

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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BRIDGING THE GAP

By David Bragg

Hopes that the President would recover were dwindling. Two months had passed since President Garfield was shot twice in the back. Perhaps if they could get him to his ocean retreat in Long Branch, New Jersey, he could find comfort. An entry in his diary reflects his love for that place: "The work and worry of Washington seem very far away as I rest in the large silence of the sea air. I have always felt the ocean was my friend and the sight of it brings rest and peace."

But it would not be an easy feat getting him there. A special train brought Garfield from Washington, but the track ended at a depot some distance from their final destination. The night before his arrival a special crew laid down track for the President's train. When it arrived, the train stalled at the bottom of a hill and had to be pushed to the cottage's door by a group of men.

Great effort was exerted by countless individuals to bridge the gap between the end of the track to their ultimate goal. But the gap could never compare to the incomprehensible gulf separating sinful humanity from their holy God. Mankind stood on the edge of the hopeless task of bridging that gap.

God did have a plan. He sent His son to offer the perfect sacrifice for all the sin ever committed (past, present, future). This was accomplished at the cross, as Paul described: "to reconcile all things unto Himself, having made peace through the blood of the cross" (Colossians 1:20)

**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; cardiac cath. Oct. 8 was successful
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
Wayne Mathis out of hospital

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.
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Men's prayer (Shawn's)	7:15 a.m.
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Bible Study at building	6:30 p.m.
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Friday ladies' Paul study	10:30 a.m.
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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. If you noticed a lot of empty seats, many are at camp.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 10/13-Lanny

Prayer; 10/13-Bobby

Table; 10/13-Julio

Song Leader; 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).