

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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HE WHO COMPLAINS, VOLUNTEERS

By Joe Slater

Pity the poor souls who see it as their God-given duty to nit-pick and find fault with anything and everything at church! You see my personal philosophy about such behavior in this article's title. Could we improve? Most assuredly! But rolling up your sleeves will bring positive changes more effectively than pointing fingers.

Isaac Watts (1674-1749) complained to his father about the dull, lifeless songs in their Sunday assembly. His father challenged him: "Well then, young man, why don't you give us something better to sing?" He did! For the next two years Watts wrote a new song each week for their Sunday service. We still use dozens of his songs such as "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" and "Joy To The World."

In Acts 6 the Hellenist (Jews from Greek speaking areas) in the church complained that their widows were being neglected by the Hebrew brethren in the daily distribution. Was their grievance legitimate? Evidently so, for the apostles developed a plan to remedy it. In Acts 6 they appointed seven men over this business. Observe the names of the chosen men in verse 5. Every one of them is a Greek name. Whether any or all of them had personally lodged the complaint we know not. But the church wisely selected them to make certain the need was met. And it worked. Everyone was happy, a potential split was averted, and the gospel continued to spread.

Finding something to be unhappy about is easy. Voicing your frustration takes a little effort. But climbing out of your chair and working to effect needed change requires shifting from critic to volunteer. Which is most helpful? Which are you?

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, 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
Doris Mathis; broken clavicle, had surgery Fri.
Terry Hastings; home but needs continued prayer
Dave Newberry; new complications
New Christian brothers, Ashton and Shane.
FROM THE COMMUNITY:
Pugh family. Eleanor's friend Jim Edwards, possibly paralyzed for life.

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

PAUL BIBLE STUDY at Cathy's each Fri. morning. Tai Chi led by Thea at 10:00. Fellowship/coffee at 10:30; 11-12 Bible study.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL today.

MEN'S DAY April 29th with speaker Dan Campbell. April's Potluck meal will be April 30.

EASTER EGG HUNT April 9. Bring wrapped candy.

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MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Bobby-26th; Danny-2nd
Prayer; Vinny-26th; John-2nd
Table; Philip-26th; David-2nd
Announcements/Closing prayer; Shawn-26th;
Philip-April
Song Leader; Troy-26th; Dave-2nd

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.

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).