

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

July 16, 2023

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### “MY CHURCH”

By Gordon Hermann, Santa Maria, CA

“The church I attend is MY church.” Yes, I said it, and I’m waiting for the usual response. “Hermann, it is not YOUR church, it’s the Lord’s church.” Which means a Kansas City high school wasn’t MY high school, and graduating from Pepperdine didn’t make it MY college or MY alma mater. “Good grief, Charlie Brown,” that means the USA is not MY country! By using possessive pronouns did it mean I own those places?

Language wise, the dictionary gives two meanings for “my”, one being ‘belonging to me, in my possession.’ The other means ‘relates to me.’ Imagine meeting a new neighbor who asks, “Do you have communion every Sunday at your church?” and you reply, “Oh, I don’t own the church I attend, it belongs to God,” while not answering his question.

He ought to answer, “Are you kidding? You thought I thought you owned it?” You lost your chance to teach him the truth, because he thinks you don’t speak his language. Let me give you four examples of Paul speaking for Jesus Christ when he said, “MY gospel.” Romans 2:16 “...on the day, according to MY gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Jesus Christ.” Was it Paul’s gospel?

Romans 6:25: “Now to him who is able to establish you according to MY gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ.” In 2 Tim. 2:8, Paul again exhorts, “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to MY gospel.” Finally 2 Cor. 4:3, “...And even if OUR gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.” It’s not a gospel of his own making, but in relationship to what he knew Jesus taught.

Saying “MY church,” or “OUR church” is no more a claim of ownership than “MY mom” or “YOUR” house still under mortgage.

**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

Bobby Phillips; fell and hurt shoulder

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; now at home

Ty Hudson's bro. in law Michael Cutolo; heart

Upcoming VBS

All of those traveling

Joe and Donetta Daliessio; motorcycle accident; son

Cody's future f-in-l Harley will have heart surgery the 14th. Odds not favorable. Needs prayers.

Jean Newberry; home

Latin American Missions

Julio and Jenny; health issues

Andrea Kondrup; in Lifecare

**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.

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

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Danny-16th Dave-23rd

Prayer; David-16th; Paul-23rd

Table; Lanny-16th; Daniel-23rd

Announcements/Closing prayer; Vinny-July

Song Leader; Troy-16th; David-23rd

## 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).