

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

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“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19-21)

One thing that stands out as I read God’s word is that this world which is so real to me, isn’t real at all. Paul pictures our physical bodies as tents and our real body will be obtained in heaven, a body fit to house our spirit through eternity. (II Cor. 5:1-2)

There is a better place than this world. The roll call of great people of faith seeking that heavenly country is found in Hebrews 11. Their attitude was that they were strangers here. Their treasures were laid up in heaven.

We need to learn to live like pilgrims in this world. We are only passing through and there is a home, a country so superior waiting for us. If God is all that is in heaven, then that is enough. The word pictures in the scriptures tell us that heaven will be awesome.

Therefore don’t put down roots here. Don’t settle in and get comfortable here. Don’t put your desires here and do not put your treasures in this place. This world is only temporary, a shadowland as it were. There is no security here. In Matthew 6:19-21 Jesus reminds us our treasures entrusted on the earth can be destroyed or stolen. But what we lay up in heaven cannot be destroyed or stolen.

We have to examine our hearts daily and decide to keep our eyes focused on the path leading to heaven.

**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; Josh and Alexis Donaway-Nov.
Outreach ministry at Outlet Market
Prayer walks -first Sunday each month
New Christian-Savanna
Spencer Riddle, 4 yr old boy mauled by a dog, Ronnie Conaway; shingles
Marie Travis; tests on June 14

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 will resume in the fall.

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 has been extended through June. If you did not complete all the jobs you volunteered to do, please do so soon. Thanks to all who helped!

MEN TO SERVE;
Welcome/Scripture; 6/9-Joe; 6/16-Danny
Prayer; 6/9-Vinny; 6/16-Phillip
Table; 6/9-Shawn; 6/16-Troy
Song Leader; 6/9-Troy; 6/16-Christian
Announcements/Closing prayer; June-Andy

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.
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).