

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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“HURRY”

By Jim Bailey

Quite possibly the average American consumer enjoys the fastest, most convenient lifestyle that ever existed. King Solomon might want to debate this because he stated that he had amassed silver and gold and became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me (Eccl. 2:4-9). Even though he could command it and it would happen, no doubt sometimes it took a while.

Today's consumer can get fast food in minutes and get products overnight from Amazon via FedEx or drone. Instant gratification is very nearly a reality. On demand is the order of the day for entertainment. Ironically, the more one hurries, the more apt he is to worry.

The more we inculcate hurry into our spiritual life, the less satisfying it becomes. God instituted a day of rest (Gen. 2:1-3) for the good of His creation. We really need to “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him...” (Psa. 37:7) and “Be still and know that I am God...” (Psa 46:10).

God has so much to tell us in each verse of the Bible that we need to meditate upon and re-read them. Surely the Holy Spirit inspired the scriptures of the early apostles during the long journeys by land and sea. Can anyone imagine writing “War and Peace” or composing a beautiful symphony in a hurry?

I still like an old song that says “You can't hurry love, you just have to wait...” Someone else once said that one falls in lust but grow in love. For Christians agape love progresses from milk to meat over time (I Cor. 3:2; Heb. 5:12). “We are being transformed into His (Christ's) likeness with ever-increasing glory...(II Cor. 3:18).

Hurry deserves to be put on the back burner for such a wonderful goal.

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 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 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

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.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL VBS is in the history books. Thanks to all who worked so diligently to make it happen.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS still needed.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. PAT TUCKER who turned 100 years old yesterday!

MEN TO SERVE;
Welcome/Scripture; Lanny-30th
Prayer; Bobby-30th
Table; Julio-30th
Announcements/Closing prayer; Vinny-July
Song Leader; Troy-30th

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.
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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

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).