

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

November 26, 2023

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### YOU WERE THERE FOR ME

By Rob Redden

You may remember the story that appeared on the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle back on December 14, 2005 about a female humpback whale who had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines. She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line ropes wrapped around her body, her tail, her torso, a line tugging in her mouth. A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farallon Islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed for help.

Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her. They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her. When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles. She then gently nudged them. Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives. The diver who cut the rope out of her mouth said her eyes were following him the whole time, and he will never be the same.

May you, and all those you love, be so blessed and fortunate to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you. And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude. I pass this on to you, my friends, in the same spirit.

“Bear one another’s burdens , and so fulfill the law of Christ”  
(Galatians 6:2)

**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, Pat Tucker, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Ruth Banks, Tracy Moran, Ashley Cox.

On-going personal Bible studies

World turmoil; people of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza

Cipolla family

"Celebrate Recovery"

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier

Dale and Maddy

Latin American Missions

Debbie Revel (Cassie's mother, cancer)

Coleman family as they care for Kenny's parents

Karen Sowell; medical procedure Nov. 29

Michelle Tucker; cardiac testing

Prince Ituni's wife; surgery in Nigeria

Sue Banks (Jean's niece)

Brenda Pepper; continued prayers

Jesse Jenkins family member with collapsed lung

Thankfulness every day for everything God gives us

**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.

**CHRISTMAS TEA AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** will be Dec. 9 at 12:00 in the FLC. RSVP to Julie by Dec. 2 or sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange.

**LAUREL CHRISTMAS PARADE** is Dec. 1. Each year we offer cookies and hot chocolate to the public at the beginning of the parade route. If you wish to help, contact Christian Donaway.

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Chad-26th; 12/3-David

Prayer; Lanny-26th; 12/3-Bobby

Table; Dave-26th; 12/3-Dale

Song Leader; Troy-26th; 12/3-Daniel

Announcements/Closing prayer; Danny-Nov.;

Christian-Dec.

## 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.

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 that you might find a home here with us in Laurel and with God in heaven as His child.

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).