

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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HAVE YOU EARNED YOUR PLACE IN HEAVEN?

By Steve Higginbotham

After making a whopping \$50 million donation to a gun control initiative, and because of his work against obesity and smoking, New York City Mayor, Michael Bloomberg was quoted as saying : "I am telling you, if there is a God, when I get to heaven I'm not stopping to be interviewed. I am heading straight in...I have earned my place in heaven. It's not even close."

How does that sound to you? Presumptuous? Arrogant? The very idea that Mr. Bloomberg could think he could "buy" his way into heaven must be offensive to God. How less offensive is it when we believe and act like we can earn our way into heaven by...

Going to church three times a week

Reading our Bibles daily

Praying

Giving generously each first day of the week

Helping the poor

Being a good father/mother/husband/wife/son/daughter

The above list could go on and on. Do we, along with Mr. Bloomberg need to be reminded that after all we could possibly do, we are still unprofitable servants (Luke 17:10)? Do we also need to be reminded that our righteousness, the best we can offer, is as filthy rags to God (Isaiah 64:6)?

You see, heaven isn't a matter of attainment, it's a matter of Atonement. If we're in heaven some day, it won't be because we earned it. It won't be because we wowed God with our own morality and righteousness.. And it won't be because God is indebted to us. On the contrary, it will be because we're indebted to Him?

Being like Christ John 15:4-5

Pray for the sick:

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

Dave Newberry goes back to Columbus July 6 for another MRI of brain swelling.

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.

Those of our number who are traveling.

Pray for our country and those that are serving!



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

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 MEAL IS TODAY. Please stay and enjoy some food and fellowship together. It has been a long time! Help us to honor and celebrate our high school graduates, Rachel Justice and Victoria Mathis.

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).