

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

October 30, 2022

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### GOD'S MIRROR

By Mark Lindley, Chapman CoC, Ripley, MS

Chances are good that you have looked at yourself in a mirror today. Usually, viewing our physical appearance is one of the first things we do after getting out of bed in the morning. We do this because we know there are some changes which need to be made. We need to brush our hair, put on makeup, shave, etc.

Though we want our physical appearance to be appealing, we should be more concerned about our spiritual attractiveness.

The Scriptures teach that God has a spiritual mirror which enables us to view ourselves spiritually. James wrote, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass; For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:22-25)

Just suppose that one looked at himself in the mirror, saw that corrections in his physical appearance needed to be made, and then walked away making no changes. If one did that, looking in the mirror would be useless. Why look to see if changes need to be made in one's physical appearance, if he is not willing to make those changes?

By the same logic, it does no good to look into "the perfect law of liberty" (God's Word), realize that changes need to be made spiritually, and then fail to make those changes. This is why it is stressed in the above passage that we are to be "doers" of the word. Hearing only is not sufficient. Application of what is heard must be made, otherwise, as James wrote, we "deceive ourselves".

Let's resolve to look often into God's Word to see what spiritual changes we need to make. Seeing the need for change, let's love the Lord and His Word enough to change for Him.

**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; Norma Hudson, Bobby Phillips, 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

Upcoming election

Cipolla family in their work with children.

Launching of 'Celebrate Recovery'

Ace Himes and family in passing of Libby

## 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

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

**FIRST ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT TODAY** at 1:00, Cathy Hudson's house. Food, games.

**INTERIOR DECORATOR** will be here Wed. at 5:00 to meet with anyone interested in hearing about some ideas and colors for main building.

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

The new 'Celebrate Recovery' ministry will be starting Nov. 7th and will be meeting every Monday thereafter. O.R. Leslie and his wife, Brenda, are coming from Texas and will be here to answer any questions you may have about this ministry on Sunday, Nov. 6th from 1:00-2:30.

**TIME CHANGE:** Clocks go back one hour next weekend.

### MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Bobby-30th; Danny-6th.

Prayer; Vinny-30th; John-6th.

Table; Philip-30th; David-6th.

Announcements/Closing prayer; Shawn-30th;

Dave-6th

Song Leader; Daniel-30th; Troy F.— 6th

## 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).