

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

April 7, 2024

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### **SOLAR ECLIPSE—EVIDENCE FOR US!**

By Greg Gwin, Collegevue CoC, Columbia, TN

The upcoming solar eclipse provides a unique opportunity to witness God's precision-designed universe and solar system in action. This certainly provides us with positive evidence for our faith.

Astronomers have provided predictions of this celestial phenomenon for decades in advance of the actual occurrence. The exact path of the eclipse is well known and publicized. The timing for the event is precisely described. In fact, upcoming eclipses—even hundreds of years in the future—can be specifically predicted. For instance, the next eclipse that will be visible in North America will be on August 23, 2044. How is all of this possible? It is possible because of the clock-like accuracy of God's creation.

Atheists, of course, believe that everything exists because of blind chance—a “big bang” explosion that brought our universe into existence. Have you seen the aftermath of an explosion? There is certainly no order or design evident in the rubble left behind. Our universe, on the other hand, is an incredible demonstration of God's design and amazing creative power.

The Psalmist eloquently said, “*The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.*” (Psalm 19:1 NASV). We will have a wonderful example of this truth in the eclipse.

**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  
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)  
Phil's sister, Sherry Winter, back surgery  
Expectant mothers to be: Elizabeth Hudson-June; Jess Hudson-July; and new mother Lauren (Ellis)  
James of daughter Birdie Blu, born Mar. 17.

**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 .

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Seaford Spring Sing Apr. 21, 2:30-4

Seaford Ladies' Day May 18

**LAUREL MEN'S DAY** April 27th, 9-2. "Be Still And Know" with speaker Park Linscomb. Lunch to be provided.

**VISITORS** please fill out a Connection Card in the back of the pew and place in the offering plate.

**REJOICING** in Harper Hudson's baptism!

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; 4/7-Shawn; 4/14-Chad

Prayer; 4/7-Lanny; 4/14-Lanny

Table; 4/7-Philip; 4/14-Dave

Song Leader; 4/7-Christian; 4/14-Troy

Announcements/Closing prayer; 3/24—4/14-Danny

## 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.

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

## 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).