



# July 2023

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Call to Worship	Ray Lewis
Songs	Jim Hopper
Communion	Troy Richards
Sermon	Eduardo Pena
Closing	Nick Godano



Closing

<u>Minister</u>	<u>Coordinators</u>
	Dan Garrick <i>Finance</i>
	Don Garrick <i>Fellowship</i>
	Elton Hodge <i>Benevolence</i>
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## You Don't Need a Miracle

I've heard it said, "If only we could work miracles today, imagine how many would believe and follow Christ." However, think of the many people who actually saw Jesus perform miraculous works but still did not believe that He was the promised Messiah. Many folks use the word "miracle" to describe an unusual occurrence that has a positive outcome, like someone who recovers from a serious disease. But the thought conveyed in the opening statement of this article describes the type of event that defies the laws of nature (like bringing the dead back to life).



back to life).

The truth is you don't need a miracle to bring others to Christ, because we have the blessing of His written word. In **John chapter 4**, we have the story of the Samaritan woman who Jesus meets at Jacob's well. As most Christians, I know the story well, but as I read it again today, I discovered an interesting end to the events described in John's account. Beginning at verse 39, we see that many believed in Jesus because of the testimony of the woman who said, "He told me all that I ever did." After meeting Jesus, the Samaritans urged Him to stay with them and He stayed there for two days. During His stay, John does not describe an occurrence of any miracles, instead he states that "many more believed because of His own word." (**John 4:41**). So here we have the proof by Jesus Himself, you don't need a miracle to make disciples. Later in John's gospel, Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment but has passed from death to life." (**John 5:24**) We ought never sell short the power of God's word because as the Hebrew writer states, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword..." (**Hebrews 4:12**). No, we don't need a miracle, but we do need to be skilled in the use of the sword of the Lord and as skilled workers we can win many disciples to Christ. (**John 4:39-42**)

*Jay Lammius*

## Prayer Request

- Karen Stanzione's son-in-law, Kelly Correia's husband Jose was admitted to Yale hospital on Tues., Jul 25th. The doctors are doing another biopsy on Thurs., Jul 26th to see exactly what is going on with his liver. The doctors will meet and decide where to go from there. They are unable to do another liver transplant since it has not been five years.
- Prayers for Bridget Lewis, her father Jim, and their family as they all undergo their seasons of waiting, long-suffering and patience with their health trials. Prayers for Bridget's Dad, Jim and his wife, Patty, for patience, gratitude and in the Lord as he waits until his next doctor appointment on Fri., Jul 21st for updates on his heart condition. Prayers for Bridget and Joe for discipline and trusting God's timing for her gastro health. Bridget has a breath test on Tues., Jul 25th to check her methane levels
- Gilbert Gonzales' dear friend Valerie was admitted to Danbury Hospital on Mon., Jul 17th. Valerie was discharged from the hospital on Sun., Jul 23rd and is in rehab at Glen Hill
- Former member Karen Quigley had a cardiac catheterization procedure. Karen is slowly improving. Pray for her recovery
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who had a laparoscopy on Mon., Jun. 26th her pancreatic cancer is now in a metastatic condition as several cancerous nodules have been found. This rules out now any surgery to remove the original cancer in the pancreas. This news was not well received, so we would greatly appreciate your prayers for her courage, strength, and comfort as she travels this valley. The doctors still have some weapons in the arsenal to try and manage it as a chronic condition. So far the cancer are on the surface and not in any vital organs
- 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

## Praise and Thanksgiving

- Joe Lewis' grandfather Bob Rainey, has been in and out of the hospital last week. Currently his diagnosis is undetermined, but doctors are running tests. Bob had an echocardiogram on Wed. Jul 19th. **\*\*Great News\*\*** On Fri., Jul 21st Bob discharged from the hospital. He was diagnosed with Lyme's and Babesiosis which he is receiving treatment
- Tim Lawson is recovering from his fall on Sun., Jul 23rd

## Services & Meetings: Week of July 30, 2023

**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

Aug 3rd Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm  
Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT  
Contact : Michael P.

Aug 5th Men's Breakfast 8:30 am—10:00 pm  
90 Clapboard Ridge Rd—Danbury, CT  
Contact: Michael P.

### Bible Classes

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

### Adult Upstairs Class

*"Resurrection" - Gene Pollastro*

### Ongoing Meeting (church building)

⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Tues. 7:00 pm  
Rehearsals

⇒ Narcotics Anonymous Thurs. 6:30 pm—9:30 pm

⇒ Al-Anon Thurs. 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

# Events



Saturday, August 5th

Men's Breakfast

8:30 am—10:00 am

90 Clapboard Ridge Rd—Danbury, CT

Contact: Michael P.

### 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**



