Laurel Church of Christ Family Focus

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A VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it is not rude, it is not self seeking; it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." I Cor. 13:4-7

Lord, because love is patient: Help me to be slow to judge, but quick to listen; hesitant to criticize but eager to encourage, remembering your endless patience with me.

Because love is kind: Help my words to be gentle and my actions to be thoughtful. Remind me to smile and to say "Please" and "Thank you" because those little things still mean so much.

Because love does not envy or boast and is not proud: Help me have a heart that is humble and sees the good in others. May I celebrate and appreciate all that I have and all that I am, as well as doing the same for others.

Because love is not rude or self seeking: Help me to speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart. Remind me there's a big world out there full of needs and hurts.

Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs: Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me. When I want to hold onto a grudge, gently help me release it and reach out in love.

Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth: Help me stand up for what is right and good. May I defend the defenseless and help the helpless. Show me how I can make a difference.

Because love always protects and always trusts: Help me be a refuge for those around me. When the world outside is harsh and cold, may my heart be a place of acceptance and warmth.

Finally, because love always perseveres: Help my heart continually beat with love for You and others.

In Christ's name, Amen

Pray for the sick: You may not know some of them but God knows them and their needs, so let's lift them up to Him!

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Terry Hastings; Sandi Holt, Michelle Tucker, Pat Tucker, Dave Newberry, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Bobby Phillips, Grace Peterson, C.W. Matthews, Ace Himes, Butch and Jenny Womersley and family.

All those battling COVID
On-going personal Bible studies
World turmoil; people of Russia and Ukraine
Our elders and deacons
Cipolla family and their work with children
"Celebrate Recovery"

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Barbara Anderson, with terminal cancer; Mike Lowe, open heart surgery; the Pugh family in the loss of Jamin Pugh and healing and recuperation for his daughters, Gracie and Jayleigh Pugh; Wesley Collins, heart attack. **CELEBRATE RECOVERY** will continue each Monday evening from 6-9 in the FLC. Meal at 6, meeting 7-9.

SUPER BOWL PARTY at Cathy's TODAY at 5:30. Welcome to bring favorite Super Bowl finger food.

PAUL BIBLE STUDY will resume at Cathy's on Feb. 24th. Fellowship/coffee at 10:30; 11:00-12:00 Bible study. She has more workbooks if needed.

WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP Mar. 18th.

MEN'S DAY April 29th. Mark your calendars.

STAFFING NURSERY; see Rhonda to volunteer

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Philip-12th; Danny-19th Prayer; Vinny-12th; David-19th Table; Christian-12th; Lanny-19th Announcements/Closing prayer; John-February Song Leader; David-12th; Daniel-19th

Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at: www.laurelcoc.org)

Friday ladie's Paul study

Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday:
Women's Zoom Study 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Men's prayer (Shawn's) 7:30 a.m.
Bible Study at building 6:30 p.m.
Thursday
Men's Bible study (Philip's) 8:30 a.m.

We invite you to attend any of our service times, and we look forward to welcoming you, and pray

If you need Media help — connections, addresses, or general questions contact: Don Trader or Julio Brennick

10:30 a.m.

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).