

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

September 4, 2022

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### THE LAST BEST HOPE OF EARTH

One month before signing the Emancipation Proclamation, Abraham Lincoln wrote a letter to Congress in which he addressed freeing the country's slaves. In it, Lincoln stressed the importance of doing the right thing to "save our country", which he described as "the last best hope of earth."

I want to borrow and amend Lincoln's words. The family unit in America is under attack from many sides: radical feminism, which denies the value of husbands and fathers; gay rights advocates who push for the endorsement of same-sex marriages; divorce and remarriage for any reason; people living together outside the bond of marriage—just to name a few.

Yet, God says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Psa. 127:1). When it comes to modeling for our world what the home should look like, the church of Jesus Christ is "the last best hope of earth".

When we admit that God both knows and wants what is best for us (Psa. 147:5; I Pet. 5:7), it should be easier to trust and obey Him in everything. God wants your family to succeed. He wants your home to be happy and stable. He wants your marriage to be a small taste of heaven on earth. He wants your relationship with your spouse and kids to be healthy and happy. But the key to experiencing all those things is to build our homes according to His design.

In matters pertaining to the home, God has spoken regarding:

- Marriage being between man and woman (Gen. 2:18-24)
- The roles of husband and wife (Eph. 5:22-33)
- The responsibility of parents to children (Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:4-9)
- The role of children to parents (Eph. 6:2)
- The importance of intimacy (I Cor. 7:1-5)
- The eternal consequences of adultery (Heb. 13:4)
- The permanence of marriage (Matt. 19:6)
- Acceptable and unacceptable divorce (Matt. 19:3-12)
- The proper conduct of spouses to each other

God has said much. We are unwise if we refuse to hear and heed His words. Eddie Parrish, Brown Trail Church of Christ

**Encourage one another in love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23-24**

**Pray for the sick:** You may not know some of them, but God knows them and their needs, so let's lift them up.

Dave Newberry, Terry Hastings, Sandi Holt, Michelle Tucker, Pat Tucker; continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

Myra's sister Connie

Jenny Womersley and family

Goldie Weldon; foot problems

Maddie's Aunt Susan, early lung cancer and Dale's cousin's baby, Hudson; Dale's grandmother; friend

Molly who disappeared and her family and children.

Butch Womersley; health and safety

All our members that are traveling

All those battling COVID

Teachers and students returning to school

Cindy Wilson (part of our Tues. Zoom) lumbar fusion

**LADIES' ZOOM:** Tuesdays at 7:30

**LADIES' DAY** at Chesapeake CoC, Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9-1. Speaker is Leanna Boyer and topic is "Once Upon An Apron". Lunch will be served. RSVP: chesapeakecoc@gmail.com

**LADIES DAY AT LAUREL OCT. 22** Please return your questionnaire to Ginger concerning jobs you are willing to do or help with.

**TRAP POND CAMP** Oct. 14-15-16. See Daniel to help with that.

**NEW ADDRESS** (add to your directory)

Troy and Amy Mathis and family

731 Hwy 70 W, Unit 4

Alamagordo, NM 88310

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Paul 9/4; Dale 9/11

Prayer; Lanny 9/4; Christian 9/11

Table; ? 9/4; Daniel 9/11

Announcements/Closing prayer; John-Sept.

Song Leader; Daniel 9/4; Troy 9/11

## 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.

Teen Devo 6:00 p.m.

Thursday:

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study at building 6:30 p.m.

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).