

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS continued

Luke 6:40

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

(See previous bulletins for the first 25 ways we can be more like Jesus)

26. **Violated Religious Traditions of Men, Mk. 7:1-13** There is a place for making waves, purposely! Mk. 3:1-6. When human tradition causes a violation of God's law, that is a good time. Paul did the same thing with circumcision. He refused to have Titus circumcised due to the association with salvation some made of it. Timothy on the other hand, was different.
27. **Strongly Denounced Religious Sin, Mt. 23** Not just immorality, but religious sin. He condemned it big time...verses 13-15; 32-33. There is a time to rebuke sin...and of the religious type too. Where did I get that from...Jesus!
28. **Identified Religious Wrongdoers by Name, Mt. 16:6-12; Rev. 2:6,14** Tact is needed, but so is specificity sometimes. We can be so vague, so beat around the bushes, that the point is never gotten across. Name calling can be counterproductive, but only to a point. Jesus shows that there is a point where identifying by name is helpful.
29. **Showed Mercy and Forgiveness to Those Immoral...** To the thief...today you shall be with Me in Paradise. To the woman caught in adultery...Neither do I condemn you; go and stop sinning. The sinful woman...her sins which are many are forgiven for she loved much. And eating with sinners...the sick need a physician. Jesus was sympathetic to their spiritual plights and condition, more than their religious problems. Without tolerating sin, He showed compassion and drew them to Himself.
30. **Was Patient with Weak Followers, Jn. 14:8-11** After 3 years, still sooo weak. Peter has chronic foot in mouth disease. Judas is coveting the little bit of money they have and is stealing some of it. All of them are clamoring for positions in the kingdom and touting their own greatness and worth. Yet, He patiently bears with them.

Being like Christ John 15:4-5

Pray for the sick:

Faith Fooks, Dave Newberry, Gloria Hurley, Terry Hastings, Kay Murphy, —continuing health concerns.

Eleanor Roulis feeling some better.

Pat Tucker, eye issues.

Alexander Asher (Cassie's son); burned by boiling water .

Butch and Jenny Womersley requested prayers; also daughters Robin Anderson and Kristy Brady People of Afghanistan

Schools, students and teachers as they try to carry on amidst COVID.

Joel is awaiting test results.

Delmar Nursing Home.

Condolences to Jean Hudson and family in the passing of our beloved Nip. He will be missed!

The funeral service was Saturday.



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.

LADIES' DAY, October 23 from 10-2. Registration will begin at 9. Our speaker is Tiffany Brooks and the theme is "Lord, Don't You Care?" See Ginger for ways you can help.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL Sept. 26.

HARDING UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP, INVINCIBLE: A STUDY OF DANIEL, Sept. 26-29.

CAMP DELMARVA, October 8-10.

Our country and those 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

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).