

May 21, 2023



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Call to Worship	Troy Richards
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Communion	Larry Lewis
Sermon	Joe Lewis
Closing	Randy Walker



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Through the Fire and Flames—Pt. 2

Persecution. Defined as hostility or ill-treatment on the basis of one's appearance, values, and beliefs.



For as long as there have been humans, there have been other humans persecuting those humans. The obsession with forcing others to fall in line with a particular way of thought knows no bounds of race, religion, political affiliation, or culture. Even "Christian nations" such as this one has consistently failed to enact fair treatment for its people throughout its history. The same country that began its Declaration of Independence claiming "that all people are created equal, endowed by their Creator" killed and exiled the native people living in our country before we did. The same country that claimed everyone has the right to "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" decided again and again throughout its history that immigrants weren't deserving of the "American Dream." The same country built on the principles of Jesus Christ and the Holy Bible, somehow justified the evils of slavery for almost 250 years.

Fortunately, in our lifetimes we have begun to see our country place more emphasis on the Bible's command of fairness and equality of all people. In the last hundred and fifty plus years, we have seen the slaves become freed, people of color represented in government, voting rights granted to women and the end of segregation in America.

However, in recent years modern society has sought to "over-correct" the injustices of the world. Instead of crediting our social progress to Christian values, there is a faction of people that blame our Christian foundation for the blemishes on our history. To them, the outward expression of certain words, phrases and ideas are considered divisive and extreme, even if they are not directed towards anyone in particular. As this idea grows in popularity and Christians become the minority in the country, we need to be prepared to defend our faith at all costs, but how do we do that? Well in the final part of the short sermon series, "Through the Fire and Flames" we will observe how the heroes in Daniel Chapter 3 dealt with and reacted to persecution and how our God responded to it. We can use this model to prepare ourselves for the imminent day that we will need to boldly stand up for our faith.

Joe Lewis

Prayer Request

- Bob & Jo Harvey's grandson Jacob is still on a waiting list for testing and diagnosis
- Kelly Correia's co-worker Noele's sister Rowena Mara who is 51 was diagnosed in May 2019 with stage 2B cervical cancer and underwent radiation treatments. Subsequently Rowena is unable to work due to her health condition and can no longer afford to pay for her chemotherapy, medicines, hospital stay and all other treatments.
- Eduardo Pena pray for Jira a single mother of three is experiencing difficulties. Bianca has brain cancer. Marcie is experiencing depression and anxiety
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who had her scan on Wed, May 10th. ***Great News*** her tumor is stable and has not grown. Her oncologist is recommending two more months of chemo which means they are still able to operate. Continue prayers that treatment will lead to a successful outcome
- 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 the families in the Texas mall shooting
- 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

- Sue Barbaratto's neighbor's son Aiden Batista who is 12 years old had swelling on the brain due to covid vaccinations. He had four surgeries. ****Good News**** Aiden was discharged from the hospital on Sat., May 13th just in time for his birthday party. He still has a lot of rehab ahead of him. Sue Barbaratto's office sales representative Cindy Patrissi has stage 4 cancer. Her doctors have started her on a new trial. Her numbers look much better

On Line Prayer Request

- Ben Newton (United States) pray for suppression of anger issue, bitterness, anxiety and selfishness. Pray for job opportunities. He seeks a sound mind, wisdom, guidance and peace. Focusing on God and trusting in Him

Services & Meetings: Week of May 21, 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

May 21st Area-Wide Singing 3:00 pm—4:30 pm
 90 Clapboard Ridge Rd—Danbury, CT
 Contact: 203-743-4400 or 860-355-0489

May 25th Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm
 Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT
 Contact : Michael P.

May 29th Happy Memorial Day

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for ALL AGES

Adult Upstairs Class

"Jesus in the Upper Room" - 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

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****Virtual****

****Zoom Meeting****

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If you are interested 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



