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Not By Bread Alone

"It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (**Luke 4:4**). This statement was made by Jesus while He was in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. Following His baptism by John "to fulfill all righteousness," Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where He was tempted by the devil for 40 days. During that period, He had nothing to eat. The text says, "He afterward hungered" (**Luke 4:2**). What an understatement! Most of us are quick to complain if dinner is a few minutes late. If we have to miss just one meal, we are inconsolable. We cannot begin to fathom the hunger the Savior felt after not eating anything for 40 days. The physical condition of Jesus must have been extremely poor following such a fast. The fatigue, the constant desire for food must have been nearly unbearable. His weakened physical condition was only part of what should be considered if one is to fully understand the situation. His mental state must also be considered. It too must have been diminished by the lack of food and nutrition.

Did you ever notice how hard it is to be mentally alert when you are really hungry? Nutritionists and educators have known for years that if a person is going to be sharp mentally, he needs a good breakfast to start the day and a proper lunch to keep him his keenest. It was in this weak physical and mental state that Jesus met the devil face to face. "If He is ever going to succumb, now must be the time," Satan might have speculated. Knowing His hunger, Satan told Jesus to use His Divine power to make stones become bread (**Luke 4:3**). As weak as Jesus was, though, He resisted this temptation, as He did all others, by finding strength in the word of God. Scripture was His source of strength and should be ours today. It supplies us with all things that pertain to life and godliness (**2 Peter 1:3**) and furnishes us completely (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**). Jesus relied totally upon it. So should we. Notice also the attitude demonstrated by Christ in His response to Satan. Even though He greatly hungered, He recognized that the fleshly, material things of life are secondary to things spiritual in nature and secondary to doing the will of God.

In Matthew 6 Jesus preached this attitude to the multitude. He told them not to be overly concerned with things temporal and material but to seek first the kingdom of God and all these would be provided (**Matthew 6:24-33**). A person's first concern must be to do the will of God. He must put material things in the background. Yet, many people reverse this order. Most people spend their lives solely in pursuit of things physical and never give any attention to the Word. Jesus spoke of such a one in Luke 12 in the parable of the rich fool. This man was a prosperous farmer. He had diligently worked and had gotten such a large harvest that he was going to tear down his existing barns to build larger ones in order to house his bountiful crop. He was then going to enjoy material life to the fullest. But Jesus called him a "fool"—that very night his life was required of him—he had lived solely for the material and had not been "rich toward God" (**Luke 12:21**).

Christians are not always free from this kind of thinking. Sometimes the material things start having a lot more prominence in their lives. Sometimes, even unnoticed, they overtake them and fill their hearts (**Matthew 13:22**). Though once Christ and His Word were most important to them, now they are not. Paul said the love of money caused some to err from the faith and pierce themselves through with many sorrows (**1 Timothy 6:10**). To be successful in life and pleasing to Him, be concerned with doing the will of God. Put material things second. Do not live by "bread alone," but by the Word of God.



Gene Taylor

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Call to Worship	Peter Traisci
Songs	Jim Hopper
Communion	Gene Pollastro
Sermon	Randy Walker
Closing	Troy Richards



Closing

<u>Minister</u>	<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

- Lacy Boggess started skin cancer treatment on Mon. Apr. 8th
- Eduardo Pena pray that him and his son Michael forge a lasting relationship
- Jim & Marti Hopper's neighbor Chris Yake had a heart attack and passed on Sat., Mar. 16th. Pray for his wife Jenny and the Yake's family
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Becky tumors have not grown but the tumors in her ovaries are 9 centimeters which is a not a concern. She is continuing with her chemo but is not getting sick. She is able to function and perform day-to-day activities. Becky's granddaughter Lizzie has lost feeling in her toes and lower third of her left foot which has been amputated. She continues to be happy and is thriving.
- 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 prayers for Karen Stanzione's son-in-law Jose Correia after receiving two organ transplants which were a kidney and liver on Thurs., Feb 22nd. Jose's surgery was performed on Fri., Feb. 23rd. Surgery went well. Jose was discharged on Fri., Mar. 22nd. A visiting nurse is scheduled to go by several times a week to check his wound vac. On Fri., Apr. 12th they removed the wound vac as a trial. If they need to put it back in the visiting nurse will be returning. His numbers are down they will continue to monitor his blood once a week
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our leaders, teachers and each other
- Pray for safe travels for our congregation members

Praise and Thanksgiving

- Jo Harvey's friend Eugene Ferrante had surgery on Wed., Mar. 6th for cancer. Surgery went well. His treatment is going equally as well

Services & Meetings: Week of April 21, 2024

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
Jim Hopper

90 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury, CT

If you are interesting in attending via zoom
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Event Calendar

Apr. 21st	Area-Wide Singing	3:30 pm—5:00 pm
	90 Clapboard Ridge Rd—Danbury CT	
	Contact: David T. / Jim H.	
Apr. 25th	Bowling Fellowship	12:00 pm—2:00 pm
	Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT	
	Contact: Michael P.	
May 4th	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 Class

"Review and study of book of Micah" - continues -
Randy Walker

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

Events

AREA-WIDE SINGING
for Members and Friends of
Churches of Christ



SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024
3:30 - 5:00 PM

at
DANBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST
90 Clapboard Ridge Road
Danbury, Connecticut

NEED INFORMATION? CALL: Jim Hopper 203-744-0201 David Tardot 214-956-2747


- Multi-Generational
- Multi-Cultural
- Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs
- Congregational
- Acappella
- Refreshments After Singing in the Fellowship Hall

HOSTED BY THE DANBURY AND NEW MILFORD CONGREGATIONS

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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



