

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR CHILDREN?

By Joe Slater, CoC, Justin, TX

The question in the title could be asked of Moms as well as Dads. You've heard the cliché "like Father, like son". Scripture also recognizes the tendency of sons to imitate their fathers and even previous ancestors (Acts 7:51).

So, dads, what do you want for your children? For your grandchildren? Are you teaching them by word? I Hope so! But the effect of your words will be diminished unless you lead by example.

Do you want your children to learn and obey the gospel? (How could any father not want his children to become Christians?) Have you, yourself, confessed Christ as Lord and been immersed into Him?

Do you want your children to meet regularly with the brethren? You know what's right, and you know it goes far beyond a single hour on Sunday morning. Your children will imitate your example above your words.

Do you want your children to put God first? Yes, even before ball games? birthday parties? fishing? hunting? golfing? God holds you responsible not just to tell them what is most important, but to show them!

Do you want your children to serve others joyfully? When last did you take them with you to visit someone homebound? (What a bright spot that puts in everyone's day!)

Do you want your children to be evangelistic? If you don't set the example, the secular world will most definitely teach them, "Keep your religion to yourself!"

The list goes on endlessly. What do you want for your children?

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**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
Marie Travis; had biopsy, waiting for results
Betty Beasley
Fred Sponseller

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.

CARD SHOWERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT:

Donna Walls (Beth Mathis' mother); cancer 1119 Fernlea Court, Cary, NC 27511

Betty Beasley-former preacher's wife here Lexington Community Hospice, room 505 128 Library Hill Lane, Lexington, SC 29872

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!

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL June 23rd

VBS-July 22-26, help needed. See David or Shawn

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 6/16-Danny; 6/23-Christian Prayer; 6/16-Phillip; 6/23-Lanny Table; 6/16-Troy; 6/23-Danny Song Leader; 6/16-Christian; 6/23 David 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.

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).