

January 1, 2023



# January 2023



*Danbury church of Christ*

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<b>Call to Worship</b>	Ray Lewis
<b>Songs</b>	Nick Godano
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Michael Pickering
<b>Sermon</b>	Randy Walker
<b>Closing</b>	Don Garrick



Closing

<b><u>Minister</u></b>	<b><u>Coordinators</u></b>
	Dan Garrick <i>Finance</i>
	Don Garrick <i>Fellowship</i>
	Elton Hodge <i>Benevolence</i>
	Jim Hopper <i>Worship</i>
	Ellen Bourne <i>Communications</i>

## Promises Kept, Promises Broken

All we know about the actual birth of Jesus is that Mary "gave birth to her firstborn son: and she wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger." In the four gospels there was little else said of the event. There was no star over the stable, no mention of livestock, no angels overhead, and no wise men bearing gifts. Only shepherds came that evening, informed by angels we are told, to visit the child in the manger (*Luke 2: 7,17*).



This was the simple scene of the Savior's birth, the tired mother and proud father slept that holy night in the stable around their baby son asleep in a feeding trough, "for there was no room for them in the inn." The angels had ascended back into the heavens, and the shepherds had returned to their herds. Now resting under the starry night, in the humblest of settings, lay the hope of mankind.

The shepherds, the angels, the star in the east leading the wise men to Bethlehem perhaps two years later to present their gifts, and even the possible presence of a donkey or camel, have all merged to become the manger scenes we see presented on church lawns, or in small figurines on fireplace mantels. But what I see is the simple scene of a mother resting beside a manger, a proud father gazing upon his unique son, on a peaceful night long ago, that changed the world, and saved me. Have you ever made a promise you couldn't keep? I think if we are really honest with ourselves, we would have to admit that we've failed to follow through with a promise at one time or another. Think about all of the promises that people make and then break. Around 50% of all people who get married make promises they don't keep. They promise to love, honor, and cherish each other for the rest of their lives, yet so many abuse, cheat, and divorce the spouse that they made these promises to. Politicians make many campaign promises that are never fulfilled. People make promises to pay back loans from the bank then default, thus breaking the agreement to the financial institution. Then, there are those promises we make to ourselves and never seem to keep. We promise ourselves we'll break that bad habit, get to work on time, make better grades, clean the house more, floss, or countless other self-improvement promises. Even though people make, and break promises every day, there is one source of promises that can always be depended on.

When we obey the gospel and are baptized into Christ, we make a promise, a commitment to God to faithfully serve Him for the rest of our lives. Sadly, many will break those promises and return to the wallow of sin from whence they came. (*2 Peter 2:20-22*)

However, there are some promises that can never be broken. God promised to provide a way to save us from spiritual destruction. He can be depended on to fulfill all the promises made to us that are revealed through His word. Nothing can be more comforting than knowing that these sweet and precious promises (*2 Peter 1:4*) made by God through Christ are the sure thing and can never be broken!

*Jay Lannius*



## Prayer Request

## Services & Meetings: Week of January 1, 2023

- Marion Morris client has stage 4 cancer. She started chemotherapy on Tues. Dec. 14th and is seeing a psychiatrist. Her diagnosis is terminal
- Sue Barbarotto's office sales rep. Diane Warner lungs were x-rayed and the doctors found something on her lungs. Diane Warner sales rep. ask for prayers for her best friends husband nothing specific was disclosed. God knows
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Becky's tumor is not shrinking so surgery may not be an option if it does not shrink. Pray that continued treatment will shrink the tumor
- Continue prayers for Doug Vile who has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and his wife Jere who is always by his side and a constant support
- Pray for DcOC minister search
- Pray for safe travels for our congregation members
- Pray for our visitors
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our deacons, teachers, leaders, and each other

**Sunday AM Worship** 9:30 am  
**Sunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES** 11:00 am

### Wednesday - Pray & Bible Study

**\*\*Zoom Meeting\*\* Virtual** 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

*If you are interesting in attending  
email: [info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com](mailto:info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com)*

### Event Calendar

Jan 1st Happy New Years  
Jan 5th Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm  
Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT  
Contact : Michael P.

### Bible Classes

**11:00 am —Sunday Classes for ALL AGES**

### Adult Upstairs Class

*"Love your Enemies" - Jim Hopper*

### Ongoing Meeting (church building)

- **\*\*Congratulations\*\*** Dan Amorando was baptized on Sunday, December 25, 2022. Welcome to God's Family
  - Don & Doris Garrick's son-in-law Kurt Ogrinc was admitted to the hospital on Mon. Nov 28th after suffering a stroke. Kurt was operated on and consequently had several small strokes. **\*\*Great news\*\*** Kurt was discharged on Wed., Dec. 7th and is at home. He is recovering nicely. Continue payer for his recovery
  - **\*\*Covid Corner\*\*** Karen Stanzione has recovered from covid
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| ⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Rehearsals | Tues.  | 7:00 pm         |
| ⇒ Al-Anon                            | Thurs. | 7:00 pm—9:00 pm |
| ⇒ Narcotics Anonymous                | Thurs. | 6:30 pm—9:30 pm |

## Praise and Thanksgiving

# Events



*Happy New Year  
Sunday, January 1, 2023*

### Wednesday—Pray and Bible Study

**\*\*Virtual\*\***

**\*\*Zoom Meeting\*\***

**7:00 pm—8:00 pm**

*If you are interested in attending the virtual bible study, please email us at [info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com](mailto:info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com)*

It's a chance for us to connect, come together digitally to share, laugh and see each other as we unlock the bible together.

*Come join us!*



### Weekly Fellowship

#### **Thursday—Bowling fellowship**

**12:15 pm—2:00 pm**  
**Strikers**  
**840 Federal Rd., Brookfield**



