

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

June 25, 2023

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### VACATION TIME

By Joe Slater

Some schools are out and others will be out soon. Summer is here; it's vacation time! (NOTE: A vacation is what you take if you can't take what you've been taking.) One particularly hectic day, Jesus said to His disciples, "*Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile*" (Mark 6:31). He recognized the need to get away from it all, if only for a short break.

Concerned Christians dread the "summer slump" that many churches experience. Decreases in attendance, contribution, and enthusiasm are typical during vacation season. But it doesn't have to be that way. More to the point, **it ought not to be that way!** Here are a few suggestions for vacationers:

**Assemble with the saints wherever you are** (Heb. 10:25). Being away from home doesn't mean you are away from God. When you vacation out of town, out of the state, or even out of the country, God is still there! Aren't you encouraged when visitors attend our services? I am! You can encourage God's people in other communities by worshipping with them when in their vicinity.

**Take your Bible with you.** You won't stop eating while on vacation. In fact, if you're like most of us, you'll eat entirely too much! Your soul needs nourishment while you're vacationing too! God's word is the original soul food (1 Pet. 2:2).. Bon appetit!

**Leave your contribution with the home congregation, or make it up when you return.** You will not neglect other obligations while you are away (house payment, car payment, utilities, etc.). Why should your obligation to God be any different? The expenses of the local church go on while you are away.

**Come back from vacation with a renewed zeal and dedication for the Lord's work.** Sometimes vacationing wears us out so that we need another vacation! Let your vacation be a time of rest and relaxation so you can return refreshed and revitalized!

**HAVE A GREAT VACATION!**

**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

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier

Dale and Maddy

Ruth Banks; Wicomico Nursing Home; improving

Andrea Kondrup; improving

Upcoming VBS

Wildfires and tornadoes affecting many

All of those traveling

Gloria Torlish

Joe and Donetta Daliessio; motorcycle accident

Doris Mathis

Jean Newberry; hip replacement July 5th

Latin American Missions

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** each Monday evening from 6-8 in the FLC.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES**— Zoom class Tues. evenings will take a break for the summer. Apostle Paul study Fridays at Cathy's, 10:00 (Tai Chi), coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00.

**VBS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JULY 24-28**

Let it be known what you're willing to do to help. See Dale, Ginger or Karen. Start inviting friends.

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS** needed during morning worship. See sign-up sheet.

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY** following morning worship. Please stay and enjoy with us!

**SING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL** Sunday, August 6, 3:00 pm in the FLC.

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; David-25th; Bobby-2nd

Prayer; Bobby-25th; Julio-2nd

Table; Dale-25th; Shawn-2nd

Announcements/Closing prayer; Christian-June

Song Leader; Daniel-25th; Troy-2nd

## Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at:  
[www.laurelcoc.org](http://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).