

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

February 12, 2024

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### **MARRIAGE IS...**

*By Barbara Cage*

**A commitment.** *Its success doesn't depend on feelings, circumstances, or moods—but on two people who are loyal to each other and the vows they took on their wedding day.*

**Hard work.** *It means chores, disagreements, misunderstandings, and times when you might not like each other very much. When you work at it together, it can be the greatest blessing in the world.*

**A relationship** *where two people must listen, compromise, and respect. It's an arrangement that requires a multitude of decisions to be made together. Listening, respecting, and compromising go a long way toward keeping peace and harmony.*

**A union** *in which two people learn from their mistakes, accept each other's faults, and willingly adjust behaviors that need to be changed. It's caring enough about each other to work through disappointing and hurtful times and believing in the love that brought you together in the first place.*

**Patience and forgiveness.** *It's being open and honest, thoughtful and kind. Marriage means talking things out, making necessary changes, and forgiving each other. It's unconditional love at its most understanding and vulnerable—love that supports, comforts, and is determined to triumph over every challenge and adversity.*

**Marriage is a partnership** *of two unique people who bring out the very best in each other and who know that even though they are wonderful as individuals...they are even better together.*

**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  
Butch and Jenny's daughter, Robin, successful surgery  
Julia's Dad, Haines; broken hip surgery went well  
Charles Fooks (Jean's brother)  
Noah Donahoe's niece, Lottie; doing better, stable.  
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** has been rescheduled for Feb.17th at 11:30 am at Jojo's Rest., Salisbury. Bring final gift.

**SUPER BOWL PARTY** Feb. 11 at Cathy's. Arrive 5:30-6:00 with favorite finger foods.

### **MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; 2/11-Vinny; 2/18-Lanny  
Prayer; 2/11-Philip; 2/18-Joe  
Table; 2/11-Christian; 2/18-Daniel



## 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).