

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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MORE, PLEASE

By Eddie Parrish, Brown Trail Church of Christ

Ralph Kramden, the loveable oaf portrayed on television by Jackie Gleason in the 1950's, found it easy to put his foot in his mouth. When asked why he didn't treat Alice, his wife, in the same romantic way he did before they were married, he replied, "Why keep running after you catch the bus?" His misguided philosophy not only illustrates what is all too often the case in marriages, it also has found a place in the relationships that some Christians have with God. The tragedy is, that whether in marriage or Christianity, giving up the pursuit weakens the relationship.

Four times in the sacred text it is said of Moses that he encountered God 'face to face' (Ex. 33:11; Num. 12:8; Deut. 5:4; 34:10) Can you imagine how satisfying it must have been for Moses to be closer to God than anyone else (Deut. 34:10) One might be tempted to think that Moses would rest in that satisfaction thinking that it could get no better. To borrow from the example above, Moses had "caught the bus". Why keep running? It seems that the closer Moses became to God, the more he pursued Him. In Ex. 33:18, having already experienced "face to face" communication with God, Moses requested more. "Please, show me Your glory," he asked.

Not only do we live beneath our privileges, but we actually weaken our relationship with God when we stop seeking Him, because we know that in some sense, we have already found Him. Let not the fact that you have pursued and found Him before keep you from pursuing Him still. Seek Him today. Then seek Him again.

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; Molly's children and family. Her alleged killer was caught in Mexico.

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.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Dale 9/11; Bobby 9/18
Prayer; Christian 9/11; Julio 9/18
Table; Daniel 9/11; David 9/18
Announcements/Closing prayer; John-Sept.
Song Leader; Troy 9/11; Dave 9/18



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).

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.
Teen Devo	6:00 p.m.

Thursday:

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

Bible Study at building	6:30 p.m.
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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