

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

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### TEN MISPLACED DESIRES

By Steve Higginbotham

Three old friends were shipwrecked on a deserted island. After a year of being castaways, a bottle floated up on the beach. One of the men opened it and out popped a genie granting one wish to each of the three friends. Without any hesitation the first friend said, "I wish I were back home in Knoxville." Poof! He was gone. The second friend immediately said, "I wish I were back in Knoxville too." Poof! He was gone. The third man was more deliberate. He told the genie he wanted to think about it a bit longer to make sure he didn't waste the wish. After a full two months of isolation on the island, he said to the genie, "I've reached my decision. I've come to realize how much I've missed my friends. I've been so lonely here without them, so I wish my two friends were back here with me." And poof!!

I believe we can all realize the misplaced desire this man had. But before we laugh at this man we need to realize that sometimes, we too have misplaced desires. Let me offer ten misplaced desires we often have:

- \* We want a Savior but we don't want a Lord.
- \* We want a crown, but we don't want a cross.
- \* We want a harvest, but we don't want to sow any seed.
- \* We want to go to Heaven, but we don't want to go to church.
- \* We want to grow spiritually, but we don't want to feed on His word.
- \* We want Hollywood to clean up its act, but we don't want to stop watching.
- \* We want the right to pray, but we don't want to pray.
- \* We want the 10 Commandments posted, but we don't want to live by their moral principles.
- \* We want to love God, but we don't want to abhor sin.
- \* We want to die the death of the righteous, but we don't want to abandon the lifestyle of the sinner.

The man who wanted his friends to rejoin him was pretty short-sighted, but not nearly as short-sighted as those whose wants are identified above. Give it some thought.

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

Joel's neighbor; Winter's neighbors with COVID.

Delmar Nursing Home.

Any of our number that are traveling including Shawn and Kelly, Cathy, Andy's family.

Camp Delmarva and many of our number who are out there today.

On going personal Bible studies.

## Our country, her leaders, those serving.



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

**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.

**Work on the challenge to memorize 100 scriptures by Dec. 31.**

### LOOKING AHEAD:

Ladies mark your calendars for the Christmas Tea that will be held in the FLC on Dec. 11th at 12:00. Bring a wrapped ornament to exchange. RSVP to Julie by Dec. 8th.

Christmas caroling will be Sunday the 19th. Meet at the FLC at 4:00.

## Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at: [www.laurelcoc.org](http://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).