

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO GOOD

By Jonathan Burns, Sparta, TN

We live in the land of opportunity. Every person has the opportunity to do an extremely vast number of things each day. We have choices when it comes to employment. We have choices when it comes to living. We have choices when it comes to entertainment. We have so many choices that usually we have a hard time choosing what we are going to do.

Many times, if we are honest, we have so many choices that we are distracted to what is really important. Notice Galatians 6:9-10: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." I believe there are four important words in this passage: if, not, opportunity, do.

IF: The truth is that not one person is forced to be a Christian and live the Christian life. "IF" we are willing to live the Christian life we can do good.

NOT: If we are willing to do good, and if we are willing to faint **not** then we can be people who follow after Christ. The **not** means that we must be willing to never give up.

OPPORTUNITY: Each of us have the **opportunity** to do good in our lives. It is right in front of us and we must be willing to open our eyes.

DO: We must be willing to **do** good, not wait for someone else to do good but willing to find people to help.

The truth is that we have so many opportunities; opportunities to invite someone to church services; opportunities to help someone who is hurting; opportunities to change lives, if we are willing to do good. Someone is depending on you!

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.

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

Dave Newberry facing weekly oral chemotherapy in Columbus, Ohio. Concern over his MRI this week.

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.

Butch Womersley; health and safety

All our members that are traveling

All those battling COVID

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

Our elders and deacons

Leaders of our country, cities and states

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. Pray and invite!

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

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL next Sunday, 9/25.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Bobby 9/18; Philip 9/25

Prayer; Julio 9/18; ? 9/25

Table; David 9/18; Christian 9/25

Announcements/Closing prayer; John-Sept.

Song Leader; Dave 9/18; David 9/25

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.

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).