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THE BIG GAME.... OF LIFE

The NFL season is only 17 games long. That does not sound like a lot of games. However, for the men who play the game, it is a weekly physical battle, filled with injuries, blood, sweat, bumps, bruises, and a vast range of emotions. There are 32 teams that play this grueling season in hopes to make it to the Super Bowl, but only one team will be crowned Super Bowl Champion. At the end of the NFL football season, only one team will be holding up the victory prize, called the Vince Lombardi Trophy (named after the coach who won the first two Super Bowls).

The Bible relates very much to mankind's fascination with sports and effort that goes into winning. In fact, Paul addresses Christians in 1 Corinthians 9:24 saying, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." The prize Paul is talking about is not the Vince Lombardi Trophy, but rather something far greater. Paul is talking about the prize of eternal life found only in Christ Jesus our Lord. It is a prize for anyone who will choose to believe in Jesus as the Lord and Savior, repent of their sins, be immersed in water in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and then live a life faithful to Him. Paul's intention in verse 24 is not to affirm that only one individual will receive the prize of eternal life. Rather, Paul challenges his readers to participate in the race in a way that will insure that they will receive the prize. How does one insure this?

This year's Super Bowl teams (Chiefs & Eagles) have been training hard all season to get to this point. They have worked out in the weight rooms, run miles and miles, practiced with their team, and followed nutritional diets. As Christians, we need to train hard too if we want to get the prize of eternal life. Paul goes on to say in verse 25-29, "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." Paul says we insure ourselves the prize of eternal life by making our lives living sacrifices to Jesus.

Paul strived to make sure that he practiced self-control in his living, obeyed the teachings of Jesus, and was committed to doing the will of his Father in Heaven. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul said in chapter 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loves me and gave Himself for me." The game of football is tough, but the game of life is tougher. If we want the prize that God offers us, it will require more training, dedication, and sacrifice than any man made game. Our play book is the Word of God; our example is the life of Jesus Christ. Our game plan is to obey His Word and follow His example. If we are faithful to the game plan, only then will we receive the prize of eternity with God forever in Heaven.

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

Feb. 4 & 18- 9:30 am
Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study
Feb. 15 - 9 am- Men's breakfast
See Ron or Jay on what to bring.

Feb. 20-Preacher's Meeting for all our area preachers. Sign up sheet in back for anyone who would like to help provide food.
March 2- 10am New converts class
March 8- 10a-12p-Ladies Bible Class at church building

March 15- 1-3pm Bridal shower for Kristen Hubbell
March 28- 6pm Ladies night at church building- fellowship and movie
March 21- 22 Inspire New England workshop- Manchester Church of Christ
March 30- Potluck

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 Lisa Saracino** who is recovering from pneumonia.

***Pray** for all those affected by the recent southern California wildfires and those affected by the recent plane crashes.

***Pray** for Doreen Palmer's daughter, **Christina**, who is struggling with health challenges.

***Pray** for **Jordan** (daughter of Tracy Walkup's sister in Christ , Sylvia) who is experiencing extreme pain Levels.

***Pray** for Ray's brother **Mike**, who is recovering from a recent vascular procedure.

***Pray** for **Linda Cerminara**, she is recovering from shoulder surgery.

***Pray** for **Desrine Forbes** who is dealing with a few medical issues and is unable to work.

***Pray** for **Chris Baxter** dealing with personal issues.

***Pray** for **Judy Ragland** (Chelsey's grandmother, diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.

***Pray** for Kris Eddy's coworker whose wife ,**Jackie** was recently diagnosed with cancer.

***Pray** for **David** (Derin's father) who is in congestive heart failure.

***Pray** for **Debbie Christy and family**, her niece, Carrie, passed away.

***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 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 2/9/25

Song Leader :Bruce Pancoast

Lord's Table:Luis Ruiz

Closing Prayer:Pat Keller

Usher:Bob Discala

Week of 2/2/24- 2/8/25

Donations \$4153Expenses:\$3951