

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

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### WORSE THAN BEFORE THE FLOOD?

By Joe Slater

Are world conditions really getting worse, or are we more aware of them due to 24/7 news, the internet, and other communications media? Very likely, it's both!

In the USA, about a million pre-born humans are slaughtered every year in the abortuaries. While that's bad enough, the latest estimates place the number at 56 million annually worldwide. Then throw in such issues as homosexual "marriage" and the bathroom wars, mass shootings, increasingly violent protests, insanely vulgar and volatile political rhetoric....has the entire world gone crazy?

As much as I lament the steady moral decline in human behavior, I disagree with the declaration I've heard so often: "It's worse than before the flood!" No, actually, it's not.

I wonder if we even comprehend how awful it was in the days of Noah. *"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"* (Gen. 6:5). Feature it if you can: everywhere Noah looked, violence was the rule, not the exception. He literally could not trust anyone. He was not safe anywhere, including his own home. He and his family were, quite literally, the only ones in the entire world who cared one bit about God and His will.

Yes, our world is wicked and appears to be in decline—but we should thank God that we do not face the degree of evil that characterized Noah's world. And if Noah could be a "preacher of righteousness" in the face of unparalleled vice (2Pet. 2:5), then surely we can use our influence to be the salt of the earth and light of the world as Jesus taught (Matthew 5:13-16).

**He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises. 2 Peter 1:4**

**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"  
Daniel and Christine; expecting a little one  
Wayne and Doris Mathis; car accident, Doris has a broken collarbone

**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; Dotty, 6 yr old mauled by dog.

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

**PAUL BIBLE STUDY** has resumed at Cathy's each Friday morning. Fellowship/coffee at 10:30; 11:00-12:00 Bible study. She has more work books if needed.

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL** today. Please stay and enjoy with us!

**WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP** Mar. 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the FLC. Bring your notebooks.

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

**STAFFING NURSERY;** see Rhonda to volunteer

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Dave-26th; Lanny-5th Prayer; Paul-26th; Bobby-5th. Table; Daniel-26th; Julio-5th. Announcements/Closing prayer; John-February; David-Mar. Song Leader; Troy-26th; Paul-5th.

## 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.

Tuesday:

Women's Zoom Study	7:00 p.m.
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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.
Friday ladies' Paul study	10:30 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

## 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).