

May 7, 2023



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Danbury church of Christ

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Call to Worship	Lyle LaPlante
Songs	Nick Godano
Communion	Eduardo Pena
Sermon	Joe Lewis
Closing	Gene Pollastro



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>

Through the Fire and Flames

Persecution; defined as the hostility or ill-treatment on the basis of one's appearance, values, and beliefs. For as long as there have been humans, there have been other humans persecuting those humans. The obsession with forcing others to fall in line with a particular way of thought is one that has unfortunately led to an unfathomable amount of death by war, genocide, terrorism, and other horrific massacres throughout history.



We read all about in the Bible the stories of Egyptians persecuting the Israelites, the Romans persecuting the Jewish People, the Jews persecuting Christ and The Early Christian Church, etc. In the present day, I am sure we are all aware of the attack on religious freedom in countries led by militant and communist dictators. The unfortunate fact is that persecution knows no bounds. You do not need to be of a religion, race, ethnicity to persecute and you do not need to be of a religion, race, ethnicity in order to be persecuted. However, today it seems like everyone is claiming to be persecuted. We know this can't be true, but it's definitely the narrative that is being pushed.

As Christians in America in 2023, are we being persecuted? Are we persecuting non-Christians? Are Christians persecuting themselves? I'd say it's a complicated situation...but one advantage we have is that there is a Book that gives us the answers. In our new sermon series "Through the Fire and Flames" we will focus on Daniel 3, where we will figure out what persecution looks like in the Bible and how our God responds to it.

Joe Lewis

Prayer Request

- Marion Samaha had her hearing test on Wed., Apr. 26th to determine if she has a tumor called acoustic neuroma. She is awaiting the results
- Bob & Jo Harvey's grandson Jacob is still on a waiting list for testing and diagnosis
- Sue Kelly's great niece Sydney Shedd is undergoing multiple surgeries to repair a birth defect that prevents her from eating properly
- Marion Morris' friend Patrice Naughton ask for prayers for her brother Rick Naughton who had open heart surgery for aortic aneurysm, two valve replacements and a valve repair
- Nick Godano's friend Maura Perry had one or two gallstones removed
- Sue Barbarotto's friend Susan Aurora has shingles on her head and face; having problems with the veins in her legs. She is going to see her pulmonologist
- Former members Cathy Gibb ask for prayers for her husband Bob Gibb who has Parkinson's which has been progressing. On Wed., March 29th he fell and was admitted to the hospital for five days. He received a slight fracture in his right hip when he fell. He is now in rehab and is receiving OT PT and speech therapy
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who started radiation combined with chemo infusion on Mon., Feb. 27th for five weeks Mon.—Fri. Becky successfully completed the five weeks with little discomfort. The doctors are waiting to see the impact the treatment has made to the tumor. Becky's next scan is scheduled for Wed., May 10th. The hope is that they can operate and remove the cancerous tissue without damaging the critical arteries it is wrapped around
- 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

- ****Great News** New Attendee** - Sheila Moore had a hearing test to determine if she has a tumor called acoustic neuroma. The CAT scan and blood work show no tumor. The problem can be solved with two out patient procedures

Services & Meetings: Week of May 7, 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

May 11th Bowling Fellowship 12:15 pm—2:00 pm
Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT
Contact : Michael P.

May 14th Happy Mother's Day

May 20th Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
If you are interested in attending:
Please call 203-743-4400 or
Email—info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com
Contact: JoAnn S.

May 21st Area-Wide Singing 3:00 pm—4:30 pm
90 Clapboard Ridge Rd—Danbury, CT
Contact: 203-743-4400 or 860-355-0489

Bible Classes

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

Adult Upstairs Class

"Passion, Crucifixion, Resurrection" - Gene Pollastro

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

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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

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Strikers

840 Federal Rd., Brookfield



