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## PRAY with the Heart of a Lion

What does it mean to have "Heart of a Lion?" Well, it commonly refers to a person of exceptional courage and bravery. A lion, commonly referred to as the "King of Jungle" often symbolizes a strong ruler. We see this theme presented in popular culture, with figures like Mufasa and Simba from "The Lion King" and Aslan from the "Chronicles of Narnia." Female lions, or lionesses, are some of the fiercest warriors when it comes to protecting their children. Young lion cubs will spend most of their childhood away from their fathers, meaning that Heart Of a Lion feeding and protection of the lion cubs relies entirely on their mother up until they leave the pride, or the family unit. Lions are mentioned in several contexts throughout Scripture, often positively to describe the power and glory of God "They shall go after the Lord, he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west." (Hosea 11:10) Jesus is called the Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:5) which helps to present Him as the conquering King of kings, a roaring lion taking vengeance on His enemies (Revelation 19:16). Lions are featured in the description of the cherubim, or the angelic creatures that surround God's throne. The presence of a lion's face symbolizes the boldness and strength of God's character, and also suggests God's rule over all the creatures of Heaven and Earth.



So how do we get this "heart of Lion?" Well in this three-part series, "With The Heart of Lion" we are going to observe the spiritual tendencies of our main character in Daniel Chapter 6. We will learn what it takes to PRAY, TRUST, and REJOICE in a manner that is pleasing and representative of the nature of God.



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Songs	Jim Hopper	
Communion	Gene Pollastro	de la
Sermon	Joe Lewis	8-
Closing	Michael Pickering	A.



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	Don Garrick <i>Fellowship</i>
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Danbury church of Christ

**Office Hours** 

Joe Lewis

#### **Prayer Request**

- Marion Morris' father Gaston Gagne passed on Wed., Jun. 21st. Pray for the Gagne and Morris families
- Bridget Lewis' father had a transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) on Mon., Jun. 26th and the doctor(s) found the blood clot is still there. He has a follow up appt on Mon., Jul 3rd with his cardiologist to see if the blood clot decreased in size. Once the clot is gone then they can do the cardioversion to try to get rid of the a fib. Pray for healing and strength for her father and their family
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who had a laparoscopy on Mon., Jun. 26th her pancreatic cancer is now in a metastatic condition as several cancerous nodules have been found. This rules out now any surgery to remove the original cancer in the pancreas. This news was not well received, so we would greatly appreciate your prayers for her courage, strength, and comfort as she travels this valley. The doctors still have some weapons in the arsenal to try and manage it as a chronic condition. So far the cancer are on the surface and not in any vital organs
- 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 DcOC minister search
- 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

Jim & Marti Hopper's granddaughter Audrey broke her leg jumping off a bridge. Her surgery was scheduled for Fri., Jun 23rd to set her leg. Audrey's surgery was successful and she is at home recovering

#### **On-Line Prayer Request**

- Eero Vahter (New York) ask for prayer he is worried and hurt
- Kimberly Lampkin (Royse City, TX) is experiencing mental health issues. She has asked for prayer for God to rescue her

#### Services & Meetings: Week of July 2, 2023

Sunday AM Worship9:30 amSunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES11:00 am

<u>Wednesday - Pray & Bible Study</u> \*\*Zoom Meeting\*\* Virtual 7:00 pm—8:00 pm If you are interesting in attending email: info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

#### **Event Calendar**

Happy Independence Day Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT Contact : Michael P. 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

"John 17 and Garden of Gethsemane" - Gene Pollastro

#### Ongoing Meeting (church building)

- ⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Tues. 7:00 pm Rehearsals
- $\Rightarrow$  Al-Anon Thurs. 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
- $\Rightarrow$  Narcotics Anonymous Thurs. 6:30 pm—9:30 pm



Tuesday, July 4th Happy Independence Day 4th of July

### Wednesday—Pray and Bible Study \*\*<u>Virtual</u>\*\*

\*\*Zoom Meeting\*\*

7:00 pm-8:00 pm

If you are interested in attending the virtual bible study, please email us at 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!









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

