

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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PROMISES KEPT, PROMISES BROKEN

By Jay Launius, Maud, TX

Have you ever made a promise you couldn't keep? I think if we are really honest with ourselves we would have to admit that we've failed to follow through with a promise at one time or another.

Think about all the promises people make and then break. Around 50% of all people who get married make promises they don't keep. They promise to love, honor and cherish each other for the rest of their lives; yet so many abuse, cheat and divorce the spouse to whom they made these promises.

Politicians make many campaign promises that are never fulfilled. People make promises to pay back loans from the bank, but then default, thus breaking the agreement with the financial institution. Then there are those promises we make to ourselves but never seem to keep. We promise ourselves we'll break that bad habit, get to work on time, make better grades, clean the house more, floss, or countless other self-improvement promises.

When we obey the gospel, being baptized into Christ, we make a promise, a commitment to God to serve Him for the rest of our lives. Sadly, many will break those promises and return to the wallow of sin from whence they came (2 Peter 2:20-22).

Even though people make and break promises every day, there is one source of promises on which we can always depend. God promised to provide a way to save us from spiritual destruction. He can be depended on to fulfill all the promises made to us that are revealed through His word. Nothing can be more comforting than knowing that these sweet and precious promises (2 Peter 1:4) made by God through Christ are the sure thing and can never be broken!

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, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Bobby Phillips, Grace Peterson, Ace Himes, Butch and Jenny Womersley and family.

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

Terry Hastings; home but needs continued prayer

Dave Newberry traded his cross for a starry crown

on Tues. April 25. His funeral was Sat. Diane will be spending some time with Jean in Parkersburg.

Andrea Kondrup, fell and broke femur.

Tobias

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Pugh family. Eleanor's friend Jim Edwards. Ruth

Banks (Jean's sister) in Encompass after COVID.

Jimmy Caruso, injured leg at work.

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

WOMEN'S STUDIES— Zoom class Tues. evenings at 7:00 on Hebrews; Apostle Paul Study Fridays at Cathy's, 10:00 (Tai Chi), coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00.

GUEST SPEAKER TODAY, Dan Campbell. We welcome him. Potluck meal following worship.

CAMBRIDGE LADIES' DAY May 20th, 10-1. Lunch will be served. "Mirror, Mirror on the wall". Flyer on bulletin board.

SPRING CLEAN-UP scheduled for June 10. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheet in foyer.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Danny-30th; David-7th

Prayer; John-30th; Christian-7th

Table; Dale-30th; Daniel-7th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Philip-April;

Danny-May

Song Leader; Dave-30th; Troy-7th

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).