

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

December 1, 2024

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### CAN I COME TOO?

By Alan Smith

Someone has compiled the following list of the all time worst Country and Western song titles:

- Her Teeth Were Stained But Her Heart Was Pure
- I Liked You Better Before I Knew You So Well
- I'm So Miserable Without You It's Like Having You Here
- I Would've Written You a Letter But I Couldn't Spell Yuck
- I Wouldn't Taker Her To A Dogfight Cause I'm Afraid She'd Win
- If You Don't Leave Me Alone I'll Find Someone Else Who Will
- You're the reason Our Kids Are So Ugly
- How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away?
- If You Leave Me, Can I Come Too?

Those are some strange titles, but the last one reminds me of a conversation Jesus had with His disciples the night before His crucifixion. In John 14-17 Jesus talked with His disciples about what to expect after His death. Not Surprisingly, the disciples had a hard time understanding. Jesus kept talking about "going away", but they didn't want to be separated. Jesus tried to comfort them with these words:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

It was hard for the apostles to let go of Jesus. They couldn't imagine life without Him. But Jesus assured them that though His departure was necessary, he would be back to get His followers. If He left them, they could one day come too. Their parting was a time of sorrow, but there were, and are, joyful times ahead (John 16:20). What a great thought for God's children!

Jesus, can I come too?

**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

Lanny, pray for improved vision from eye surgery Eleanor; pulled muscle and broken pelvis; now at home recuperating

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**— Next Ladies' Bible study at Cathy's is **Dec. 6 at 10:30**. Ladies' Tuesday Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

**KID'S GAME NIGHT** Due to the busy holidays, the next **Kid's Night** will be Tues. Jan. 14th.

**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 or use sign up sheet.

**TITUS 2 DISCIPLESHIP** for adult women Dec. 2 from 6-8 pm at Cathy's. See Maria, Taylor or Courtney if you have questions.

**LAUREL PARADE** Dec. 6 at 7 pm. We will have a float and offer hot choc./cookies on Nelson's front porch.

**DEC. FELLOWSHIP MEAL** will be Dec. 29 with a menu of soup and sandwiches.

### **MEN TO SERVE:**

Welcome/Scripture; 12/1-Danny; 12/8-Shawn Prayer; 12/1-Vinny; 12/8-Christian Table; 12/1-David; 12/8-Daniel Song Leader; 12/1-Christian; 12/8-David Announcements/Closing prayer; Shawn-Dec.

## 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' study at Cathy's 10:30 a.m.

1st Sat. men's breakfast 8:30

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).