

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

October 6, 2024

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### WALKING ON THE WATER

By Charles Caudill

Have you ever wondered why Jesus sent His disciples into that storm? I think He did it because He knew they would differ when they came out. Earlier in the day, they had seen firsthand Jesus feed 5,000 men, besides women and children, with five loaves of bread and two fish. They had served the food and gathered up the leftovers.

They had seen Him heal the leper and even raise the dead, but they didn't know He had authority over the wind and the waves. Jesus revealed Himself to them in the worst experience of their lives. They knew they were dead men. But Jesus defied the impossible conditions to reach them. He walked on the water and through the wind of that killer storm.

When Jesus said "Come" to Peter, he stepped out on the Word. Then why did Jesus rebuke him? He accepted less that he could have had because of his fear and his little faith. The difference between faithful people and unfaithful people is that unfaithful people give up at the first sign of difficulty. Faithful people keep on going. Faithful people are diligent. Faithful people are persistent. Faithful people don't know how to quit. You are never a failure until you quit. God uses tough times to test our persistence.

Listen to Paul's words: "That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet, they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever." (II Cor. 4:15)

The problems you are going through right now are a test of your faithfulness. The answer is to continue to serve God even when life stinks!

**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, Charles Fooks, Goldie Weldon, Pat Tucker. On-going personal Bible studies  
World turmoil; people of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Guyana, Cameroon  
"Celebrate Recovery"  
AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier Dale and Maddy  
Latin American Missions  
Parents to be: Josh and Alexis Donaway-Nov.  
Outreach ministry at Outlet Market  
Prayer walks -first Sunday each month  
Marie Travis has finished her chemo and radiation.  
Donna Sponseller  
Lottie Donahoe will have cardiac cath. Oct. 8 and open heart surgery in Dec. or Jan.  
Christian's friend, Elijah; stroke, in wheelchair  
Our Country and world leaders; election  
Tate Walls; completed 4 surgeries on his leg  
Kallee Wharton; health issues  
Chad White (Myra's nephew) hospitalized in PA  
Cindy (Colleen's sister) breathing difficulty  
Victims of hurricane destruction  
Tony (from CR) and his mother; heart attack

## Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at:  
[www.laurelcoc.org](http://www.laurelcoc.org))

Bible Classes	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.

Tuesday:

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

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

**WOMEN'S STUDIES**— Ladies' Bible study at Cathy's each Fri. morning. Coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. Ladies' Tuesday Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

**Laurel Ladies' Day**, Saturday, Oct. 26. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker-Heather Jones "Who Am I?", a focus on Christian characteristics and how to work towards a life changed for Christ. Check out her weekly podcast with her husband Matt—WINSday Podcast.

**TRAP POND CAMP** Oct. 11-12-13.

### MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 10/6-Dave; 10/13-Lanny Prayer; 10/6-Troy; 10/13-Bobby Table; 10/6-Daniel; 10/13-Julio Song Leader; 10/6-Christian; 10/13-David Announcements/Closing prayer; Chad-Oct.

## 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).