

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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LEARNING FROM OUR MISTAKES

By Alan Smith

The story is told of two hunters who got a pilot to fly them into the far north for elk hunting. They were quite successful and bagged six big bucks. The pilot came back to pick them up. They started loading the six elk. The pilot objected, telling them the plane could only carry four of the elk and they would have to leave two.

The hunters were infuriated and insistent. They said, "Last year we shot six elk and the pilot let us put them all on board. That plane was the exact same model." Reluctantly, the pilot let them put all six aboard. About fifteen minutes after takeoff, the engine began to sputter, and within seconds they were hurtling to the ground and crashed into the wilderness. Climbing out of the wreckage, one hunter said, "Do you know where we are?" "I think so," replied the other hunter. "This is about a mile from where we crashed last year."

We're so slow to learn at times. We make a mistake and you would think we would never make that mistake again, but we often find ourselves right back where we were.

Two of Jesus' apostles made some terrible mistakes. Judas betrayed Jesus for a handful of coins and Peter denied knowing Jesus, not once, but three times! Both wept bitterly afterward for having failed Jesus.

But the two men responded to their mistakes in very different ways. Judas was so distraught that he didn't think he could go on living. Peter accepted the forgiveness of Jesus, learned from his mistakes, and went on to do powerful things for the kingdom.

Made any mistakes lately? Thanks to Christ, it doesn't have to be the end of the world. But may you learn from them as you grow closer to 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.

Wendy Bowman, surgery Dec. 16th

Our Country and world leaders

Thea's brother, Leland Vickers-loss of eyesight due to macular degeneration

Praise for Jenny Brennick's arrival in US

Lanny, pray for improved vision from eye surgery

Eleanor; pulled muscle and broken pelvis: Polaris, Rm 212, 21 W. Clarke Ave, Suite 1050, Milford, DE 19963

Cheyenne Mathis; headaches caused by a cyst
Lauren Hudson in the passing of her father

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.

WEDDING RECEPTION for Julio and Jenny at the FLC, Nov. 23 at 3:00.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP Nov. 24th. Sign-up sheet posted on back bulletin board.

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; 11/17-Shawn; 11/24-Lanny Prayer; 11/17-Chad; 11/24-Christian Table; 11/17-Christian; 11/24-Daniel Song Leader; 11/17-Daniel; 11/24-Troy Announcements/Closing prayer; Vinny-Nov.

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).