

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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A GREAT WEAPON AGAINST TEMPTATION

By Jay Launius, Maud, CoC, Maud, TX

We all face temptation. Satan is going to make sure that none of us are exempt. We read In I Corinthians 10:13 that it is a common challenge for all people but those who are in God's family will be provided ways to resist and eliminate temptation. One great weapon we can use against the devil and his enticements is wisdom. Wisdom is available to every Christian who asks God for it (James 1:5) and can help us make good choices when we're tempted. But this is nothing new; long ago the wise man of Proverbs wrote about the advantages of using wisdom against evil (Proverbs 2).

When wisdom enters our hearts (minds) and we use knowledge wisely, discretion will be key to keeping us from sinful things. Wisdom will help us recognize social pressure which gives the desire to "go along with the crowd" and participate in things not pleasing to God. Wisdom shows us that resisting physical desire contrary to wholesomeness (substance use, sex, dishonest behavior) will only give temporary pleasure that can lead to more trouble down the road.

James 1:6-7 warns us that the Christian who doesn't tap into the free offer of wisdom will be "wishy-washy" in their struggle with temptation and sin. Doubting ourselves and God, can and will have devastating results in one's spiritual life. But we can be happy to know that asking God for, and receiving wisdom can lead us down the path of righteousness and a life that is pleasing to 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; Myra's sister, Connie; continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

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

Vinnie asked for prayers for his wife, Sandy

Norma Hudson asked for prayers in her recent diagnosis of Parkinson's.

Upcoming election

Thankful Bobby Phillips received a good report.

Cipolla family in their work with children.

James Simmons (Rodney's son) hospitalized.

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

LADIES' ZOOM: Tuesdays at 7:30

WEARY NOT IN WELL DOING— October has been a busy month with Youth Camp last weekend and Ladies' Day this weekend. Both were wonderful events that required a lot of work from our members. All those who helped in any way are to be commended for your willingness to work and for a job well done!

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

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY October 23. We would love for all visitors and members to stay and enjoy.

MEN TO SERVE; (info not available)

Welcome/Scripture;

Prayer;

Table;

Announcements/Closing prayer; Shawn-Oct.

Song Leader;

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).