

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

December 18, 2022

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### JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN

By Ed Sterchi, Campbellsville, KY

In Mark 10:1-16 we see Jesus sitting in a house doing some teaching when people started bringing children to Him. At first, the disciples of Christ forbade this from happening. But then we see that Jesus got upset and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it". Then Jesus took the children up in His arms and blessed them.

In this beautiful account, we see Jesus' opinion of children, for here we can see four actions from our Savior that prove His love for them.

**Jesus made Himself available for children.** He was in a position for people to bring the children to Him. He was willing and receptive. When you love someone, you make time for them. Jesus made time for children.

**Jesus was angry when injustice was done to children.** He was indignant that they were not allowed access to Him. They had just as much right as anyone else to be in His presence.

**Jesus likened the kingdom of God to children.** Little children are pure, innocent, humble, and so is the church that belongs to Christ. To be saved, we must become helplessly dependent on Him—like a little child.

**Jesus hugged children.** He took them up in His arms. He touched them and blessed them. What a beautiful, tender moment that demonstrates how much He loved and cared for them! Every day we hear of parents and other trusted adults abusing children verbally, physically, and sexually. How horrible and tragic that is. But also, another tragedy occurs when parents do not take their children to Jesus, to His church, or to Bible study where they can learn more about a Savior that cares for them.

Remember that Jesus loves your little children. Take them to Him. He will bless them.

**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

Butch Womersley; health and safety

All our members that will be traveling for holidays

All those battling COVID

Our elders and deacons

Cipolla family in their work with children.

Launching of 'Celebrate Recovery'

Ace Himes

Several who have a flu like stomach bug.

Robin Matthews and son C.W.—head on collision; transferred to Hopkins

Michelle Tucker, COVID, travel plans affected

**LADIES' ZOOM:** Now Tuesdays at 7:00

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

**FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK** cancelled for Dec.

**MANY THANKS** to all who helped in supporting the family for Christmas.

**Christmas Caroling** will be TODAY Dec. 18th. Meet at the FLC at 3:00.

**DATES AND EVENTS** you may be planning for 2023 can be given to Diane to be added to the wall calendar in the office.

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Daniel-18th; Julio-25th

Prayer; Julio-18th; Paul-25th

Table; Danny-18th; Shawn-25th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Philip—Dec.

Song Leader; David-18th; Daniel-25th

## 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

## 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).