

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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CAN WE REALLY BE LIKE JESUS? (I John 2:3-6)

When thinking about the earthly life of Jesus Christ, it is nothing short of extraordinary. From His humble birth in a manger, to His ministry to the multitudes, we are fascinated by His composure, compassion, and character. He reached out to the rich and the poor, the popular and the unpopular, without partiality. Having the full measure of the Holy Spirit, He performed amazing healing miracles including bringing the dead back to life. Yes, when we consider the life of Jesus, it is remarkable.

Thus the perceived dilemma of I John 2:3-6. ***“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”*** Walk (live) just as Jesus walked? How is that possible? Why would God ask us to do the impossible? The truth is, He never would.

Not only does this passage encourage us to be like Jesus, but there are others as well. Matthew 11:29, John 13:15, and I Peter 2:21 all tell us to exemplify the life of Christ. We do this by being humble, compassionate, giving, sacrificial, and possessing the servant’s attitude. We may not be able to heal the sick, raise the dead or walk on water, but we can take on the character of the Christ and thus be like Jesus!

**Walk in the light as He is in the light...
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, Leland Vickers, Eleanor Roulis, Cheyenne Mathis, Jenny Womersley, Cipollas

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
Eleanor's friend, Louisa; surgery at UM, Baltimore
Ginger; eye issue
Donna Walls, Stephen Mathis' M-I-L on palliative care
Brandon Conaway-mitral valve requiring heart surgery

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' 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 Mar. 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.

WALL CALENDAR for 2025 is up in the office.

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

SAVE THE DATE MEN— Men's Day, April 26.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL next Sunday, Feb. 23.

MEN TO SERVE:

Welcome/Scripture; 2/16-Danny; 2/23-Dave Prayer; 2/16-David; 2/23-Chad Table; 2/16-Lanny; 2/23-Daniel Song Leader; 2/16-Troy; 2/23-Christian Announcements/Closing prayer-Christian-Feb.

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).