# Laurel Church of Christ Family Focus

May 30, 2021

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#### **MEMORIAL DAY**

I believe there should be more than one "Memorial Day" each year. It seems that to most Americans it's just another official holiday, the unofficial start of summer. Sure, there is the passing mention of those who have fallen in defense of our country. There are stories on the news programs and in the newspaper and more flags than usual might be seen. But it doesn't seem like it is enough or that the majority of us really consider its depth of meaning.

I also believe the same thing is true with regard to the greatest sacrifice ever made...the death of Jesus Christ of Nazareth on the cross of Calvary so long ago. The vast majority of people may claim to remember; yet they fail to celebrate and meditate on its importance. The first century church came together on a weekly basis to commemorate this great event with a memorial supper.

As a Christian, there are a few things I need to keep always fresh in my mind:

**Love:** the love of family, friends, country, and most of all Christ and what He has done, is doing and yet will accomplish in my life.

**Thanksgiving:** for all of the above.

**Memorial:** For those who have gone on before and those we leave behind but most of all for the love of God and the greatest sacrifice man has ever known (or ever will know).

**Commitment:** To be faithful to family, the church and country. It is hard work...but surely is and will be worth it all!



Being like Christ John 15:4-5

#### Pray for the sick:

Faith Fooks (Jean's niece); receiving chemo.

Dave Newberry receiving more 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 Rhonda Cipolla; ongoing health issues Fred Sponseller; recuperating from heart valve replacement

Kay Murphy, difficulty breathing
Chucky Hull, home from Quatar but with 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.

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



**STAY INFORMED** by signing up for the informational blasts on the website.

**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. 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.

**SPRING CLEANUP** goal is to have all jobs completed by the end of May.

**FELLOWSHIP MEALS** resume on June 27th. More details to follow soon.

### WHO WE ARE

About us

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).