



# The TrumBulletin



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## Why You Need A Church Family

***“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:35 (NLT)***

The Bible says a Christian without a church home is like an organ without a body, a sheep without a flock, or a child without a family. It's an unnatural state. The Living Bible paraphrase says, “*You belong in God's household with every other Christian*” (Ephesians 2:19).

Today's culture of individualism has created many spiritual orphans—“bunny believers” who hop around from one church to another without any identity, accountability, or commitment. Some even think that it's possible to grow spiritually strong without joining (or even attending) a local church. But God strongly disagrees.

The church is so significant that Jesus died on the cross for it: “*Christ loved the church and gave his life for it*” (Ephesians 5:25 GW).

So if you follow Christ, it's important to be committed to a specific community of believers. Being part of a church family is one way to show you're a genuine believer. Jesus said, “*Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples*” (John 13:35 NLT).

Your commitment to a church is a visible sign that you follow Jesus, but it also strengthens you as a believer. When you meet with your church family, you receive motivation and encouragement from others, and you provide motivation and encouragement to them.

Maybe you've had a great week and feel like you don't need to go to church. But if you don't show up at church, someone will miss out on the encouragement you could provide. And if they're on the edge of hopelessness, your warm smile or kind words might make all the difference. That's what it means to be the church.

Here's the truth: Christians need each other to grow. Many people think spiritual growth is a private matter, but God calls believers to live out their faith in community. You can't develop a deep faith in isolation.

When people from different backgrounds, races, and social statuses come together in love as a church family, it becomes a powerful witness to the world. As Galatians 3:28 says, “*You are all the same in Christ Jesus*” (GW).

Rick Warren

## NEWS & NOTES

Feb. 3 9:30 am Tuesday Ladies Bible Study	Congregational Meeting after worship service today	F	<i>Welcome visitors-please share a record of your visit by filling out the Welcome card or using the app on the laminated card, both located on the pew in front of you,</i>
Feb. 6 -Night of Prayer at church building			
Feb. 7 8:45-10:15 am International Women Webinar			
Feb. 14-Sat. Ladies Bible Study			

## Prayer Requests

\*Pray for **Toni Bonadio** recovering from a heart catheterization/stent placement this past week.  
\*Pray for **Akea Marshall** (Debbie Christy's grand niece) recently diagnosed with cancer.  
\*Pray for **Pat Yaglowski's husband** who recently fell and sustained broken ribs, also for Pat and her daughter caring for them.  
\*Pray for **Bruce Post** as he begins his move to Little Rock and begins his new job.  
\*Pray for **Elliot's family**, his aunt passed away.  
\*Pray for Jin's friend **Yiheng Huang** who is moving to Michigan.  
\*Pray for Kimberly Keller's friend **Tia** who is hospitalized after falling related to a seizure.  
\*Pray for the family of **Loveth Oby Duru** who passed away (cousin of Chidi Okoroafor),  
\*Pray for **Nancy Melson** who has experienced severe abdominal pain and her friend **Sally** (88y.o.) who has the flu.  
\*Pray for Dorthea's son, **David**, who is recovering from heart surgery.  
\*Pray for **Jim Hopper** recovering from cardiac issues.  
\*Pray for **Dorthea Cooper** who fell recently.  
\*Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, **Leo, post bone marrow transplant**. Leo is back in the hospital and will be having spinal surgery. Prayers for the whole family also.

\*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 and physical challenges** :Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike & Paula Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Pat Yaglowski, Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, 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 Houe. 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](http://trumbullchurchofchrist.org)

**Week of Feb. 1, 2026**

**Song Leader:Derin Wulson**

**Lord's Table:Wiley Mullins**

**Closing Prayer/Announcements:Luis Ruiz**

**Usher:Bob Discala**

**Week of 1/25-1/31/26**

**Donations :\$1511 Expenses:\$3748**

