

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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PEACE IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE

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The following story ran a number of years ago in the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*. "The man who spotted targets for American bombers over Hiroshima in August 1945 has been laid to rest in Texas soil after searching the last 33 years for some peace in his life. Claude Robert Earthley was a 24 year Air Force pilot who picked out Hiroshima through a hole in the clouds and radioed the Enola Gay to bomb her primary targets. He died this past Saturday from cancer in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Houston."

He had been discharged from the service in 1947 following numerous psychiatric tests that indicated severe neurosis and guilt complex. Doctors said that he told them that he felt personally responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Japanese. In 1960, the Van Alstyne, Texas, native told reporters that he had not had any sleep in 15 years. "There is no peace", he said.

One of the primary definitions for the word peace is an "inner calm or tranquility". Inner peace is something that all men search for, and yet for various reasons, few ever really find it. There are many people in the world, and some in the Lord's church as well, that struggle, as Mr. Earthley did, with their own personal demons and thus they never really enjoy the peace that God intends for all of our lives (John 14:1-3; 16:33).

If God intended for us to have peace in our lives, and Jesus says repeatedly that it is peace that we have in Him, then why do so many people live lives characterized by anything but peace? Sometimes it's because they have never come to the only source of peace, and that is God. There is no peace in life apart from God! Obey the gospel of Christ, and walk faithfully afterwards to experience true peace!

**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

Cipolla family in their work with children.

Launching of 'Celebrate Recovery'

Ace Himes

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: Now Tuesdays at 7:00

CELEBRATE RECOVERY kicked off last Monday and will continue each Monday evening from 6-9 in the FLC. Meal at 6, meeting 7-9.

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!

CHRISTMAS TEA/ORNAMENT EXCHANGE has been rescheduled for **Dec. 3rd at 12:00 noon.**

TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL will be next Sunday, Nov. 20th. There is a sign-up sheet today with items that are needed.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Christian-13th; Vinny-20th.

Prayer; Lanny-13th; Philip-20th.

Table; Troy-13th; Christian-20th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Dave-Nov.

Song Leader; Paul-13th; David-20th

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).