

April 7, 2024



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## What Will You Leave Behind?

During every funeral, I remind the audience that funeral sermons are for the living, not the dead. Words spoken in the hour of death can encourage the living to remain faithful to the Lord. After the first martyr gave his life for the Lord, Luke tells us that "devout men carried Stephen to his burial and made great lamentation over him" (**Acts 8:2**).



Acts 9:36 tells us of Dorcas, a woman "full of good works and charitable deeds." While at Joppa, she grew sick and died. The disciples washed her and placed her in an upper room. When Peter entered the room "all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them" (**Acts 9:39**). This godly woman was remembered what she left behind. **Revelation 14:13** says our works will follow us. When you die, what will *you* leave behind?

"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (**1 Tim. 6:7**). Why do so many people get all wrapped up with "possessions"? Jesus asked, "What is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (**Matt. 16:26**).

What would you gain if you had the whole world? Whatever it is, it will not endure after the Judgment is passed (**2 Peter 3:10**).

What would you give in exchange for your soul? Whatever it may be, this is one transaction you will eternally regret. Judas sold his soul for thirty pieces of silver (**Matt. 26:14-16**)—some Christians will sell out for far less. Some will sell their soul for a few more minutes' sleep on Sunday morning, or another hour of TV on Sunday night. Gospel preachers have been known to exchange their hope of eternal glory for the praise of men (**2 Tim. 4:3**).

When you die, all that your spouse will have left of you are memories and pictures. Don't wait till your spouse dies to express your love. Flowers at the graveside might make you feel better, but your spouse could only have enjoyed them in life.

Among the many laws in the Pentateuch, **Deuteronomy 24:5** is one of the most quaint. It says, "When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife, whom he has taken." God intended for the home to be pleasant for both parties.

The Psalmist tells us our "children are a heritage from the Lord" (**Psa. 127:3**). How are you treating your "gift" from God?

You probably purchased life insurance so your spouse can meet the financial needs of your children in the event of your death—this is to be commended. In 1986 Christa McAuliffe died aboard the space shuttle *Challenger*. Some of her friends had purchased a \$1 million life insurance policy for her children. But that money could not dry a single tear from her children's eyes.

I am saddened by parents who get all wrapped up in material things so they can give their children "the best of everything." My sons often drag me outside to play baseball (I hate baseball), but I know they would rather spend 30 minutes with me than have a new bicycle.

What will your friends think when they read your obituary? Will they be surprised to find out you were a Christian? Will the reputation of the Lord's church be harmed? Your death will affect them, for "none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself" (**Rom. 14:7**).

*David Padfield*

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Call to Worship	Paul Symanowitz
Songs	Nick Godano
Communion	Peter Traisci
Sermon	Jim Hopper
Closing	Eduardo Pena



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

## Services & Meetings: Week of April 7, 2024

# Events



- Eduardo Pena pray that him and his son Michael forge a lasting relationship
- Jo Harvey's tour guide in Egypt Sayed his mother has passed on. Please remember the family at this sad time
- Former member Natalie Tenney had heart surgery at Danbury Hospital on Thurs., Mar. 21st pray for her recovery
- **\*Zoom attendee\*** Shanthi his sister Esther Rani has kidney problems
- 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. Jose's next visit with his surgeon at Mt. Saini is scheduled for next Thurs., Apr. 4th and then on Fri., Apr. 12th. He had bloodwork on Tues., Mar. 26th they will have the results on Thurs., Mar. 28th
- 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

**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. 11th Bowling Fellowship 12:00 pm—2:00 pm  
Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT

### Bible Classes

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

### Adult Class

**"Heaven" continue - Jim Hopper**

### 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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**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**



