

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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PRESIDENTIAL WISDOM

By Ron Bartanen

“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven: we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity: we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were provided by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.” Abraham Lincoln

While President Lincoln decried the spiritual deadness of his time, attributing the horrors of the Civil War to the nation as it was forgetting the God who had blessed its birth and growth, he would, no doubt, be even more anguished today if he could view the nation as having denied its roots. Our culture has gone from Judeo-Christian values, based on the Bible, to being no longer a Christian nation, where amorality prevails, and even to welcome with open arms those who are eager to replace our Constitution with Islamic-shariah law, while, at the same time, attacking Biblical guidelines, becoming totally secular. It surely does not require a great depth of foresight to realize that as a nation our liberties and blessings are in peril. Let us heed the Biblical warning: The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God (Psa. 9:7, but Blessed be the nation whose God is the Lord. (Psa. 33:12)

**Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth! Psa. 46:10**

Pray for the sick:

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Terry Hastings, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Ruth Banks, Michelle Tucker, Brenda Pepper, Robin Anderson, Charles Fooks, Sherry Winter

On-going personal Bible studies

World turmoil; people of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Guyana, Cameroon

Cipolla family

"Celebrate Recovery"

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier

Dale and Maddy

Latin American Missions

Expectant parents to be: Josh and Alexis Donaway-Nov.

Outreach ministry at Outlet Market

Prayer walks -first Sunday each month

Marie Travis; biopsy showed cancer; cont. prayer

Betty Beasley

Fred Sponseller

Pat Tucker; Manor House, rm. 4

Congratulations to Jean on a new granddaughter born to Zachary and Jess Hudson.

Larry Flyer; eyesight, Doris Mathis bro. in-law

All those traveling

CELEBRATE RECOVERY each Monday evening from 6-8 in the FLC.

WOMEN'S STUDIES— "The Good News" study is at Cathy's each Fri. morning; coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. Ladies' Tuesday evening Zoom will resume in the fall.

SPRING CLEANUP should have been completed by now. Thanks to all who helped.

VBS July22-26. See David or Shawn to help.

Gospel Meeting, Temperanceville, July 28-31 with Carey Terry; "Overcoming Troubles of the Heart"; Sun 10 and 11, M-W 7:00.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 7/7-Lanny; 7/14-Shawn

Prayer; 7/7-Joe; 7/14-Vinny

Table; 7/7-Daniel; 7/14-Philip

Song Leader; 7/7-Troy; 7/14-Christian

Announcements/Closing prayer; July-Danny

Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at:
www.laurelcoc.org)

Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday:

Women's Zoom Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's prayer (Shawn's) 7:15 a.m.

Bible Study at building 6:30 p.m.

Friday ladies' Paul study 10:30 a.m.

We invite you to attend any of our service times, and we look forward to welcoming you, and pray that you might find a home here with us in Laurel and with God in heaven as His child.

If you need Media help — connections, addresses, or general questions contact: Don Trader or Julio Brennick

WHO WE ARE

The body of Christ in Laurel, Delaware is a family of believers knit together in love (Colossians 2:2), striving to serve God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24) and carrying the gospel to the lost (Matthew 28:18). We are an autonomous body with Christ only as our head, and elders shepherding the flock of God (Acts 20:28).

We have been entrusted with the gospel (I Thessalonians 2:4) and so it is that we speak. The congregation seeks to uphold the doctrine and practice of the first century church using the only true standard, the Bible, as our guide (2 Peter 1:3). It is our prayer that all would come to a knowledge of the truth and partake in that divine fellowship in the body of Christ, being immersed for the remission of sins, and beginning life anew with Christ as Lord (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1). Our plea is that we might be one in Christ, and serve the Lord faithfully unto death to receive our crown (Revelation 2:10).