

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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ARE WE WILLING TO LISTEN?

By Alan Smith

Tommy Bolt, winner of the 1958 US Open, tells the story of an incident he had during one of his golf tournaments. Bolt arrived at the golf course for the tournament and was approached by a youngster. "Mr. Bolt. Do you need a caddy sir?" Bolt went to the caddy master and asked about the youngster. The man said, "He's a real good caddy, knows the course, the greens, the rules of the game, but he talks a lot."

So Bolt went back to the youngster and said, "You can caddy for me on one condition. Don't say a word." The young man accepted and carried Bolt's bag. The first three rounds went well, and Bolt was in contention on the fourth round, when an errant tee shot landed in the rough. The ball was sitting down in a bad patch of turf with water on the right.

Bolt asked his caddy, "You think a five iron will do the trick?" The kid shook his head no but never said a word. "What, you want me to hit a six iron?" Again the kid shook his head no, but did not speak. Bolt grabbed a six iron and lashed the ball out of the rough and landed on the green, rolling to within three feet of the hole. As they walked to the green, Bolt said, "Aren't you going to say something now, after seeing a shot like that?" His caddy then replied, "Mr. Bolt, that wasn't your ball."

Many of us go through life like that. We don't want to hear what anyone else has to say. And when we become intent on doing things our way without listening to the voices of wisdom around us, we are headed for disaster.

Solomon advised us to "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.*" (Prov. 3:5-6) "*Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge.*" Prov. 22:17-18. If you're inclined to tell others "I don't want to hear anything you have to say", you may want to reconsider. The time may come when you wish you had listened.

Being like Christ John 15:4-5

Pray for the sick:

Faith Fooks (Jean's niece); receiving chemo.
Dave Newberry; continued health concerns
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.
Daniel, Christine and birth of baby.
Nip Hudson, broken rib from fall.
Those of our number who are traveling.
Those attending camp as staff or campers.

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. Pick up flyers in the foyer.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL July 25th.

August 1-4 Temperanceville Gospel Meeting with Carey Terry.

August 28 CLOTHING GIVEAWAY. Please wait until after workshop and fellowship meal to bring donated items.

TODAY after worship, there will be a planning and informational meeting for one day **VBS** on Aug. 14.

CHALLENGE: Memorize 100 Bible verses by Dec. 31.

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

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).