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AN EASY TO REMEMBER OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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It isn't uncommon today to hear someone say that it is impossible to understand the Bible. It seems to me that this is a reflection on God. Is God not powerful enough, smart enough, and loving enough to give us a book we can understand? Certainly, He is. The problem, therefore, when it comes to understanding the Bible, lies with men, not with God.

We shouldn't make the Bible harder to understand than it is. Here is a simple, easy to remember overview of the New Testament:

Think of Matthew through John as the "Belief Section". These four books were written to inform us of the life of Christ and to produce faith in our hearts (John 3:16; 8:24; 20:30-31)

Think of the Book of Acts as the "Unique Section". Acts is unique in that it is the only book of the Bible that gives us an example of a person becoming a Christian. There are 10 such examples in Acts. Some examples include more details than others. Studying Acts, you will find that belief is mentioned in 6 examples, repentance in 1, confession in 1, and baptism in all 10. But since the Lord requires all who are in sin to believe, repent, confess, and be baptized, we safely conclude that all who were saved in the book of Acts did all these things.

Think of Romans through Jude as the "How to Live Section". These books were written to instruct Christians how to live in Christ. While studying this section, it will be helpful to remember that these books were written to those who had become Christians already.

Then, think of the Book of Revelation as the "Victory Section". This book was written to encourage Christians to remain faithful to Christ that they might receive eternal life (Revelation 2:10).

There you have it—all the New Testament. If you can keep these simple divisions in mind, you can understand the Word of God.

**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, Dave Newberry; 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
Butch Womersley; health and safety
All our members that are traveling
All those battling COVID
Our elders and deacons
Leaders of our country, cities and states
Amy Mathis in continuing job search
Vinnie asked for prayers for his wife, Sandy
Will Hudson; procedure at Children's Hosp. in D.C. this past week

Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at: www.laurelcoc.org)

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| Bible Classes | 9:00 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Teen Devo | 6:00 p.m. |

Thursday:

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

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| 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

LADIES' ZOOM: Tuesdays at 7:30

LADIES DAY AT LAUREL OCT. 22 See Ginger if you need a job. We can all be praying and inviting!

TRAP POND CAMP Oct. 14-15-16. See Daniel to help with that. Meeting today after worship.

CORNHOLE ANYONE? First annual cornhole tournament. Teams and singles. Sunday, Oct. 30 at 1:00 pm. Food and games at Cathy Hudson's house.

CHANGE OF DATE: Ladies' Christmas Tea has been moved from Dec. 17th to Dec. 10th. Mark your calendars so you won't miss this event.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Dave 10/9; Lanny 10/16
Prayer; Bobby 10/9; Troy 10/16
Table; Daniel 10/9; Julio 10/16
Announcements/Closing prayer; Shawn-Oct.
Song Leader; Troy 10/9; Paul 10/16

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).