

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

May 5, 2024

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### “WHO’S ON FIRST?”

By Greg Gwin

Abbott and Costello, the famous comedy team, are most remembered for their hilarious routine about baseball. It was a classic example of the confusion that results when people aren't communicating on the same wave length.

This brings to mind some lessons we need to learn—lessons concerning our efforts to teach the Bible to lost people. It is very possible that we will begin teaching folks at a level they are not prepared to receive. We ought to be careful about assuming that a student knows certain fundamentals. If we start with a faulty foundation of knowledge we are certain to run into difficulty as we try to move our students on to the things that are “hard to be understood” ( II Pet. 3:10). We should follow the example of Philip, who determined his student’s level of understanding and “began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus” (Acts 8:35).

We need to be sure that we are using Bible words in Bible ways. For instance, if we talk about the birth of a baby and refer to it as a miracle, we may later be confronted by the argument that all the true Bible miracles can be dismissed with a natural explanation. A birth is in fact a marvelous thing , but it is not a miracle in the Biblical sense. Only the virgin birth of Jesus would be accurately proclaimed a miracle. We must learn to be careful with terminology.

Finally, we should be cautious about using phrases and jargon that are very familiar to us, but may leave a student in utter confusion. It would be a shame to waste a good teaching opportunity simply because we weren’t careful about analyzing our student’s ability to comprehend the message. Good teachers know their students.

Pray that God will help us to find the good and honest hearts, and that He will give us wisdom to use every opportunity to the fullest.

**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.  
Outreach ministry at Outlet Market  
Prayer walks -first Sunday each month  
New Christian-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 study not meeting this week.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Seaford Ladies' Day May 18. Take along used women's study books or inspirational books for the book 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.

**PRAYER WALK** today and the first Sunday of each Month (weather permitting). See Philip.

**SPRING CLEANUP** is the month of May. There are sign-up sheets for jobs that need doing.

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; 5/5-Philip; 5/12-Danny Prayer; 5/5-Shawn; 5/12-David Table; 5/5-David; 5/12-Lanny Song Leader; 5/5-Daniel; 5/12-Troy Announcements/Closing prayer; Christian

## Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at: [www.laurelcoc.org](http://www.laurelcoc.org))

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| Bible Classes | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Worship       | 10:00 a.m. |

Tuesday:

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| Women's Zoom Study | 7:00 p.m. |
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Wednesday

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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).