

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

October 1, 2023

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### IMPOSSIBLE

Many of the things that mankind once considered impossible have been done within the last few decades. A human was never supposed to run a mile in less than four minutes—Roger Bannister, May 6, 1954. It was said that mankind would never walk on the moon—Neil Armstrong—July 20, 1969. These and many other impossible feats have been accomplished and surpassed many times since then. Nevertheless, there are other things that remain impossible due to physical limitations. Asking a newborn to write or tie a shoe, jumping over the Grand Canyon in a single leap, trying to teach a fish to ride a motorcycle are just a few examples.

There are some things that are impossible for humans in a spiritual sense. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins (Heb. 10:4). It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened...who have shared the Holy Spirit...if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance (Heb. 6:4-6). It is impossible to claim lack of sin in one's life (1 Jn. 1:8-10).

There is said to be at least one thing that is impossible for God. He will not lie (Heb. 6:18). God can do anything but will not because He must remain true to who He is. It was impossible for death to keep its hold on Jesus because God raised Him from the dead (Acts 2:24).

There are many things that Christians cannot do on our own. We cannot pray as we should but the Holy Spirit Himself intercedes for us (Rom. 8:26-27). We cannot force people to obey the gospel, but we can teach them what God demands from them (Mt. 28:19-20; 2 Tim. 2:2; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). There is really not much we can do without divine help, but many things are given to us by the grace and promise of God (Jn 15:7). We can pray for others (Mt. 5:44; Eph. 6:18; Php 4:6). We can forgive others because the Lord forgives us (Col. 3:13). We can trust and obey (Jo 15:10). We should focus not on what is impossible, rather on all the things that are now possible because of Jesus Christ.

**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

"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

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

Ashley Cox (Wayne, Doris' niece); health

Trap Pond Camp

Laurel Ladies' Day

Those traveling; We know of Lanny and Karen, Philip and Thea, Jean (soon)

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

**WOMEN'S STUDIES**— Apostle Paul study Fridays at Cathy's, coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. Ladies' Tuesday evening Zoom study at 7:00 pm.

**TRAP POND CAMP:** Oct. 20-22. Planning Committee; Christian, Courtney, Dave, Daniel. Meeting today following worship.

**LADIES' DAY AT LAUREL OCT. 28.** See Ginger for ways to help. We can all invite ladies and spread the word.

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Lanny-1st; Danny-8th

Prayer; Vinny-8th

Table; Shawn-1st; Dale-8th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Shawn-Oct.

Song Leader; Troy-1st; David-8th

## 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).