

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

December 17, 2023

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### CHRISTMAS IS AN OPPORTUNITY

By Lanny Smith, Fishers CoC, Fishers, IN

Of all the holidays throughout the year, THIS is one where Jesus simply MUST be dealt with—one way or the other. The very name Christmas puts the name of Christ right in everyone's face! Radio stations plays carols; shopping malls are filled with references to Christmas, Nativity scenes and other such things. Unbelievers fight relentlessly to remove such displays from public life. **And right here, when everyone's mind is on Jesus, is our golden opportunity to do something positive for the Master!**

Throughout the year Jesus is ignored; but at the end of the year, EVERYBODY must deal with Jesus! The atheist, Muslim and Jew each must decide how to handle the holidays. Some will observe the day non-religiously while others refuse to participate whatsoever. Our denominational friends will pay homage to the traditions of men with their Christmas pageants and cantatas.

Why not turn this time of year into an opportunity to ask people: **"What are YOU going to do with Jesus?"** You see, He is the one man who changed the world! Someone has said He built a bridge to Heaven with two boards and three nails. He has so influenced this world that we measure time from His birth. The fact is: Jesus simply cannot be ignored. He is my Lord, my God, and my Savior. As a matter of fact, He is everything to me. Ultimately each of us will face Him in judgment.

The bottom line is this: You can deal with Jesus now, or deal with Him later, BUT YOU WILL DEAL WITH HIM! (II Cor. 5:10). If you have been putting Jesus out of your mind, why not give Him serious consideration? If those of us who believe in God are wrong, and there truly is no God, we will never know it; for we shall just pass quietly into non-existence. On the other hand, if those who don't believe in Christ are wrong, they will lose their soul (Jn. 8:24). The evidence is overwhelming that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Please examine all the prophecies and eyewitness testimony. We would be glad to help!

**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, Michelle Tucker  
On-going personal Bible studies  
World turmoil; people of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Guyana, Cameroon  
Cipolla family  
"Celebrate Recovery"  
AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier Dale and Maddy  
Latin American Missions  
Debbie Revel (Cassie's mother, surgery)  
27070 Gum Tree Rd, Dagsboro, DE 19939  
Coleman family as they care for Kenny's parents  
Sue Banks (Jean's niece)  
Brenda Pepper; continued prayers  
Jenny Womersley, broken wrist  
Julia's Dad, Haines; upcoming surgery  
Charles Fooks (Jean's brother)  
Noah Donahoe's niece, Lottie; heart surgery  
Dave (Shane's friend); cancer, dealing with insurance issues  
Putz family in loss of Skip Putz (Steve and Katie)

## 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.
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Wednesday

Men's prayer (Shawn's)	7:15 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

**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.

**CAROLING**, today, meet at 4:00 in FLC.

**SECRET SISTER REVEAL LUNCHEON** Sat. Jan. 20th At JoJo's restaurant, Salisbury, 11:30. RSVP to Ginger. Bring your final gift to luncheon.

**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; Philip-17th; 12/24 Danny Prayer; 12/17-Shawn; 12/24 David Table; 12/17-Christian; 12/24 Lanny Song Leader; 12/17-Daniel; 12/24 Troy Announcements/Closing prayer; Christian-Dec.

## 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).