

March 5, 2023



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Call to Worship	Elton Hodge
Songs	Nick Godano
Lord's Table	Gene Pollastro
Sermon	Eduardo Pena
Closing	Don Garrick



Closing

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	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>

Are Prepared for a Spiritual Storm?



As the Apostle Paul described the perils of his evangelistic endeavors (*2 Corinthians 11:23-28*) there is no doubt that his suffering was a tremendous test of his faith. Yet through all those storms of trouble and trial he persevered and remained true to Christ. He wrote from a Roman prison, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (*Philippians 1:21*) What spiritual strength it must have taken to pen such a profound statement! For the modern day Christian,

spiritual storms can come in all shapes and sizes. From the sly remark made by an unbeliever to physical abuse or imprisonment because one stands for the cause of Christ. For most of us our personal suffering is mild in comparison to others, but still our faith is tested from even the most trivial trouble.

Just as many of the powerful empires of history, America finds itself on the downward slope of moral decline making less and less room for God and His people. The time may be near when we will suffer greatly for declaring God's truths as outlined in the Scriptures. As that time nears, Christians must ask themselves, "Am I prepared for the on-coming spiritual storm?" If we believe the bible to be true, then we understand the certainty of tribulation for the believer. Paul warned Timothy, "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." (*2 Timothy 3:12*)

However, this gloomy forecast does not have to discourage us. If we build upon a firm foundation, that being Jesus Christ (*1 Corinthians 3:11*), then our spiritual house will endure the storm just as the man who built his house upon the rock (*Matthew 7:24-25*). With the right attitude, we will strengthen ourselves during the smaller, less serious trials of life thus building spiritual strength which will enable us to weather the major tempest (*James 1:2-3*). We're assured that God will never "leave us or forsake us" (*Hebrews 13:5*) and have the hope of all hope, that eternal place prepared for us by the Savior. (*John 14:1-4*).

Jay Lannius

Prayer Request

- Gene Pollastro's brother-in-law Robert Tilton suddenly passed on Wed., March 1st. Robert was 66 years old. Pray for his wife and two children
- Bridget Lewis ask for prayers for progress in her gastro health issues being remedied soon. Bridget's friends father, Jim who is battling stage 4 liver disease. Doctors are cautiously optimistic. Prayer that God heals the disease within Jim's body and give him encouragement and hope for the future. Bridget's friend Amy who is traveling in India. Pray she come to know God and be protected on her journey. Bridget's friend Lu who is going through some difficult times. Pray she come to know God and her worth and purpose in Him.
- Marti Hopper's cousin Molly Love had several related heart surgeries, her last surgery where a mitral valve was put in place. The mitral valve is leaking on Wed., Mar. 8th Molly will be going for surgery to repair the leak. Molly has been hospitalized since Sat.. Feb. 25th for observation
- Michael Morris' nephews wife Debbie is having a liver transplant on Fri., Mar. 10th. Debbie's friend is donating part of her liver
- In Nov. Jo Harvey asked for prayer for her friend Jim Heimbeucher's father George Heimbeucher who had kidney failure. He was discharged from the hospital and eventually recovered so well he no longer needed dialysis. George passed on this week. Pray for the family during this sad period.
- Zoom meeting attendee Tom Moore is getting some oral procedures done. Pray that it will not be to painful and his healing goes well
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky received ***Great News*** on Tues., Feb 14th the results of her latest scan and her pancreatic cancer tumor is stable and has not grown. Becky started radiation on Mon., Feb. 27th for five weeks Mon.—Fri coupled with a chemo infusion at the same time, then six weeks post the radiation. They decide if surgery is an option.
- 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 prayer for Don & Doris Garrick's son-in-law Kurt Ogrinc
- 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

- ***Congratulations*** Michael & Marion Morris' daughter Elizabeth and Nick Wolfhart has a new addition to their family. A baby boy Michael was born on Tues., Feb. 21st. Baby Michael weighed 7lbs 10 oz and is 20 inches long.
- Bob Harvey's stepmother Ernestina Harvey hips have healed and walking with a walker. She also has recovered from covid. She has been discharged from rehab. She now has to sell her home by spring. Pray for the speedy sale of her home
- Bob & Joe Harvey's grandson Jacob had an intake scheduled on Thurs., Feb 16th to evaluate his focusing issues in school. The intake went well now Jacob is on a list to see a Dr. but there is a long waiting list for therapy. Pray he gets an appointment soon
- Marion Samaha's sister Joanne who lives in Florida has asked for prayers for her son Michael who had colon cancer surgery on Thurs., Feb. 16th. The doctors removed a large mass. Michael is still moving slowly but has been discharged from the hospital. They're uncertain if chemotherapy is required
- Marti Hopper's cousin Terry Love had back surgery on Sat., Feb 25th to remove fluid on his spin. Terry was discharged on Wed., Mar. 1st
- Zoom meeting attendee Shanthi's wife Sandhyarani has recovered

Services & Meetings: Week of March 5, 2023

Sunday AM Worship 9:30 am
Sunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES 11:00 am

Wednesday - Pray & Bible Study

****Zoom Meeting** Virtual** 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

*If you are interesting in attending
email: info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com*

Event Calendar

Mar 9th Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm
Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT
Contact : Michael P.

Mar 12th Daylight Savings-Spring Forward— Set your clock(s) ahead **One Hour**

Msr 20th First Day of Spring

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for ALL AGES

Adult Upstairs Class

"Why is singing important to us and to God?"—Jim Hopper

Ongoing Meeting (church building)

⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Tues. 7:00 pm
Rehearsals

⇒ Al-Anon Thurs. 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

⇒ Narcotics Anonymous Thurs. 6:30 pm—9:30 pm

Events



Sunday, March 12th

Daylight Savings Begins 2:00 am
Spring forward -Set your clock(s)
ahead **One Hour**



Monday, March 20th

Welcome Spring
Spring Begins

Wednesday—Pray and Bible Study

****Virtual****

****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!



Weekly Fellowship

Thursday—Bowling fellowship

12:15 pm—2:00 pm
Strikers
840 Federal Rd., Brookfield



