

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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SECOND MILE RELIGION

By Rick Duggin

There are two classes of men: those who act only when circumstances force them to do something, and those who gladly volunteer to act regardless of circumstances. One says: "What do I have to do?" The other says: "What may I do?" One is always looking for a way out of his duties. The other is always looking for opportunities to do good.

We are not left to wander which attitude pleases God. We are taught to look for opportunities to do good (Gal. 6:10). Jesus favored the son who did his father's will, rather than the one who merely talked obedience (Mt. 21:28-32).

A man deserves no praise for engaging in only the barest minimum of service to God. What would you think of a father who measures the time he is to spend with his children down to the last second, and then, when their time is up, forbids them to "bother him"? Or what about a husband who refuses to give his wife one penny more than is absolutely necessary for living? Does such a man deserve commendation? Yet this attitude correctly describes many in their relationship to the Lord—they are satisfied with doing only what they have to do, **AND NOT ONE THING MORE!**

Jesus taught, "And whosoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him twain" (Mt. 5:41). If Jesus commanded 'go the second mile' as the proper response to an unjust Roman law, how much more does He expect it from us who have His perfect law? When was the last time you went the second mile?

**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
Spencer Riddle, 4 yr old boy mauled by a dog, is recovering well

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 on Hebrews at 7:00 pm.

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.

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

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL May 26.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MADISON NELSON on finishing her Master's degree. Well done!

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 5/19-Dave; 5/26-Lanny Prayer; 5/19-Chad; 5/26-Bobby Table; 5/19-Daniel; 5/26-Julio Song Leader; 5/19-David; 5/26-Troy Announcements/Closing prayer; 5/19- Christian; 5/26-Vinny

Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at: 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).