not careful. We sometimes pick up old habits, thoughts, speech, and ways of life which are unworthy of the “new self” that we have “put on.” It is in those times when we should look up to the Holy Spirit to keep renewing us in our minds. This should not be done only at the beginning of each New Year, but daily. Our struggle is a daily struggle. In Luke 9:23, Jesus says, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

In order to renew our minds and keep our “new self” clean daily, we need the help of the Holy Spirit. He entered our hearts at the moment of our obedience to God (Acts 2:38) and has been with us ever since. Paul recognized the power of the Holy Spirit within each and every one of us when he addressed the church in Ephesus. In Ephesians 3:16, he said, “I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with the power through his Spirit in our inner being.” Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life, daily. If we allow Him to, He will give us a hunger for the things of God in 2025, such as: witnessing to others, obeying God, and Christian living.

~Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

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 **Debbie Christy and family**, her niece, Carrie, passed away.
 *Pray for **the family of William Adams**, (Ashley Stephens uncle), he passed away, his wife is recovering from being recently hospitalized.
 *Pray for **Gerry and Nancy Melson**, both are dealing with health problems.
 *Pray for **Nadine and the family** of Keitha Osborne (friend of Nadine's) Keitha passed away suddenly..
 *Pray for the family of **Flo Repecko**, Flo passed away this past week.
 *Pray for the **Metz family**, Carolyn Metz passed away this past week.
 *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 **Lisa Tobey** (Leah's cousin) recently diagnosed with cancer.

*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, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara,, Pat Yaglowksi. 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 1/5/25
Song Leader :Bruce Pancoast
Lord's Table: Luis Ruiz
Closing Prayer: Kris Eddy
Usher: Bob Discala
Week of 12/28/24- 1/04/25
Donations \$2906 Expenses: \$4169
Year end 1/1/24-12/31/24
Donations: \$185,189 Expenses: \$183,714

