

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS

Luke 6:40

"A disciple is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher." KJV

Discipleship inherently requires it. Who is our mentor? Who is our hero? Who do we want to be most like? Many passages stress the need to become more like Jesus:

- Romans 8:29—be conformed to the image of His Son
- II Cor. 3:18—changed into His image
- Phil. 2:5—have the mindset of Christ—His attitudes
- I Pet. 2:21—follow in His steps
- I John 2:6—walk in the same way in which He walked
- I Cor. 11:1—Paul said he imitated Christ
- Eph. 4:20-24—a complete makeover is expected
- I John 3:1-3—Begin NOW to become as He is NOW

What was He like? WWJD? WDJD....is in the Bible. What DID Jesus do?

Jesus...

1. **Obedied His parents-Lk. 2:51** Until you leave your father and mother to begin your own home, WWJD...obey father and mother. Even after you leave home you must honor them. Jesus did so at the cross arranging for His mother's welfare. You want to be like Jesus? Take care of your parents. It is interesting to observe that God addresses the child directly on this...not through his or her parent. He says CHILDREN obey your parents...not parents tell your children to obey you.
2. **Grew up in a well rounded sort of way—Luke 2:52** Mature development is expected. He grew in stature and wisdom. Physical and mental growth is required. I know playing computer games and watching a lot of TV is fun, but even at twelve you can begin to be like Jesus. Education is important, very important. Socially being able to interact with all ages, Jesus was discussing God's will with temple teachers. Can you carry on a good discussion with your Bible class teacher?

(To be continued)

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

Butch and Jenny Womersley requested prayers

David Hudson's back spasms

Those of our number who are traveling.

Those attending camp as staff or campers.

Dale and Maddy Nelson as they begin their work with us.



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.

VBS MEETING TODAY after worship for all who are interested in helping.

August 1-4 Temperanceville Gospel Meeting with Carey Terry.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY rescheduled for Sept 4 due to a conflict with use of the FLC. Donations may be brought now.

GUEST SPEAKER SHAWN JUDGE, Aug. 15 and special contribution for Ganderbrook Christian Camp.

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.

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).