

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

November 10, 2024

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### GOD BLESS AMERICA

By Ronald Bartanen

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psa. 33:12)*

While the above words were spoken of Israel specifically, we make a mistake if we assume they should have no application to any nation that would choose to honor God, recognizing Him as sovereign and respecting His laws. Our nation, from its founding, and contrary to the assertions we hear so much today, has been one that has recognized God and sought His blessings.

I believe God's protective hand has been on this country through its long history. A South American president was quoted as saying, "South America was settled by men who were seeking gold, but North America was settled by men who were seeking God."

Through our history we have been blessed uniquely. We take for granted the freedoms we have, and the blessings other people can only dream of. But who can doubt that the Christian ideals we once honored are rapidly being eroded away? Someone once observed that we have not only gone off the gold standard, thus weakening our economy, but, more importantly, we have gone off the God-standard, jeopardizing our nation. The religion of secular humanism has become our state religion.

In our rush to separate church and state, we have succeeded in separating state from God! Many countries, once considered to be largely Christian, are now under the threat of Islam, and our country may not be far behind. Should we be surprised if the blessings we have cherished are lost? Are we not already in the process? For God to bless America, it is vital that America begin again to bless God!

**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, Donna Sponseller.

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.

Marie Travis has finished her chemo and radiation.

Jenny Brennick as she finally got a visa to come to America and will arrive Nov. 16th.

Our Country and world leaders

Kallee Wharton; health issues

Tony (from CR) and his mother; heart

Lanny, pray for improved vision from eye surgery

Eleanor; pulled muscle and broken pelvis

Cheyenne Mathis; headaches caused by a cyst

**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.

**KID'S GAME NIGHT** 2nd Tuesdays, ages 7+. Dinner, devo, activities, games for the kids.

**LOCK-IN Nov. 15, 6 pm to 10 am.** Thanksgiving meal served at 7, then games, crafts, movies and more.

**GOSPEL MEETING** Nov. 10-13, Keller, VA Church of Christ. Theme: "Pearls of Wisdom for a Problematic World". M-W 7:00 pm. See flyer.

**THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP** Nov. 24th. Sign-up sheet posted today.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Tea and Ornament Exchange, Dec. 14 at 12:00 pm, Cypress Creek Venue, 8982 Morning Glory Farms Rd., Laurel. RSVP to Julie by Dec. 8th at 302-841-0274.

### **MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; 11/10-Christian; 11/17-Shawn Prayer; 11/10-Lanny; 11/17-Chad Table; 11/10-Danny; 11/17 Christian Song Leader; 11/10-David; 11/17-Daniel Announcements/Closing prayer; Vinny-Nov.

## 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.

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).