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Family Focus

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GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME—ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD

By Dan Jenkins

I am not sure the first time I heard the saying, “God is good all the time and all the time God is good”. Recently I have been thinking about those words and they have become more meaningful to me. May I share with you some of the ways I have been using this phrase and how it has helped me?

God is faithful all the time—all the time God is faithful

Throughout the Bible, there is the assurance that we can trust every promise, every assurance and every word God has said. You can trust God because it is impossible for Him to lie. You can always trust God.

God is merciful all the time—all the time God is merciful

Think about these words from Moses: “Therefore we know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenants for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments” (Duet 7:9). How long is a thousand generations? If we think of a generation being thirty years, then God’s mercy is always here—even for 30,000 years! To sense the magnitude of this poetic expression of a thousand generations, remember that from Adam to the birth of Jesus there are sixty generations! All the time, God is merciful.

God is _____ all the time—All the time God is _____

As you deal with situations in your life, fill in the blanks above with your own thoughts about any of the attributes of God. God is holy, pure, gracious, good, compassionate, loving, caring, listening, forgiving, almighty, knowing, present, near, watching, helping, etc. The list is endless because there is no exception to His abiding nature. His eyes are always over us, and His ears are always open. His arms are always outstretched. They embrace us and His tender hands caress us. While He has the whole world in His hands, the truth is that He has me and you individually in His hands, even when in those darkest hours we forget it. He never changes, for He cannot be limited.

**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, Guyana

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

Sue Banks (Jean's niece)

Brenda Pepper; continued prayers

Jenny Womersley, broken wrist

Michelle Tucker, nuclear cardiac test

Guyana and the churches there; Maduro of Venezuela is trying to annex Essequibo region, which is 2/3 of Guyana and make all the people Venezuelan citizens. He wants the oil recently discovered there.

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.

THANKS TO JULIE AND HER HELPER ELVES for the wonderful Christmas tea for the ladies that was held yesterday.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT will be returning on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 6:00 in the FLC. Devotional at 6:00 followed by food, board games and card games as well as the 2nd annual Cornhole Tournament! Bring games, food, snacks for lots of fun as we welcome the new year together.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 12/10-Bobby; Philip-17th Prayer; 12/10-Julio; 12/17-Shawn Table; 12/10-Shawn; 12/17-Christian Song Leader; 12/10-Troy; 12/17-Daniel Announcements/Closing prayer; Christian-Dec.

Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at: 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).