

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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UNLIMITED ACCESS

Suppose you had unlimited access to every movie ever made. How many hours of sleep would you forego in the first month?

Suppose you had unlimited access to every game app available for your cell phone. How many meals would you skip in the first two weeks?

Suppose you had unlimited access to every item in the women's clothing department of your favorite store. How long before your closets and dressers would overflow?

Unlimited access. At first, it sounds like a dream come true. But too much of a good thing is, well, not such a good thing. (Sadly, chocolate is no exception).

Romans 5:2 assures us that, through Jesus, by faith in Him, we have unlimited access to a very, very good thing—the amazing grace of God. Better still, there's no downside! There's no such thing as too much grace.

By faith in Jesus we are welcomed into God's holy presence. There, we find pardon for our many sins. There, we find peace to calm our restless hearts and quiet every fear. There, we find the ear and heart of God open to our every prayer! When we come, we come as the royal children of heaven. We are welcome and welcomed. This invitation is personal, and it is ours.

As we go through life, all of us from time to time will encounter challenging, distressing, and frightening circumstances. Sometimes, the things that happen to us or to those we love will make no sense. At times, we may feel helpless. At times, we may feel totally alone. But we are not! There is always something we can do to make a difference: we can pray! The prayers we offer are always heard. Our God is and will always be a refuge for us.

Being like Christ John 15:4-5

Pray for the sick:

Faith Fooks (Jean's niece); receiving chemo
Dave Newberry has completed all therapy
Gloria Hurley (Pat Tucker's friend) Crohn's and
may need a liver transplant.
Terry Hastings; Cathy's brother-in-law
Robin Anderson and Kristy Brady (Womersley's
Daughters)
Pat Tucker, eye issues.
Alexander Asher (Cassie's son); cont. prayers
Robin Matthews, surgery last Fri.
Guylene Simmons; fell, in hospice care
Rhonda Cipolla; ongoing health issues
Fred Sponseller; recuperating from heart valve
replacement
Chucky Hull, home from Qatar but with a torn
calf muscle

Pray for our country and those that are serving

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.
Teen Devo	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Men's Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
Women's Zoom study	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study at building	6:30 p.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

FELLOWSHIP MEALS RESUME on Sunday, June 27th.
Details coming soon.

FINAL PARABLES ZOOM CLASS; Monday, May 24 at
7:30 with Will Johnson.

LADIES' SUMMER ZOOM CLASS will study I, II, and III
John and be led by Dorothea. Begins June 1, 7:00 on
Tuesday evenings.

CURRENT 5TH GRADERS welcomed to Teen devos
as of May 23rd. Lads2Leaders "Pearls" begins in June.

SAVE THE DATES: July 23-24-25. Don and Ron Williams
will return for a dementia and cancer workshop.
August 1-4 Temperanceville Gospel Meeting with
Carey Terry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Rachel Justice on her high
School graduation! Well done, Rachel!

SPRING CLEANUP continues through May.

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).