

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

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### WHAT IS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

Vacation Bible School, or VBS, is a fun-filled program many churches offer, usually during the summer, to connect with the children and families in their communities. VBS is an outreach meant to bring in children who don't normally attend church and to teach them the gospel. As an evangelistic tool, VBS helps churches fulfill the Great Commission of Mat. 28:19.

Vacation Bible School began in the 1890's. A new York doctor's wife wanted to find a way to keep children off the streets in the summer and so she rented a large beer hall in the East Side in order to conduct what she called "Everyday Bible School". Her idea expanded to other cities around the country.

Today Vacation Bible School is a popular summer activity for Christians and non-Christians alike. Churches generally run VBS for a week, and each program has its own theme (medieval castles, water parks, the Old West, etc.) that children can explore. A week of VBS usually includes games, snacks, crafts, skits, and, of course, Bible lessons. There is always a connection between God and the theme, allowing kids to discover God in a creative way. Many Christian publishing companies offer curricula to guide churches in setting up and running a VBS program, but some churches prefer to write their own curriculum.

Over the years, many churches have used VBS as a fun, low pressure evangelism tool. Many adults today can attest to the fact that VBS was where they first learned about Jesus Christ, resulting in their salvation. Vacation Bible School is a good way to reaffirm the commitment of God's people through the centuries: "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord" (Psa. 78:4).

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Come on out and enjoy our VBS Monday through Friday this week from 6-8 pm. The theme is "Redemption Ranch: Branded In The Image of Christ". Bring some children with you and watch them learn about Jesus and have a great time doing it! YEE HAW!

**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 Upcoming VBS Many that are traveling Joe and Donetta Daliessio; recovering from motor-cycle accident Jean Newberry; home Latin American Missions Julio and Jenny; health issues Andrea Kondrup; in Lifecare Tracy Moran (Diane's niece); cancer

## 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.
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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

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

**WOMEN'S STUDIES**— Apostle Paul study Fridays at Cathy's, 10:00 (Tai Chi), coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. Not meeting the 28th.

**VBS** Monday through Friday this week from 6-8 pm. Theme: Redemption Ranch: Branded in the Image of Jesus". Come on out and bring some children.

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY** following worship. We will be chowing down on ranch type food. Afterwards we will be decorating and setting up for VBS.

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS** still needed.

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

### **MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Dave-23rd; Lanny-30th Prayer; Paul-23rd; Bobby-30th Table; Daniel-23rd; Julio-30th Announcements/Closing prayer; Vinny-July Song Leader; David-23rd; Troy-30th

## 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).