

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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FOLLOWING THE PATTERN IN THE NEW YEAR

By Joe Slater

What do you suppose God's people were doing on New Year's Day roughly 3500 years ago? Would you believe they were putting up the tabernacle? *"On the first day of the first month, you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting."* (Exodus 40:1) *"And it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was raised up"* (40:17).

Earlier in Exodus (chapters 25-31) God had given Moses explicit and detailed instructions about the tabernacle and all of its furnishings, beginning with this exhortation: *"According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings; just so shall you make it"* (25:9). The Lord repeated this command several times as He specified the dimensions, materials, design, etc. of the tabernacle and its furnishings. *"And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain"* (25:40). *"And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain"* (26:30). *"As it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it"* (27:8).

Moses and the Israelites took God seriously! *"Thus Moses did; according to all that the Lord had commanded him, so he did"* (Ex. 40:16)

The tabernacle and things associated with it were a shadow of the better things Jesus Christ established in the New Covenant. The Hebrews writer taught that we ought to be even more diligent to be faithful in the New Covenant than Moses and the Israelites were in the Old Covenant (Hebrews 2:1-4; 10:28-31).

In this new year, let us renew our determination to follow God's pattern set forth in the New Testament.

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 those battling COVID

Our elders and deacons

Cipolla family in their work with children.

'Celebrate Recovery'

Ace Himes

Robin Matthew's mother, Grace Peterson, victim of carjacking and assault; C.W. and his recovery.

Kelly's cousin, Phil Taylor; kidney surgery

Vinny; eye appt. in Wilmington the 16th and new baby granddaughter, Emma. Congratulations!

From Community: Daniel Parker and Barbara Anderson, both with terminal cancer.

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

JANUARY 29-Feb. 1, Carey Terry Lesson Series "Being Fully Assured That What God Has Promised, He Is Able To Perform" Rom. 4:21

Sunday Jan 29; 9:00 Bible class; 10:00 sermon, **Potluck Fellowship Meal**, 6:30 sermon Monday through Wednesday; 6:30 each evening

CAMP MANATAWNY REGISTRATION opens Jan. 15. See Philip if you need sponsorship code.

STAFFING NURSERY; see Rhonda to volunteer

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Shawn-15th; Paul-22nd Prayer; Bobby-15th; Lanny-22nd Table; Philip-15th; Dave-22nd Announcements/Closing prayer; Daniel-15th Song Leader; David-15th; Daniel-22nd

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).