

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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MEMORIAL DAY

Tomorrow is Memorial Day, a national holiday. It is observed each year on the last Monday in the month of May. The holiday, formerly known as Decoration Day, commemorates military personnel, men and women, who have died while in service to the United States of America.

The original purpose of Memorial Day was serious. It was common for people to visit grave sites of loved ones who had died in military service. Today, Memorial Day seems to be more about having a day off work, going on a picnic with the family, and watching the Indianapolis 500. While those might be worthy endeavors, the real purpose of the holiday is what makes it special.

Today is Sunday, the first day of the week, the Lord's Day. It is a Memorial Day that far surpasses in significance the holiday our nation will observe tomorrow. This is a day when Christians who make up the Lord's church are supposed to gather together to worship God and remember the death of our Savior on the cross. He made the ultimate sacrifice, giving His life on that cross for the guilt of our sins. He put His life on the line and paid our debt in order that we could have the opportunity to be set free from the slavery and condemnation of sin. He died to give us a chance to live eternally.

In partaking of the Lord's Supper we memorialize His death. In the bread we see the nails driving through his hands and feet and the spear piercing His side. In the cup we see the blood that was shed from His body while hanging on that cross. Forgetting what this day is all about leaves us vulnerable to the most dangerous of all enemies, the devil himself, and our careless forgetfulness opens the door to once again becoming his slaves, bound by the chains of sin. *We need to remember!*



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, 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 Tobias

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier

Murphy family in passing of Kay

Savannah Cannon, our newest sister in Christ

Dale and Maddy

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Pugh family. Eleanor's friend Jim Edwards, all the young graduates beginning next part of life's journey, Jimmy Caruso, injured leg at work.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY each Monday evening from 6-9 in the FLC.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chad and Cassie who were united in marriage yesterday. We pray they will always put God first followed by each other.

POTLUCK/FELLOWSHIP MEAL today. Please stay and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Philip-28th; Dave-4th

Prayer; Dave-28th; Vinny-4th

Table; Lanny-28th; Andy-4th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Danny-May;

Christian-June

Song Leader; David-28th; Troy-4th

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).