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Songs	Hopper
Lead Lord's Supper	R. Lewis
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Assist	B. Watson
Assist	Hodge
Sermon	Smith
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Elders

Danny Anderson
Jim Hopper

Minister

Adam Smith

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Dan Garrick
Youth

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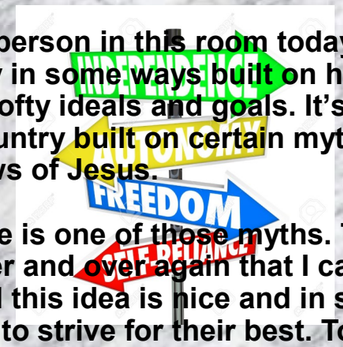
Mon, Wed, Fri—10:00 am –12:00

Tues, Thurs—1:00 pm—3:00 pm

The Burden of Self-Reliance



I imagine each and every person in this room today is happy and proud to live in this country. It's a country in some ways built on hope and decency. It's a country which has always set lofty ideals and goals. It's a country of diversity and difference. But it's also a country built on certain myths and untruths that do not square with the Good News of Jesus.

The burden of self-reliance is one of those myths. There are two myths I want to mention. First, I heard over and over again that I can be anything I want to be. Now the sentiment behind this idea is nice and in some ways admirable. It's a lie that desires for all people to strive for their best. To push their hardest to achieve what our society deems success. But that doesn't make it true. We actually live in a culture that still values certain people over others because of their heritage, their gender, their socio-economic status, etc. Because of these barriers there will always be many people who are not allowed to reach the potential they believe they have.

The second lie is closely related to the first, it is the lie that you should do it all on your own. It's the lie that says you don't need anyone else's help. This burden of self-reliance has been a poison in the minds of so many people. We have far too many people feeling lonely and abandoned in our world. I believe part of that comes from this lie that you don't need other people to help you. Not only that, we're told that you should refuse the help because taking charity is seen as weakness.

These lies are not the Good News of Jesus. The Good News is that Jesus says he loves you as who you are. You don't have to strive to be successful in this world to be loved by him. The Good News is that you've not achieved anything on your own because every good thing is a gift from God. May we unburden ourselves this week from the burden of self-reliance and learn to trust that God has this world under his control.

Adam Smith

Prayer Request

- Libby Kapelari is ill
- Nick Godano's friend Martina Ledzinski is declining in health.
- Elsa Forrest's uncle George is having surgery
- Sue Barbarotto's mother-in-law Linda cancer has returned
- John Bourne had surgery on his left arm
- Michael Fairclough's mother Sharon had heart surgery
- Danny and Linda Anderson's brother-in-law Bill Ponds has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has been given six months. Pray for Linda's nieces Suzanne and Michelle as they care for their father Bill and mother Nancy. Pray for Linda, Patsy and Becky.
- Danny and Linda Anderson's brother-in-law Bill Ponds had a heart attack
- Mary Mulvey pray for her health to improve.
- Pray for safe travels for the members of our congregation
- Pray for our visitors
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our deacons, elders, teachers, leaders, and each other.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- Randy Walker's friend Fred Lavatto had a successful heart valve replacement
- Randy Walker's co-worker husband Dave Demazzo who was electrocuted is successfully healing

Services & Meetings:
Week of January 27, 2019

Sunday AM Worship 9:30 am
Sunday Bible Classes 11:00 am
Wednesday Meal/Bible Study 6:00 pm/7:00pm

Event Calendar

Feb 2nd **Men's Breakfast** **DCOC Bldg.**
Contact: Michael P.

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday
Classes for ALL AGES

Adult downstairs class
Whol-i-ness Living God's Way
Adult upstairs class
"Why does a God allow so much evil in the world?

Small Group Meeting
2nd and 4th Sunday
6:00 pm - meal; 7:00 pm class
Call for details 203-743-4400

7:00 pm—Wednesday Evening—Bible Study
"A Look at the Messiah in the old testament"

Ongoing Meetings (church building)

⇒	La Leche League	Last Tues	10:15 am
⇒	Mad Hatters Barber Shop rehearsals	Tues	5:00 pm
⇒	Home Schooling	Wed	9:00 am
⇒	Overeaters Anonymous	Wed	7:00 pm
⇒	Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S)	Thurs	6:00 pm
⇒	Al-Anon (Open to All)	Thurs	7:00 pm

Events

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, February 2nd
8:00 am
DCOC Bldg.
Contact Michael P.

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turn off the lights.

Thank you

Wednesday Bible Study

Lets Go Deeper.

Feast Celebration

Wednesday Eve Meal and Bible Study
6:00 pm meal, 7:00 pm study
fellowship, devotional and bible study

Join us!

Weekly Fellowships

Thursday—Bowling Fellowship
12:15 pm
840 Federal Rd., Brookfield
NO, Bowling Fellowship scheduled
Brookfield Laneson the Third Thursday of the month

Friday - lunch Fellowship
12:00 pm
Stony Hill Diner (formerly New Colony Diner)
14 Stony Hill Rd., Bethel
Just after Target's