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Call to Worship	Lyle LaPlante
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Lord's Table	Gene Pollastro
Sermon	Joe Lewis
Closing	Troy Richards



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Drawing Your Line In Sand

Over the past few weeks, I have begun my sermons highlighting two of my favorite U.S. Presidents; George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. I deeply admire both men for looking beyond the moment of time they were currently in, and making the tough decisions that would positively impact our country for generations to come.



My third favorite president, however, is one that often falls under the cracks when it comes to the "greatest of all-time" president discussions, Ulysses S. Grant. Grant was a Civil War hero and abolitionist who fought tirelessly during the Reconstruction Era for the rights of newly freed African-Americans. Amidst push back from the congressmen of the both free and newly freed "slave states" Grant **drew his line in the sand**, ratifying the 15th amendment of the U.S. constitution giving African-Americans

the right to vote. Not only that, Grant also encouraged African-American political representation, with the first 16 African-Americans being elected to congress during his administration from 1869-1877. With his signing of the Civil Rights act of 1875, this was the first president to push through legislation that provided all citizens, regardless of color, the access to public accommodations, theaters, schools, churches, and cemeteries.

While considered extremely controversial in his day, Grant had the foresight and determination to help accomplish the goal set in our Constitution, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. **Grant understood the liberation of people of color wasn't an option; it was the will of God. Grant famously stated that we as Americans should, "Hold fast to the Bible, as the sheet anchor of our liberties."**

Another famous figure in history who held a similar perspective was Daniel, a Jewish leader, whose story is recorded in the Old Testament of the Bible. Daniel understood that there are times we need to cleanse ourselves from the evils of this world and purify our thoughts, words and actions. Some of these decisions may cost us friends, family or even our livelihood. However, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to discern right from wrong and trust that God will provide for us and protect us in our times of need. In Part Three of our sermon series "**Drawing Your Line In Sand**" we continue our study on how Daniel, our main character, maintains his biblical integrity through his lifetime of Babylonian captivity. We can learn from Daniel on how to live a righteous life in a fallen world that wants to find every reason to persecute us.

Joe Lewis

Prayer Request

- Gene Pollastro's brother-in-law Robert Tilton suddenly passed on Wed., March 1st. Robert was 66 years old. Pray for his wife and two children
- Marti Hopper's cousin Molly Love had several related heart surgeries, her last surgery where a mitral valve was put in place. The mitral valve was leaking. On Wed., Mar. 8th Molly had surgery to repair the leak to which there were two leaks. The surgeon did a test on the mitral valve and they're still leaking
- Jo Harvey's long time clients wife Anne Mccutchan who is in her 60's needs her esophagus removed due to cancer from GERD. She had her surgery on Thurs., Mar. 16th
- Marion Samaha's friend Diane Bruno's daughter Meghan Underwood is having great challenges with Multiple sclerosis, Megan has two young children. Marion Samaha's daughter Monica Beck's friend Casey's grandmother passed on. Casey is taking her passing quite hard
- Former Zoom meeting attendee Owen Banda asks for prayer cyclone Freddy has hit Malawi on Mon., Mar 13th
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky received ***Great News*** on Tues., Feb 14th the results of her latest scan and her pancreatic cancer tumor is stable and has not grown. Becky started radiation on Mon., Feb. 27th for five weeks Mon.—Fri coupled with a chemo infusion at the same time, then six weeks post the radiation. This is week 3 of 5 weeks of radiation combined with chemo infusion continue praying that the treatments work to reduce 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
- Continue prayer for Don & Doris Garrick's son-in-law Kurt Ogrinc
- 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

- Karen Stanzione's son-in-law Jose Correia was admitted to Yale hospital on Wed. Mar. 8th. He was diagnosed with bacterial pneumonia. Jose was discharged on Sun., Mar. 12th
- ***Congratulations*** Tyler McDonald had a baby daughter who was born on Sat., Mar 4th
- Michael Morris' nephews wife Debbi had a liver transplant on Thurs., Mar. 16th. Debbi's friend Desiree donated part of her liver. The surgery went well. Both Debbi and Desiree are doing well
- Marion Samaha's sister Joanne who lives in Florida has asked for prayers for her son, Marion's nephew Michael who had colon cancer surgery on Thurs., Feb. 16th. The doctors removed a large mass. Michael went for a PET scan on Mon., Mar. 13th. ****Great News**** There found **no cancer**. As a precaution they put a port in for chemo since he had colon cancer. He had his first round of chemo on Mon., Mar. 13th
- Marti Hopper's cousin Terry Love had back surgery on Sat., Feb 25th to remove fluid on his spin. Terry was discharged on Wed., Mar. 1st

Services & Meetings: Week of March 19, 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*

Event Calendar

Mar 20th	First Day of Spring	
Mar 23rd	Bowling Fellowship	12:15 pm—2:00 pm
	Strikers	840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT
	Contact :	Michael P.
Apr 1st	Men's Breakfast	8:30 am—10:00 am
		90 Clapboard Ridge Rd—Danbury, CT
	Contact:	Michael P.

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for ALL AGES

Adult Upstairs Class

"Passion, Crucifixion, Resurrection" - Gene Pollastro

Ongoing Meeting (church building)

- ⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Tues. 7:00 pm Rehearsals
- ⇒ Al-Anon Thurs. 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
- ⇒ Narcotics Anonymous Thurs. 6:30 pm—9:30 pm

Events



Monday, March 20th
 Welcome Spring
 Spring Begins



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

If you are interesting in attending the virtual bible study, please email us at 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

