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The 3 C's of being a Christian

Are you practicing the 3 C's of being a Christian?

A Christian is one who has made a choice. Jesus taught that there are two roads of life that one can choose to travel. In Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus says, Mat 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." There are two roads, but we can't travel both roads at the same time, so many will avoid making the choice as long as they can. Whatever is coming between you and Jesus, don't wait any longer to make the right choice. Choose the right path, choose Jesus! He loved you enough to choose death so you may live.

A Christian is one who has made a change. We are willing to change at the drop of a hat when it suits us. We change our clothing and interests so people will like us and accept us. We change our jobs and careers so we can afford that bigger house or car. Jesus calls us to make a change that will reflect who we are in Him. He calls us to live a new life that will bring Glory to the Father and His light on the world. Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:22-34, "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."

A Christian is one who has accepted a challenge. If we want wealth, we will sacrifice relationships and reputation to have it. God gave up the very best He had for you and for me; His Son. He made the greatest sacrifice for us. Are we willing to make our lives a sacrifice for Him? In Romans 12:1 Paul writes, "I urge you... in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship."

One day, it will be too late to make a choice on your own. It will be done for you. Philippians 2:10-11 says, "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." One day it will be too late to change because the decision will have already been made. 2 Corinthians 5:10 says, "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." One day it will be too late to accept the challenge because only those who accepted it prior to His coming will be going home. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 says, "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."

Are you practicing the 3 C's? Choice, Change, Challenge!

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES				
.Sun. Aug.31-Pot Luck right after worship	Sept. 13 10-12-First Saturday morning Ladies Bible Study Sept. 16 begins Tuesday Ladies Bible study via zoom	Sept. 28-3:30pm Area wide Hymn Sing hosted by Trumbull Church of Christ	Our in house food pantry could use a boost If you are not receiving Sat, e-mails check your spam or junk folder and move to inbox to get future emails.	

Prayer Requests

- *Pray forLarry's friend **Tom** whose wife **Kathy** is on hospice care.
- *Pray for **Gustavo. Nuris and Rebecca** who will be flying to Puerto Rico Aug.9
- *Pray for **Kimberly and Nadine**, their close friend, Tyrese died in an accident. Prayers for his family.
- *Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, Leo
- *Pray for **Allie and Cherie** as Al cares for her and decisions concerning her care.
- *Pray for **Desirine Forbes** who is home and undergoing further testing.
- *Pray for the **family of Mildred Perkins** who passed away last week.
- *Pray for Nancy Melson's husband, **Gerry**, recently diagnosed with cardiac amyloidosis.
- *Pray for Doreen Palmer's dgtr,. **Christina**, hospitalized for malnutrition and several medical issues.
- *Pray for **Rosalyn Thomas** who is returning to Grenada to care for her mother.
- *Pray for **Olivia Likely** (Ashley's sister) who is dealing with severe pain due to Trigeminal neuralgia.
- *Pray for **Greg Belcher (and wife Lori)**, he is in the critical burn unit after coming into contact with voltage
- .*Pray for Barb Wangerin's dgtr., April, who had brain surgery in the past and is now experiencing symptoms again. Also for an immediate family member who took his life.

- *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, Gina Porto

- *Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio
- , Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, 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.

*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 11am

Online bible class and worship service go to our website: **trumbullchurchofchrist.org**

Song Leader: Patrick Keller Lord's Table:Andrew Langalis

Week of 8/03/25

Closing Prayer/Announcements: Zach Saracino

Usher:Steve Froehlich

Week of 7/13-7/26//25 Donations: \$ Expenses:\$