

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

September 10, 2023

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### THE PLANE PEOPLE

September 11, 2001 is a day that will be remembered for many things—the cowardice of a few, the bravery of many, and the hospitality of Gander. This small city in Newfoundland became one of the epicenters of “Operation Yellow Ribbon”. This operation was enacted to keep planes coming into U.S. airspace. These planes were rerouted to small towns with airports large enough to handle the traffic. That’s where Gander came in. With an international airport and a population of 10,000, they hosted about 6,500 people from 38 flights. While people waited on the planes, mayors from the surrounding towns gathered to decide what they could do with the plane people.

So for 5 days the people of those towns housed, fed, and clothed the plane people. They set up banks of phones for them to call home free of charge. One ice hockey arena became a walk-in food storage unit. As a result there is a continued connection with many of the passengers and the people of the Gander area.

Here is a great testament to the power of hospitality. The literal meaning, “lover of strangers” is stressed in Heb. 13:2, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers”. This echoes the admonition of our Lord of the love we should have toward our brethren, “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or naked and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and come to You?’ The King will answer and say to them, “truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me” (Matt. 25:37-40). This quality, that also must be named among elders, is something that helped the growth of the first century church. The church saw to the needs of many that were destitute and those that traveled to teach the gospel.

The hospitality of Gander had a huge impact on the lives of those plane passengers. Your hospitality toward others could have an eternal impact. There are plain people all around you. Hospitality isn’t a burden but it is love.

**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

Andrea Kondrup

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

James Bratton; in hospital and receiving dialysis

Ashley Cox (Wayne, Doris' niece); health

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 at 7 pm.

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS** still needed

**LADIES' DAYS COMING UP:** Mark your calendars **Sept. 23 at Chesapeake CoC**, "Gifts of Hospitality with Lisa Veale. 9-1. RSVP to Chesapeakecoc@gmail.com

**Sept. 30 Frankford CoC** held at Selbyville Fire Hall 9-1. "Stepping Out In Faith:, Denise Hilliard. RSVP 302-542-1044 or 302-732-3403 by 9/10.

**Oct. 28 here at Laurel CoC** (return Ginger's handout to her asap.)

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Danny-10th; Christian-17th Prayer; Philip-10th; Lanny-17th

Table; David-10th; Danny-17th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Chad-Sept.

Song Leader; Daniel-10th; Troy-17th

## 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).