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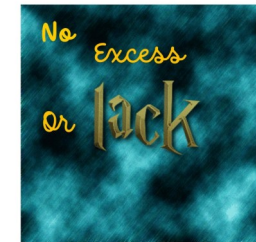
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Call to Worship	Lacy Boggess
Songs	Joe Lewis
Communion	Lyle LaPlante
Sermon	Dominic Benetti
Closing	Don Garrick

No Excess or Lack

This morning I wanted to look a little deeper at Paul encouraging the Corinthian church to donate money to the saints in need in. If you have the time, please read that passage now. Paul ends this section stating "at this present time your abundance being a **2 Corinthians 8:7-15** supply for their need, so that their abundance also may become a supply for your need, that there may be equality; as it is written, "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little had no lack." [Underlining added]. The verse that Paul quotes is from **Exodus 16:18** when the Hebrews were gathering manna for the first time in the wilderness.



This passage is so deep in showing the difference between Judaism and Christianity when we look into the background of what was going on. When the Hebrews first gathered the manna, they had no idea how much they would need, thus some had too much, and some had too little. God through Moses instructs the people that each person needs to have a standardized measure of manna collected, one "omer." When God gives the standardization, this verse then occurs where each person now has exactly what they need, with someone who gathered more than an omer donating it to their neighbor who hadn't gathered a full omer, so that everyone had exactly one each. Throughout the Jewish religion, everything that they did was specified, down to the amount, time, and type, but what the Lord was training them to do was to love their Lord with everything they had and their neighbor as themselves.

Today, God still expects His people, Christians, to do the same, but now the "training wheels" of all the specifics have been removed! Each person is to donate each Sunday "As they have purpose in their heart," as we read in **2 Corinthians 9:7**. The Jews were given set amounts to hit in their worship - an omer for manna, a tithe (or 10%) for monetary donations - but God allows us to choose what we will do. Our charge is the same as the Hebrews in the wilderness, to make sure there isn't a single needy person among us, which was the thing the first century Church did as record in **Acts 2:44-45**.

The Jews didn't collect more manna than they needed because it would spoil and become inedible the next day, but we can give as much as we want and know that what we donate is always going to receive an eternal reward in heaven. In fact, we are told by Paul that giving more while on earth will reap a larger reward when we are in Heaven in **2 Corinthians 9:6-7** (NASB) "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." The Jews gave 10% when God had freed them from bondage in Egypt. How much more gratitude should we express to God for sending His Son to die on the cross to free us from the lake of fire for eternity? How much should we give to imitate our Savior, who "although He was rich, became poor for our sakes, so that through His poverty we might become rich" as we read in **2 Corinthians 8:9**?

Dominic Benetti



Closing

<u>Minister</u> Dominic Benetti	<u>Coordinators</u> 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>

Prayer Request

- Libby Kapelari a long time member of Danbury church Of Christ passed on Mon., Oct. 30th
- Robin Walker's mother Helen Dean fell on Wed., Oct 18th and was in the hospital. Now she has been transferred to a hospice care. She has a fracture in her pelvis and is experiencing a lot of pain whenever moved. Her fracture will take a very long time to heal. Pray for her healing and comfort
- Randy Walker's sister Becky her granddaughter Lizzie who is two years old fell and cut an artery. Lizzie had the major debridement of all of the dead tissue on her left foot on Tues., Oct. 24th resulting in removal of 2/3 of her foot. The positive is her heel was saved which preserved her "foot" lift function.
- Marion Morris' mother Doreen Gagne nose is no longer bleeding. She has been taken off of blood thinners. She currently trying to recover from pneumonia and anemia from the blood loss from last week. She is very weak and is having a difficult time exerting any activity. She is gets out of breath
- Karen Stanzione's son-in-law Jose Correia and daughter Kelly are going to see a surgeon in hepatologist in New York on Thurs., Nov. 9th. The first step is to see if Jose qualifies to be tested for a liver transplant. Continue to keep Jose, Kelly and their family in prayer for God's will to be done
- Nick Godano's daughter Jaime ask for prayers for her friends mother Beryl Fury-King who is dying of cancer. The doctors tried a new medication but it had no effect. Beryl is home with home nursing care for her final days. She is trying to make sure her children are aware of her final request
- Eduardo Pena is having a medical procedure done in Brazil and has asked for prayer for healing.
- Sue Barbarotto's friend Shannon Turner had surgery on her spine. She was diagnosed with cancer which is in her leg. With all her health issues she lost her job and is a mother of three
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Becky had a CT scan and tumors did not grow, but her ovaries are getting larger which is a concern. She starts a new round of chemo on Tuesday in Houston.
- 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 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

Services & Meetings: Week of November 5, 2023

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study
w/ Zoom component 7:00 pm— 8:00 pm
90 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury, CT
Dominic Benetti

If you are interesting in attending via zoom
email: info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

Event Calendar

Nov 5th	Daylight Savings—Fall Back (Turn your clock(s) back one hour)
Nov 9th	Bowling Fellowship 12:00 pm—2:00 pm Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT Contact : Michael P.
Nov 11th	Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:30 am—11:30 am If you are interested in attending Call: 203-743-4400 or Email: Info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com Contact: Marti H.
Nov 11th	Veteran's Day

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for ALL AGES

Adult Upstairs Class

"Teaching on the Prophets series (cont.)- Amos -pt. 1"
- Dominic Benetti

Ongoing Meeting (church building)

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

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

Come join us!



Weekly Fellowship

Thursday—Bowling fellowship

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



