

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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A FATHER'S WORK

By Brian Mitchell

For the man with children, it does not matter what profession he may choose, there is no greater work than that which is done as a father. One of the greatest problems our society is facing is the absence of the godly father in the home. A father does not have to leave the home, to leave the home. Many homes have broken down merely because the fathers of our society have abdicated their roles as the leader of the family.

In Eph. 6:4 the apostle Paul examines the work of the father in both negative (what they shouldn't do) and positive terms (what they should do). To fathers Paul writes, "and you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." Provoke to wrath is a term which means to make angry and when fathers provoke their children they are causing them to become frustrated, discouraged, and eventually to lose heart. Fathers can do this through unrealistic expectations, preferential treatment of siblings, the use of excessive discipline, or simply neglect. It calls for careful consideration to how one is dealing with his children and the affect it is having on them.

From the positive perspective, Paul says that fathers are to bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Training refers to a holistic child education, and the loving discipline done to instruct children in righteousness is needed. Admonition of the Lord refers to instruction or warning, the qualifying phrase of which is "in the Lord". Thus, we as fathers are supposed to impart spiritual instruction to our children. While the mothers must help in all of this, the primary responsibility lies with the father.

So, on this Father's Day, I encourage each of our fathers here to answer an important question; Where are you leading your children?

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

Being like Christ John 15:4-5

Pray for the sick:

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

Dave Newberry has some unexplained swelling in the brain and is on steroids to reduce it.

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

Kay Murphy, difficulty breathing

Thankfulness for the relief from COVID we are experiencing and that it will continue.

Traveling; Michelle Tucker, Diane Wooten, Cathy and Julie.

Pray for our country and those that are serving!



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

WELCOME to our guest speaker today, **Brother Dale Nelson** who will lead Bible class and preach. Be sure to make it a point to meet and welcome him!

LADIES' SUMMER ZOOM CLASS is studying I, II, and III John Tuesday evenings at 7:00.

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.

August 21 Tentative date for clothing giveaway.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS resume on June 27th. There will be a planned menu and a sign-up sheet will be on the back bulletin board. We will be celebrating and honoring our 2020 graduate, **Victoria Mathis** and our 2021 graduate, **Rachel Justice**.

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

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).