

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

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### HOW DO YOU GET TO HEAVEN?

By Alan Smith

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday school class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all the money to the church, would that get me to heaven?"

"NO!" the children all answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into heaven?" Again, they all answered, "NO!" "Well then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my wife, would that get me into heaven?" Again they all answered, "NO!"

"Well then, how do I get into heaven?" A five year old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!"

As Christians, we ought to be able to see death as a door to the place where we want most to be—the presence of God. Death is only something to fear if it means leaving behind all of the things that we love the most. If our love for material things is greater than our love for God, then death is a terrible thing and nothing to look forward to. But if our life has been spent developing a relationship with our heavenly Father, then death is the opportunity to go home.

We know that our body—the tent that we live in here on earth—will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made with human hands; instead it will be a home in heaven that will last forever. But now we groan in this tent. While we live in this body, we have burdens, and we groan. We want to be clothed with our new heavenly home. This is what God made us for, and He has given us the Spirit to be a guarantee for this new life. So we always have courage. We know that while we live in this body, we are away from the Lord. (II Cor. 5:1-6)

**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; now home after surgery  
Ginger and Lanny; improved vision after eye issues  
Donna Walls, Stephen Mathis' M-I-L on palliative care in a hospital in NC  
Brandon Conaway-mitral valve requiring heart surgery  
Ruth Banks-now in nursing home  
Jenny Womersley-upcoming surgery this week  
All of our number that are traveling

## 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.
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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. See Courtney, Taylor or Maria.

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

**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** today following worship. We would love you to stay and enjoy with us.

### **MEN TO SERVE:**

Welcome/Scripture; 2/23-Dave; 3/2-Lanny

Prayer; 2/23-Chad; 3/2-Bobby

Table; 2/23-Daniel; 3/2-Julio

Song Leader; 2/23-Christian; 3/2-David

Announcements/Closing prayer-Christian-Feb.; Vinny-Mar.

## 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).