

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

January 21, 2024

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### A PEOPLE AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

"I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my own heart, who will do my will" (Acts 13:22). This beautiful compliment is one that should characterize every person who wears the name of Christ.

David loved the word of God, "Oh how I love your law!" (Psa. 119:97) He loves God's word because it protects him from sin, revives him in trials, and gives him peace of mind. We should look to God's word in all things.

David loved to pray, "I will call upon Him as long as I live" (Psa. 116:1-2). It was based upon the fact that God had greatly blessed him and that prayer brought God close to him. Let us learn to depend upon prayer for our preservation.

David loved to praise God, "seven times a day I praise You" (Psa. 119:164). He praised God for His righteous judgments, His greatness and His loving kindness. "Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to God; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming" (Psa. 147:1).

David hated every false way, "I hate every false way" (Psa. 119:104). His hatred was based upon his understanding of God's word. His hatred affected his selection of activities and friends. Do we recognize that we are engaged in a battle over the souls of men, and are not to think lightly of what is false? David wasn't perfect but he softened his heart in repentance to God. These are a few examples of a man after God's own heart. We should strive to live in such a way that the same is said of us, a people after God's own heart.

**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; doing better, stable.  
Hopes to come home soon.  
Dave (Shane's friend); cancer

## 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.

**SECRET SISTER REVEAL LUNCHEON** cancelled due to weather will be rescheduled.

**Jan. 28-31 Carey Terry** will be here. Theme: Be Still and Know That I am God. Schedule:

Sat. 1/27 8:00 Men's breakfast

Sun. 1/28 10:00 worship service, meal\*

Sun-Wed 1/28-1/31 6:30 P.M.

\*(Meal is soup and sandwiches with a sign-up sheet for what you are providing)

### MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 1/21-Joe; 1/28-Danny  
Prayer; 1/21-Vinny; 1/28- Philip  
Table; 1/21-Shawn; 1/28-Dale  
Song Leader; 1/21-Christian; 1/28-Troy  
Announcements/Closing prayer; 1/21-Dave;  
1/28-Chad

## 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).