

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

November 6, 2022

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### TAMPERING WITH THE ELECTION

By Kerry Duke, West End CoC, Livingston, TN

Voter fraud is not new. Politics brings out the worst in people—pride, greed, lust for power, and dishonesty. Many times in our history men have used intimidation, false registration, bribery, and vote alteration to steal elections. Perhaps just as often it is very hard to prove these crimes in court.

There is another election that is exceedingly more serious. The Bible says that Christians are the “elect of God” (Col. 3:12). Thankfully we are not elected by a human vote. When we are baptized for the remission of sins, God adds us to the church. Upon the basis of that decision God chooses or elects us. That is the only election result that truly matters. There is attempted fraud in this spiritual election just as there is cheating in political elections.

**MISCOUNTING**—Some teach that everyone or almost everyone will go to heaven. This is not true. Do people even know what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount? Matt. 7:13-14; “Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life and there are few who find it.”

**COERCION**—Others believe man has no part in the process of divine election. They say we can do nothing to be saved. God desires all men to be saved (I Tim. 2:4) but the choice is ours. “Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely” (Rev. 22:17).

**DISQUALIFICATION**—God’s elect are not chosen unconditionally. Christians have the duty to remain faithful. Paul said, “But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified: (I Cor. 9:27). Christians sometimes overturn their own election.

There is a way to avoid any problem with this election. After listing the Christian graces, Peter said we should “be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble” (II Pet. 1:10). This is election integrity.

**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

**THANKS TO CATHY** for the fun Cornhole tournament last Sunday. It was enjoyed by all!

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

O.R. Leslie and his wife, Brenda, are with us today from Texas to answer any questions you may have about our new ministry "Celebrate Recovery". Today, 1:00-2:30 in the FLC.

**SEAFORD HYMN SING** Nov. 13th at 2:30.

### TEENS ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR SUSSEX CO.

**FOSTER CARE ASSOC. FOR CHRISTMAS:** Bring in body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste/brushes, baby wipes, games and books, for all ages. Place in the box in the entryway of FLC. Deadline is Nov. 20th. See Rhonda for other items needed. Thanks for any and all help!

### MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Danny-6th; Christian-13th  
Prayer; John-6th; Lanny-13th  
Table; David-6th; Troy-13th  
Announcements/Closing prayer; Dave-Nov.  
Song Leader; Troy F.- 6th; Paul-13th

## 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).