

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

June 30, 2024

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### PATRIOTISM IN GOD'S KINGDOM

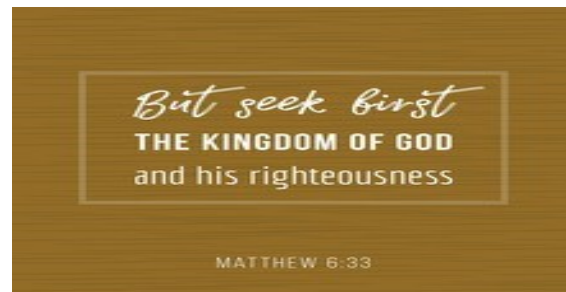
By Joe Chesser, Fruitland CoC, Fruitland, MO

This week our great nation is celebrating its independence. For 248 years now we have been a free nation. Patriotism is still strong. Patriotism is defined as love of country and a willingness to sacrifice for it. This is a perfect time to display our patriotism. Fly your flags. Decorate your cars and yards. Pray for America.

As Christians we have the privilege of taking the idea of patriotism to an even higher and greater plane, to the spiritual level. One of the analogies the Bible uses to describe the people of God is as a kingdom or a nation. Jesus began His ministry declaring "The kingdom of God is near". Jesus spoke many kingdom parables. Jesus is the king of His spiritual nation. Whenever and wherever people surrender to the rule of God, there will be a kingdom of God, the church of God.

As great as America is, it will not last forever. It may be overpowered some day by a more powerful nation. Our economy may crumble and fall. But the Lord's kingdom will never be destroyed. Even Satan with his demonic forces cannot destroy the kingdom of God.

Do you feel as patriotic towards the Lord's church as you do America? Do you have feelings of pride, loyalty and devotion for the church? Are you willing to sacrifice for the Lord's kingdom with your time, energy, and resources? If so, show it! Don't hide your light under a bushel. Don't limit your Christian activities to within the walls of a church building. Let everybody know you are a citizen of the kingdom of God!



**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:

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:** Terry Hastings, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Ruth Banks, Michelle Tucker, 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: Jess Hudson-July; Josh and Alexis Donaway-Nov.  
Outreach ministry at Outlet Market  
Prayer walks -first Sunday each month  
Marie Travis; biopsy showed cancer; cont. prayer  
Betty Beasley  
Fred Sponseller  
Pat Tucker; Manor House, rm. 4; broken hip  
Sapphira Ann Hudson (and family)  
Larry Flyer; eyesight, Doris Mathis bro. in-law  
All those traveling

## 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

**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! Check off when completed.

**VBS July 22-26.** See David or Shawn to help.

**Gospel Meeting, Temperanceville**, July 28-31 with Carey Terry; "Overcoming Troubles of the Heart"; Sun 10 and 11, M-W 7:00.

### MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 6/30-Vinny; 7/7-Lanny  
Prayer; 6/30-Philip; 7/7-Joe

Table; 6/23-6/30-Christian 7/7-Daniel

Song Leader; 6/30-Daniel; 7/7-Troy

Announcements/Closing prayer; June-Andy

## 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).