

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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LOOK INTO THE MIRROR

By Johnny Hester

James 1:23-25: *“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the word, this one will be blessed in what he does.”*

Grandpa and his precious tiny granddaughter were sitting together talking when she asked, “Did God make you Grandpa?” “Yes, God made me” the grandfather answered. “Did God make me too?” the little girl asked him. “Yes, He did” the old man responded. For a few minutes the little girl seemed to be studying her grandpa, as well as her own reflection in a nearby mirror. The grandfather wondered what thoughts were running through her innocent, inquisitive mind. At last she broke the silence. “You know what, Grandpa, God’s been doing a lot better job lately.”

A well made mirror does not lie. We may not like mirrors, but we need them to determine whether we are presentable.

To determine whether we are acceptable to God, we need to look continually into the mirror of His word. As we see our reflection in view of what He requires of us, we can make adjustments by bringing our lives into compliance with His will. Thus, according to James, one will be blessed by what he does.

Our Bible classes provide a great opportunity for us to look into God’s word and take stock of where we are in our spiritual lives. If you do not regularly attend any of our Bible class offerings, please give them a try. I think you will discover blessings in your life resulting from consistently looking into the mirror of God’s word.

**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, 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, doing better
Our Country and world leaders; election
Tate Walls; completed 4 surgeries on his leg
Kallee Wharton; health issues
Victims of hurricane destruction
Tony (from CR) and his mother; heart attack
Wayne Mathis is home and doing better
Many who are traveling
Ladies' Day on Saturday

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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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. Come and bring a friend or two.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL next Sunday after worship.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 10/20-Vinny; 10/27-Joe Prayer; 10/20-Danny; 10/27-Vinny Table; 10/20-Christian; 10/27-Shawn Song Leader; 10/20-Daniel; 10/27-Christian 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).