Laurel Church of Christ Family Focus

May 14, 2023

A HALL OF FAME FOR MOMMAS

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While preparing for this week's traditional Mother's Day message, I couldn't help but think of the old Glen Campbell song "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle". Out of all the poems, odes, and lyrics you could present on this day, this song seems to capture the essence of a "good momma". I especially like the second verse of the song...

She taught him all the attributes of greatness That she knew he couldn't learn away from home And by the time she wore the cover off her Bible Her hair was gray and her little man was gone.

Many a mother sat in her chair after an exhausting day of motherhood and found continued strength and comfort in God's word. The encouragement to press on with life's work is undoubtedly clear. The examples of motherhood presented throughout the Bible gives the reader a wide spectrum of both good and bad mothers. From this, the Bible reading mother can grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18). By continuing to read, study and rely on God's inspired book, she builds her faith (Romans 10:17), a faith that will help her to face the everyday challenges of caring for her husband and children, while balancing the responsibilities of running a household and holding down a steady job outside of the house. I want to encourage all of our mommas to read their Bibles every day, learn it, apply it, and share it with others.

> There ought to be a hall of fame for mommas Creations most unique and precious pearl Heaven help us always to remember That the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.

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

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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 Newberry family in the loss of Dave

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.

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

POTLUCK/FELLOWSHIP MEAL May 28th. SPRING CLEAN-UP scheduled for June 10. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheet in foyer. MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Vinny-14th; Julio-21st Prayer; Julio-14th; Philip-21st Table; Christian-14th; Shawn-21st Announcements/Closing prayer; Danny-May Song Leader; Daniel-14th; Troy-21st



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).