

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

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### YOUR FATHER IS RICH!

By David Sproule

The wish that some people seemed to always have was to discover that a “rich uncle” whom they had never met, died and left them a great fortune. That is how some folks dream of becoming rich. But for every child of God, there is something much better than having a “rich uncle”!

Are you a Christian? If so, you have a rich Father! Oh, yes! And get this! He shares His riches with His children! But, your heavenly Father is not only abundantly rich, but He shall “supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19).

**Your Father is rich in goodness (Rom. 2:4).** The word for goodness means “the quality of being helpful or beneficial; goodness, kindness, generosity, benevolence.” Rejoice that your Father is rich in goodness!

**Your Father is rich in forbearance (Rom. 2:4).** The word forbearance means “the act of holding back from, bearing with, enduring, being tolerant”. Rejoice that your Father is rich in forbearance.

**Your Father is rich in longsuffering (Rom. 2:4).** The word longsuffering means “patience, slowness of avenging injuries, self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish.” Rejoice that your Father is rich in longsuffering.

**Your Father is rich in grace (Eph. 1:7; 2:7).** The word grace means “free favor, a beneficent disposition toward someone; gracious care/help, goodwill”. Rejoice that your Father is rich in grace.

**Your Father is rich in mercy (Eph. 2:4).** The word mercy means “kindness or concern expressed for someone in need, compassion, outward manifestation of pity”. Rejoice that your Father is rich in mercy.

**Your Father is rich in love (Eph. 2:4).** The word love means “kindly concern, devotedness, unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial esteem”. Rejoice that your Father is rich in love.

Additionally your Father is rich in wisdom and knowledge (Rom. 11:33). Every single quality of your Father that you can name abounds in excess to the infinite level. Brother or sister, you are rich!!

## 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, 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. The next study will be **August 18th.**

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS** still needed.

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

**MEN TO SERVE;** No info available.

Welcome/Scripture;

Prayer;

Table;

Announcements/Closing prayer;

Song Leader;

## 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).