

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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GOD IS STILL GOOD

Via Mt. Carmel CoC, Athens, AL

Lately our world has been filled with bad news, but even in the midst of trouble, God is still good. Chaos and confusion have been swirling, but the Lord is still the God of peace (I Cor. 14:33). Even when so many have been filled with hate, our Maker is still the Lord of love (I Jn. 4:8)

Arrests have taken place, some falsely, some justified, but God is still good, offering spiritual freedom to all (Rom. 6:3-7). The Supreme Court is pushing decisions it deems "right". But God is the only true, honest, and good Judge of the world (Acts 17:31-32).

Heated debates have occurred on these big issues, but God was good enough to provide the answers in advance (II Tim. 3:16-17). Cities have been filled with riots, trash, and destruction, but the good Lord offers us an eternal home without such things (Rev. 21:4). Despite all the sin, wickedness, and corruption, the Lord is good enough to wait patiently for us to repent (II Pet. 3:9).

It is painful to watch all the heartache filling our world. It is discouraging to see so much pain, suffering, sin, and sadness. We must never forget, however, that these are mistakes of our own, not of God's. Despite all our pitfalls, God still offers hope (Heb. 6:11). God still offers peace (Phil. 4:6-7). God still offers love (Jn. 3:16). God still offers salvation and forgiveness (Acts 2:38; I Pet. 3:21). Without a doubt, the Lord is still good. And thankfully, He always was and always will be.

**Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth! Psa. 46:10**

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, 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)
Coleman family as they care for Kenny's parents
Sue Banks (Jean's niece)
Brenda Pepper; continued prayers; making progress following surgery
Jenny Womersley, broken wrist
Julia's Dad, Haines; upcoming surgery
Charles Fooks (Jean's brother)
Noah Donahoe's niece, Lottie; having complications following surgery. Family requests prayers.
Dave (Shane's friend); cancer

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.
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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.

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

Jan. 28-31 Carey Terry will be here to offer a series of lessons. **Potluck Fellowship Meal** will be the 28th also.

OFFICE WALL CALENDAR has been hung up so you can record dates for activities for 2024 or you can give to Diane to add to calendar.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 1/14-Vinny; 1/21-Joe
Prayer; 1/14-Chad; 1/21-Vinny
Table; 1/14-Christian; 1/21-Shawn
Song Leader; 1/14-Daniel; 1/21-Christian
Announcements/Closing prayer; 1/14-Shawn; 1/21-Dave

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).