



December 2023

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Call to Worship	Troy Richards
Songs	Joe Lewis
Communion	Michael Pickering
Sermon	Eduardo Pena
Closing	Randy Walker



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>



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The Greatest Gifts

During the holiday season, there is no more cherished tradition than that of gift giving.



The origins of the tradition are sorted and varied at best. Many claim that the giving of gifts had its beginning in paganism, while religious folk assert that it comes from the biblical example of the wise men, the Magi, who brought gifts to the infant Jesus. (Matthew 2:11) The commercialization of the Christmas holiday has made it the most lucrative time of the year for many businesses. This has also made the process of

choosing a gift for family or friends a stressful chore. We want to give the best gift possible, one that will bring happiness to the recipient.

So, what does the New Testament have to say about gift-giving?

- *The gift of God is living (spiritual) water. (John 4:10)
- *We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at baptism. (Acts 2:38)
- *You can't buy the gift of God with money. (Acts 8:20)
- *God's gift of grace through Christ brings justification. (Rom. 5:12-21)
- *The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 6:23)
- *The gift of God is indescribable. (2 Cor. 9:15)
- *The gift of God cannot be earned by works. (Eph. 2:8)
- *Every good and perfect gift is from God. (James 1:17)
- *Use our God given gifts to minister to each other. (1 Pet. 4:10)

When it comes to our spiritual lives and service to God, there are a multitude of opportunities to give. We can give ourselves to the service and benevolent needs of others. Most importantly, we can share the gift of the Gospel message which brings with it the greatest gifts from God.

Jay Lammius

Prayer Request

- Former member Bob Gibb had a brain scan on Tues., Dec. 19th the results showed swelling in the brain and CT scan results on Wed., Dec. 20th showed tumors in the liver, intestines, lungs and bones. The on-call nurse stated he has days or maybe weeks. His wife Cathy is running around trying to figure out when he is discharged from the hospital what is best care for him at home hospice care or the nursing home. Pray for Bob, Cathy, his daughter Tracey and the Gibb's family
- Libby Kapelari's daughter Anne Peterson has been hospitalized with an infection and is being treated with antibiotics
- ****Zoom Attendee**** Ravindra and his father will be having a gospel meeting which will feature three Churches of Christ on Dec 22nd and 27th. There will be two more in Jan and Feb. Pray the gospel meeting is successful and reaches a countless amount of people
- Continue prayers for Karen Stanzone's son-in-law Jose Correia ***Great News*** Jose had his follow-up with the Yale team on Tues., Dec. 19th his liver numbers are good matter of fact one of them is very good close to being normal they believe the new medication is working. They heard from NYU and they want to do further testing on him that he's never had before
- 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 December 24, 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
Jim Hopper

90 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury, CT

If you are interesting in attending via zoom
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Event Calendar

Dec. 25th	Merry Christmas	
Dec. 28th	Bowling Fellowship	12:00 pm—2:00 pm
	Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT	Contact : Michael P.
Dec. 31st	New Years Eve Party	7:00 pm
	90 Clapboard Ridge Rd.—Danbury, CT	Contact: Don & Doris G.
Jan. 1st	Happy New Year's	
Jan. 6th	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 Upstairs Class

"The Gift of God" - Eduardo Pena

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

Events



Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 25th



New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 1st

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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!



New Year's Eve Party
Sunday, Dec. 31st
90 Clapboard Ridge Rd.—Danbury
Contact: Don & Doris G.



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Jan. 6th
8:30 am—10:00 am
90 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury, CT
Contact: Michael P.

Weekly Fellowship

Thursday—Bowling fellowship

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



