

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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By Joe Wells (submitted by Ginger)

Why did the solar eclipse on Monday make so many stop what they were doing and take notice? While the answer may vary for many, the simple answer is because people are captivated by the “out-of-the-ordinary” and unusual events in life. We have all become accustomed to the sun and moon existing. That’s not usually something that causes people to stop everything they’re doing. However, when something we’ve become accustomed to lines up and does something “out-of-the-ordinary”, it becomes something amazing.

This week I want to encourage you to do something “out-of-the-ordinary”. Don’t do it for your recognition. Rather, do it and then when others take note, direct them to God. Matthew 5:16 tells us, “*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven*”. As Christians we are called children of light and are expected to live as such (Eph. 5:8). That not only means that we are to avoid darkness in our thoughts and actions. We are to do what light does, shine.

What could some of these “out-of-the-ordinary” deeds be? Pay for a stranger’s fast food as you go through the drive through. Maybe pay for their groceries. You could offer to mow your neighbor’s yard or babysit the children of a young couple so they can have a date night. Call a widow and offer to come pick her up and take her out for lunch. There are so many “out-of-the-ordinary” things that are simple and easy. It just takes being intentional on our part.

So, what will you do this week that will be so “out-of-the-ordinary” that it will be a genuine blessing to another? What will you do this week to bring honor and glory to God?

May God bless you this week as you walk with Him!

**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.

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.

NEW OUTREACH MINISTRY; Thea, Philip, Dale, Maddi, Julio, David, and Laurie Fisher from Seaford, have started an outreach ministry at the Rt. 13 Outlet market. If you are interested in helping please talk to one of them.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 4/14-Chad; 4/21-David Prayer; 4/14-Lanny; 4/21-Bobby Table; 4/14-Dave; 4/21-Dale
Song Leader; 4/14-Troy; 4/21-Daniel
Announcements/Closing prayer; 3/24—4/14-Danny; 4/21-Christian

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.
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Bible Study at building	6:30 p.m.
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Friday ladies' Paul study	10:30 a.m.
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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).