

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

April 28, 2024

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### KEEP YOUR FORK

From House to House

A woman was diagnosed with terminal illness and given three months to live. She asked her preacher to come by her house to discuss her funeral.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures to read, and what dress she wanted to be buried in. She also requested to be buried with her favorite Bible. As he prepared to leave, she suddenly remembered one more thing. "I have one more request," she said excitedly.

"What's that?" the preacher replied.

"This is very important," she continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The preacher looked at her, not knowing quite what to say.

"That surprises you?" she asked.

"To be honest, I am puzzled," he replied.

The woman explained, "In all my years of attending church fellowships and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes were being cleared someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork'. It was my favorite part, because I knew that meant something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful! So I want people to see me in that casket with a fork in my hand. When they ask you, 'What's with the fork?', then I want you to tell them, 'She believed the best is yet to come.'"

(Potluck fellowship meal today and KEEP YOUR FORK!)

**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, Pat Tucker, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Ruth Banks, Michelle Tucker, Haines, Brenda Pepper, Robin Anderson, Charles Fooks, Sherry Winter

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  
Expectant mothers to be: Elizabeth Hudson-June; Jess Hudson-July.  
New Christian sister, Savanna

**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 not meeting for two weeks.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Seaford Ladies' Day May 18. They will be having a book swap so take along used women's study books or inspirational books to swap.

**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.

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL today** April 28th.  
**REJOICING WITH SHANE'S FAMILY** for the baptism of Savanna on Tuesday.

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; 4/28-Joe; 5/5-Philip  
Prayer; 4/28-Julio; 5/5-Shawn  
Table; 4:28-Shawn; 5/5-David  
Song Leader; 4/28-Troy; 5/5-Daniel  
Announcements/Closing prayer; 4/21-5/19  
Christian

## 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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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).