

October 8, 2023



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## Danbury church of Christ

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Call to Worship	Nick Godano
Songs	Jim Hopper
Communion	Lacy Boggess
Sermon	Dominic Benetti
Closing	Michael Pickering



Closing

<b>Minister</b> Dominic Benetti	<b>Coordinators</b>
	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>

## How old do we believe the world is?

We constantly have dates and numbers from the scientific world tossed at us about fossils, carbon dating and the like, but what does it all mean for us and how it relates to the Bible? As Christians, we believe in the unerring, perfect, inspired Word of God. We know that the Bible has recorded the genealogies and ages from when God made man on the sixth day of creation, until the birth of Jesus which we know was around 3 B.C. When we follow the totals that the Bible gives us, we come out with roughly 6,000 years of accounted history from creation until today.



But what about carbon dating? This shows that organic matter on the earth has degraded in its c-14 isotopes to the level that mathematically would equate with 13.7 billion years old. What about fossils? Don't those also show that the earth has been around far longer than 6,000 years? In short: *How do we reconcile the things that we see with what we believe?*

These observable traits of the world do indeed suggest a much more mature earth than one only 6,000 years old. So, let's take a look at the creation account found in Genesis and ask ourselves, "How old was Adam when God made him?" The Bible records him as the "Man" that God created in His own image, he was given a wife by God, and was able to care for himself. In the ancient Hebrew culture, a person wasn't considered "a man" until the age of thirty. So, if we use that baseline for how Adam was formed when the Holy Spirit inspired Moses to use the word "Man" in this account to describe him, we can safely estimate that Adam would have appeared to be fully mature, with a body of a thirty-year old man. Yet how old was he? He looked fully grown, had all the muscles, bones, hair, and teeth of a fully grown man, but he would have only been a few seconds old. If Adam had died after one second of life and been autopsied by a lab who would have known nothing about him, they would have seen all these physical traits of a grown man and mathematically calculated based on the rate humans develop that this was a man who had to have been born about thirty years ago to have a body which they observed to be in this state.

If God made the world and universe to be mature and able to sustain life in its function, as He did with Adam, then we should not be surprised when it appears exactly that way. If we believe biblical accounts only based on how well they coincide with what we can substantiate through observable evidence, this becomes very dangerous. We don't need to observe something to believe it, in fact, **Hebrews 11:1 (NASB)** tells us that our faith will be in what we won't observe: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Continue to have faith in the Lord, His Holy Spirit, and His Word and may the peace of God that surpasses all understanding be with you always.

*Dominic Benetti*

## Prayer Request

- Karen Stanzione's son-in-law, Kelly Correia's husband Jose. Jose's doctor has taken him off his medication because it has given him an infection in his legs
- Randy Walker's sister Becky her granddaughter who is three years old fell and cut an artery
- **\*\*Covid Corner\*\*** Randy Walker contracted covid
- Former Minister Jim Stamatis was placed in hospice care on Tues., Sept. 19th. **\*Sad News\*** Jim passed on Mon., Oct. 2nd. Pray for his wife Nell, his sons Steve and Ken their wives Deborah and Amy and the Stamatis family
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who has pancreatic cancer is on a new regiment of chemo therapy. The therapy is every two weeks and two cycles for two months
- 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

## Praise and Thanksgiving

- Libby Kapelari who is 93 years old and a long time member of Danbury church Of Christ is still in the nursing home getting rehab. Her speech has become clearer and is responding well to physical therapy. She is receiving therapy with her walking. Her strength is coming back. Her appetite is good. Overall her health is improving.
- Libby Kapelari's daughter Anne Peterson is having trouble getting around due to the pain in her back, hips, and ribs. She is feeling a bit better

## Services & Meetings: Week of October 8, 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)*

**Coming Soon - In-Person - Wednesday Bible Study w/ Zoom component - Oct 11th at 7:00 pm at 90 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury, CT**

**Dominic Benetti**

### Event Calendar

Oct 8th	Welcome Potluck	12:00 pm—2:00 pm	DcOC Bldg.
	Contact: Don & Doris G.		
Oct 12th	Bowling Fellowship	12:15 pm—2:00 pm	Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT
	Contact : Michael P.		
Oct 15th	Fall Sing	4:00 pm—6:00 pm	Hosted by Waterbury cOC
	3211 North Main St— Waterbury, CT		
Oct 21st	Ladies Prayer Breakfast	9:30 am—11:30 am	If you are interested in attending
	Call: 203-743-4400 or		
	Email: <a href="mailto:Info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com">Info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com</a>		
	Contact: Marti H.		

### Bible Classes

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

### Adult Upstairs Class

"Teaching on the Prophets—Part 2" - *Dominic Benetti*

### 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

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**Fall Sing**  
**Sunday, October 15th**  
**Beginning at 4:00 PM**  
**Light snacks to follow**  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN us**  
**in an EVENING OF SINGING**  
**Waterbury church of Christ**  
**3211 North Main Street**  
**Waterbury, CT 06704**  
**(203)753-6765**

**Wednesday—Pray and Bible Study**  
**\*\*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](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**



