



# 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

**March 17 & 31 9:30 am**  
**Tuesday Ladies Bible**  
**Study** via zoom.

**March 14- 10 am-Sat.**  
**Ladies Bible Study** at  
church building

**Young Adults Bible**  
**Class-** Sundays 12:30-  
1:30 pm for next 6 weeks

**March 20-21- New**  
**England Growth**  
**Conference - Manchester**  
Church of Christ

**March 21- 5 pm- Young**  
**Adults-**bowling at  
Johnson’s Duckpin Lanes,

Hamden Dinner aftr  
**March 29- Pot Luck**  
**Lunch** following worship  
service

**April 10, 7pm-Tori’s**  
Senior recital at Sacred  
Heart University free  
admission

**Bruce Post new**  
**address: 15401**  
**Chenal Pkwy**  
**Apt.4414**  
**Little Rock AR 72211**

**We will be collecting items for**  
**Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence**  
**during the month of March.**

*Welcome visitors-please share a*  
*record of you visit by filling out the*  
*Welcome card or using the app on*  
*the laminated card, both located on*  
*the pew in front of you,*

## *Prayer Requests*

\*Pray for **Mike Gutowski's wife** (Ron's friend) she is recovering from a heart attack.  
 \*Pray for Debbie Christy's friend, **Maura** who is studying for her LCSW exam.  
 \*Pray for **Jenna Strickland**, she is in ICU, not doing well, has many health challenges. (Mary Warren's friend)  
 \*Pray for **Chelsa Eddy's** family, her grandmother passed away.  
 \*Pray for Mary Warren's S-I-L, **Lisa Donnelly** who has breast cancer and is not doing well.  
 \*Pray for Mike & Paula Ross's son who lives in the UAE with his family.  
 \*Pray for the **Phelps family**, the father died recently (in his 30's, coworker of Cindy Holly)  
 \*Pray for **David Pinto** (Leah's brother) recovering from surgery to remove part of his kidney.  
 \*Pray for Carol Ligouri's granddaughter; s M-I-L, **Donna**, who is hospitalized recovering from surgery for a brain bleed.  
 \*Pray for **Ronnie Sr.** who is receiving radiation treatments.  
 \*Pray for **Akea Marshall** (Debbie Christy's grand niece) recently diagnosed with cancer.  
 \*Pray for Dorthea's son, **David**, who is recovering from heart surgery  
 \*Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, **Leo's** continued recovery from a bone marrow transplant.

\*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 Yaglowksi. 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 **Spoooner 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.

### **Elders:**

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**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 11am

Online bible class and worship service go to o

website: [trumbullchurchofchrist.org](http://trumbullchurchofchrist.org)

**Week of March 15, 2026**

**Song Leader: Bruce Pancoast**

**Lord's Table: Steve Froehlich**

**Closing Prayer/Announcements: BZachary**

**Saracino**

**Usher: Yeremi DeLeon**

**Week of 3/8-3/14/26**

**Donations: \$3304**

**Expenses: \$2679**

