

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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SCHOOL'S OUT! (OR IS IT?)

By Joe Slater

If school isn't already out for you, it soon will be. For most who read this, formal "school" has been out for a long time! (Years? Decades?) But is school ever really out for a Christian?

The very word disciple means a learner/follower. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we must be learning His will constantly. Paul told Titus that the Christians in Crete should "**learn to maintain good works**" (Titus 3:14). The same apostle told Timothy (in Ephesus) that the brethren should **learn** to honor and care for their widowed parents (I Timothy 5:4). Even those with the supernatural gift of prophecy were to use it in such a way "that all may **learn**" (I Cor. 14:31). Whoever said, "When you stop learning, you stop growing" was right!

At least 125 times the New Testament uses some form of the kindred words "teach" and "doctrine". Jesus taught; the apostles taught; other Christians taught. And if teaching is to accomplish anything good, someone must be learning!

Be assured that Satan and his crew are busy teaching lies and corruption. May it never be that we would surrender the field to them! To the contrary, we must be teaching and equipping others to teach. "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these things to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (II Timothy 2:2).

"School" is in session. It always will be until the Lord returns. You have responsibilities both as a student and as a teacher. Don't be a drop-out!

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
Savannah Cannon, our newest sister in Christ
Dale and Maddy
Dale's brother Paul; shoulder surgery
Ruth Banks; Encompass with broken hip
Traveling safety for Michelle Tucker flying June 15th
Andrea Kondrup
Upcoming VBS
Wildfires in Canada affecting us all

CELEBRATE RECOVERY each Monday evening from 6-8 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.

SPRING CLEAN-UP was done yesterday. Thanks for all who helped in any way.

VBS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JULY 24-28

Let it be known what you're willing to do to help. Start inviting friends.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Shawn-11th; Paul-18th
Prayer; Bobby-11th; Lanny-18th
Table; Philip-11th; Dave-18th
Announcements/Closing prayer; Christian-June
Song Leader; Dave-11th; Troy-18th

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).