

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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“YOU ARE GOD, YOU ALONE”

By David Padfield, CoC, Zion, IL

Have you ever considered that period of time when Jehovah dwelt alone, without any of the works of His creation? There was a period in eternity before the sun ever gave its light. There was a time before the stars floated in the sky. There was a time when all that you and I can now see was yet unborn, slumbering in the mind of God.

Before the creation of the sun, moon, the stars and the planets of the Milky Way, there was a God, and He was blessed forever. Although no angels yet hymned His praises, He sat as a King on His eternal throne. “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God” (Psa. 90:2)

In the process of time, it pleased the Father to create the world and all things therein through His Son. “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist” (Col. 1:16-17).

Have you ever considered how infinitely inferior we are to God? We can hear the great prophet Isaiah say, “O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are the potter; and all we are the work of Your hand” (Isa. 64:8). Throughout the course of human events Jehovah has endeavored to teach mankind that He is God, and beside Him “there is no other” (Isa. 45:22).

When the king of Assyria threatened Israel, the good king Hezekiah humbly prayed, “O Lord God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth” (II Kings 19:15). He then beseeched Jehovah to “Hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God and save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone” (II Kings 19:16, 19).

**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
Sue Banks (Jean's niece)
Brenda Pepper's continuing recovery
Butch and Jenny's daughter, Robin
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
Expectant mothers to be: Lauren (Ellis) James-3/15; Elizabeth Hudson-June; Jess Hudson-July.
Tracy Moran (Diane's niece) chemo follow up tests

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— "The Good News" study is at Cathy's each Fri. morning; coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. Ladies' Tuesday evening Zoom study on Hebrews at 7:00 pm .

WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP was held yesterday. Please see Cathy if you need to add or remove your name from committees.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL is next week 3/24.

EASTER EGG HUNT Mar. 31. Please bring wrapped candy. Eggs will be stuffed Wednesday Evening, Mar. 27th and help will be needed.

VISITORS please fill out a Connection Card and place in the offering plate.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 3/17-Julio; 3/24-Philip
Prayer; 3/17-Philip; 3/24— Chad
Table; 3/17Daniel; 3/24-Lanny
Song Leader; 3/17-Troy; 3/24— David
Announcements/Closing prayer; 3/17-Shawn;
3/24-Danny

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).