

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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A TIME OF RENEWAL

We are in full swing of the spring season! The trees, plants and flowers are green and colorful. Nature has renewed itself once again. This season can bring to one's mind ideas of personal renewal, a time to start fresh and new. As believers we have the great blessing of renewal in times of spiritual difficulty or weakness.

When we first come to Christ the scriptures say that we put off the old man (person) and are renewed in the spirit of our mind (Eph. 4:22-23) but it doesn't stop there. We'll still struggle with worldly desires and thoughts but have the continued opportunity to avoid conforming to this world but rather being transformed by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2). Living the life of a Christian can be overwhelming at times, especially when combined with the physical and mental stresses of everyday life. But our confidence can be found in the following verse: *"Therefore, we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day."* (2Cor. 4:16)

Just as the tree puts out new leaves, the birds build the new nest, and the grass grows green again, we have the great blessing of spiritual renewal!!

*For lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

**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; mending from clavicle surgery
Terry Hastings; home but needs continued prayer
Dave Newberry; placed under Hospice care on Mon.
New Christian brothers, Ashton and Shane.

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Pugh family. Eleanor's friend Jim Edwards. Ruth Banks (Jean's sister) in Encompass after COVID.

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.

MEN'S DAY April 29th with speaker Dan Campbell on "God's Promises to Noah, Joseph and Israel". April's Potluck meal will be April 30.

EASTER EGG HUNT April 9. Bring wrapped candy by Wednesday night for egg stuffing.

NEW WOMEN TO WOMEN MINISTRY: NURSERY

The new page is posted on bulletin board. Let Cathy know if you wish to serve on this committee so she can add your name before new notebooks are ready on May 16th.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Danny-2nd; Christian-9th
Prayer; John-2nd; Lanny-9th
Table; David-2nd; Danny-9th
Announcements/Closing prayer; Philip-April
Song Leader; Dave-2nd; Troy-9th

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.

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).