

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

March 16, 2025

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### STOP SIGNS

By Wayne Mathis

The post read that there was an accident with entrapment at the intersection of Whitesville Road and Old Stage Road. As I read it I thought of a conversation with a friend recently who said that stop signs, especially four way stops were unnecessary and a waste of money; and he mentioned this intersection which he often uses as an example. But it is obvious that someone disregarded a stop sign that caused the accident and entrapment that day.

In the same way there are “stop signs” along a Christian’s journey that prevent entrapments into greater sins. If David had seen the stop sign “Do not lust” and obeyed it, we would not read of the darkest time in his life. If Joseph’s brothers had seen “Do not be angry” with him, he would not have been sold into slavery and they would not have lived in the darkness of guilt and shame. Conversely, Joseph saw “Do good to those who hate you” and he forgave and cared for them.

Temptations come in a small way but there is always the entrapment behind them. God’s “stop signs” are not there to restrict but to protect. “I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You” (Psalm 119:11 NLT). “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105).

Walk in the light of God’s word so you can clearly see His “stop signs” on your journey. And pay attention to them.

**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

"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

Brandon Conaway-mitral valve requiring heart surgery

Ruth Banks-now in nursing home

Jenny Womersley recovering from surgery

Travelers

Expectant parents Noah and Emma; Zach and

Courtney

Dale's grandmother for continued improvement

**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.

**TITUS 2 DISCIPLESHIP** for adult women, Mar. 20, 6-8 pm at Maria Cannon's.

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

**SAVE THE DATES LADIES**—Mar. 29 Women to Women workshop, 9-12 in the FLC. May 17th, Seaford Ladies' Day, 9-1. Theme: One In the Spirit, One In the Lord.

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

**TODAY AT EASTON CoC:** Singing at 2:30, speakers from 3:15 to ? including Wayne Mathis at 4:00. Let's support our Easton family.

**SPRING SING AT SEAFORD CoC** April 13th, 2:30-4:00, refreshments following.

### **MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; 3/16-Christian; 3/23-Philip Prayer; 3/16-Danny; 3/23-Lanny Table; 3/16-Shawn; 3/23-David Song Leader; 3/16-Christian; 3/23-Troy Announcements/Closing prayer-Vinny-Mar.

## 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).