

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

August 27, 2023

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### “LOVING CARE”

By Jim Bailey

In my Dad's family there were seven children, five boys and two girls. I never knew the names or faces of most of my cousins who lived in far-away states. Suppose three of these cousins heard that I was suffering from deep depression and was deteriorating mentally, physically, emotionally, and financially. They then contact me and make some unbelievable offers of loving care. They promised they would come and stay with me and take care of my house and yard, clean and cook and take care of my health without any pay.

When asked why they would do such a loving thing to a stranger, they might simply reply, "You are family and you are in need." This might sound vaguely familiar when we move into the spiritual realm. Far too many people are spiritually bankrupt and hurting. We are all wasting away physically and without God when left to our own devices (Eph. 2:2).

However, it doesn't have to end that way. There are three beings who long to come into people's lives and heal their soul. Jesus once said, "Here am I. I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me" (Rev. 3:23). He also declared, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him (John 14:23). The third helper is the Holy Spirit who lives within Christians and provides strength in times of need (Eph. 3:14-16). Why would the three of them provide such loving care? Because they love us (John 3:16) and want us to come back into their heavenly family (John 14:1-3). The whole New Testament is full of ways they will heal our spiritual depression and make us whole again (Lk 15:11-24). They will never leave us (Heb. 13:5) and ultimately take us to our forever home (Rev. 21:1-4).

**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, 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"

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier

Dale and Maddy

Ruth Banks; now at home

Joe and Donetta Daliessio; motorcycle accident.

Latin American Missions

Julio had successful heart procedure this week.

**GOOD NEWS**—Jenny should be here next month.

Andrea Kondrup

Tracy Moran (Diane's niece); cancer, chemo

James Bratton; in hospital and receiving dialysis

Ashley Cox (Wayne, Doris' niece); health

Teachers and students returning to school

Ace Himes passed away. Prayers for his family.

Wayne Mathis awaiting test results.

**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. Ladies' Tuesday evening Zoom study resumes Aug. 22nd at 7 pm.

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS** still needed

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL** is today. It is the Back-to-School cookout to help send students and teachers back with all our best wishes!

**NEW ADDRESS:** Wayne and Doris Mathis  
31930 Melson Rd.  
Delmar, MD 21875

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

Welcome/Scripture; Christian-27th; Bobby-3rd

Prayer; Vinny-27th; Vinny-3rd

Table; David-27th; Philip-3rd

Announcements/Closing prayer; Philip-27th;

Shawn-3rd

Song Leader; Daniel-27th; Troy-3rd

## 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).