

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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LIGHT AND INFLUENCE

By Doy Moyer, Vestavia Hills, AL CoC

“This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin” (I John 1:5-7)

Being lights in the world results from following the example of Jesus and walking in His light. Remember the first words that God spoke in Genesis: “Let there be light” (1:3). By the time we get to the end of Scripture, we find that God is the light in heaven (Rev. 22:5). Light bookends all of Scripture, with God Himself being the source. This is no surprise, since God dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see (I Tim. 6:16). God is light!

Now focus for a moment on the fact that Jesus came into this world as light. “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12). It is in this light that Christians are called upon to be lights in this world. We are imitating the ultimate Light, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose image we are reborn. This then is our task: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”. (Mt. 5:14-16)

May God help us to be what He has called us to be, “for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light” (Eph. 5:8).

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and the blood of Jesus His Son
cleanses us from all sin. I Jn 1:7**

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

Our Country and world leaders

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

Eleanor; recovering from broken bones

Cheyenne Mathis; headaches caused by a cyst

Wildfire disaster in California

Rhonda Cipolla recovering from surgery

Pat Tucker; bronchitis

Joseph and Dawn Gray in the loss of their lodge to a fire in TN (Jean's daughter)

Jenny Womersley; upcoming surgeries

WELCOME BACK CAREY TERRY!

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' 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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY each Monday evening from 6-8 in the FLC.

WOMEN'S STUDIES— Ladies' Fri. Bible study at Cathy's with coffee at 10:30 and study at 11:00 and Ladies' Tuesday Zoom at 7:00.

KID'S GAME NIGHT will be Feb. 11th at 5:30.

TITUS 2 DISCIPLESHIP for adult women, third Thursdays, Feb. 20th from 6-8. See Maria, Taylor or Courtney if you have questions.

FIRST PRINCIPLES CLASS is held each Sunday morning in the FLC downstairs classroom and is taught by Danny Snyder.

GOSPEL MEETING with Carey Terry will be January 26-29 each evening at 6:30.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY, Jan. 26. CONGRATULATION TO WAYNE MATHIS upon retiring.

WALL CALENDAR for 2025 is up in the office.

SAVE THE DATE LADIES-Mar. 29 Women to Women workshop, 9-12 in the FLC.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 1/26-David; 2/2-Vinny

Prayer; 1/26-Bobby; 2/2-Julio

Table; 1/26-Dale; 2/2-Shawn

Song Leader; 1/26-Christian; 2/2-David

Announcements/Closing prayer; Jan.-Danny

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).