



October 2023

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Call to Worship	Gene Pollastro
Songs	Paul Symanowtiz
Communion	Peter Traisci
Sermon	Dominic Benetti
Closing	Don Garrick



Closing

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	Dan Garrick <i>Finance</i>
	Don Garrick <i>Fellowship</i>
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Stragglers Picked Off

Many people regard religion as something that doesn't benefit you until after death, and if that is the outlook, it can seem like there isn't anything important about living the "Christian life" at every minute. We might start to become content with "good enough." We may say to ourselves, "what's the harm if I miss a Sunday service? I go to most of them!" or even "I know I should be doing x,y, and z but (insert excuse) - I'll start doing those eventually." or even "well, I don't do all those things - I'm not on that level yet."



There is a saying that "just being 'good enough,' is never 'good enough'" that we can apply here, and the Bible gives us a great example of this in practice.

In **Deuteronomy 25:17-18** it reads ""Remember what Amalek did to you along the way when you came out from Egypt, how he met you along the way and attacked among you all the stragglers at your rear when you were faint and weary;" Wait... weren't those slow-moving Jews "heading the same direction" as everyone else? Weren't they "generally doing the same" as everyone else? They were going to get where everyone else was at "eventually." They thought their pace to the promised land was "good enough." Those who thought and acted this way were the people that were picked off by Amalek, a neighboring king and enemy to the Jews.

God promised protection to the Hebrew nation, and no one could overpower them when they were united in doing what God directed. Yet those who wanted to go at their own pace, who would "get there eventually," needed to be there already when trouble came! And they were destroyed because they weren't! How does Peter describe our adversary Satan? He states that he prowls around as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. When lions attack, they never target the main herd of prey, they target the loners, the ones who fell behind - the stragglers!

If you have things to overcome in your faith, steps that you need to take with your walk with God, take them now! Our life is like a vapor, and we do not know what tomorrow will be like as James writes. Believe in God, repent of your sin, be baptized in the name of Christ, and live for Him, turning away from sin. It isn't too late - until it is too late. Don't fall behind on your Christian walk, keep pace with God! He will never leave you nor forsake you, but He will not "catch you up" if you **choose** to start lagging behind His expectations. God did not protect those who planned to do what He commanded "eventually" - He protected those who were doing it now! Don't be the straggler that is easy prey for the lion. Take those steps and remain at the side of our good shepherd.

Dominic Benetti

Prayer Request

- Libby Kapelari who is 93 years old and a long time member of Danbury church Of Christ has been placed in another nursing home called Willowbrook. Communication is difficult and she has lost a lot of ground. Anne Peterson her daughter tried to keep her home but Libby kept falling down so it was only a matter of time before she really got hurt. Anne can't take care of her at home. The doctors don't think it will be long. Anne is trying to make sure someone from the family goes each day to visit with her. Libby is starting to understand that she will soon be called home. She was anxious at first but seems calmer. Anne's focus is on her comfort
- Robin Walker's mother Helen Dean fell on Wed., Oct 18th and was in the hospital. Now she has been transferred to a hospice hospital for a few days. 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 three 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.
- Nick Godano's daughter Jaime ask for prayers for her friends mother Beryl Fury-King who is dying of cancer. The doctors say that she may not make it through the week. They said they'd like to try a new medication that may actually give her a few more months. Pray for wisdom for all concern and strength for Beryl
- Marion Morris' mother Doreen Gagne is bleeding from her nose and it is not clotting.
- Karen Stanzione's son-in-law Jose Correia had his appointment on Thurs., Oct. 19th with his team of doctors and surgeon after taking a series of tests, the data shows he does not meet the criteria. He is an 18 where he must be 30 to be placed on the liver transplant list. Unfortunately, his liver is still failing. He is in the fibrosis state not the cirrhosis state. It was suggested to Jose to reach out to the doctors that performed his previous surgery. The surgery will be complicated and has a 40 % survival rate for five years. Pray for her daughter Kelly, grandchildren Mason and Greighlyn
- 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
- New Zoom attendee Ravindra Abhi Kaparapu is one of the preachers at a three day gospel services which is a combination of several other churches. Pray the services reach the attendees
- 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 October 29, 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
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If you are interesting in attending via zoom
email: info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

Event Calendar

Oct 31st	Happy Halloween
Nov 2nd	Bowling Fellowship 12:00 pm—2:00 pm Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT Contact : Michael P.
Nov 4th	Men's Breakfast 8:30 am—10:00 am 90 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury Contact: Michael P.
Nov 5th	Daylight Savings—Fall Back (Turn your clock(s) back one hour)

Bible Classes

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

Adult Upstairs Class

"Teaching on the Prophets series (cont.)-Jonah Pt. 2" -
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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Halloween
Tuesday, October 31st



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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!



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, November 4th
8:30 am—10:00 am
90 Clapboard Ridge Rd.,—Danbury
Contact: Michael P.

Weekly Fellowship

Thursday—Bowling fellowship

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



