

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

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### ADVERSITY OR OPPORTUNITY?

By Steve Higginbotham

A farmer began digging a well one afternoon. By the end of the day, the well was quite deep, and due to darkness, the farmer decided to call it a day and resume digging in the morning. However, that very evening, under the cover of darkness, an unsuspecting cow was wandering near and fell into the freshly dug hole. The next morning, the farmer and his three sons tried every way imaginable to pull this unfortunate cow out of the hole, but with no success. Finally, the frustrated farmer instructed his sons to give up on trying to rescue the cow, and to just take their shovels and cover him up. So the farmer's sons did as they were instructed. However, with every shovel of dirt thrown on the cow's back, the cow would shrug, and the dirt would fall around it. Pretty soon, they had thrown so much dirt into the hole that the cow was simply able to walk out of the hole without any help.

The point is this: "What may be intended to bury us may just become our salvation".

Next time you face adversity, shrug it off. Who knows whether that experience may end up being a steppingstone to your success and Spiritual growth. Give it some thought.

### WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Tiffany Brooks as our speaker for Ladies' Day and also to lead a women's Bible class in the FLC this morning. The theme this year is "Lord, Don't You Care?" This is a weekend that is highly anticipated all year by our ladies. Be sure to meet Tiffany and extend your welcome to her.

## Being like Christ John 15:4-5

## Pray for the sick:

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

Pat Tucker, eye issues; Michelle Tucker, heel issues.

Robin Anderson had successful surgery on Monday to remove a mass.

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

Winter's neighbors, two couples, battling COVID. Delmar Nursing Home.

Lauren Hudson traveling to AR; other travelers.

On going personal Bible studies.

Congratulations to the Whartons on the recent engagement of Jillian.

Thea's friend Cindy's husband Dwight; back surg.

Jean Hudson's niece lost her husband due to a heart attack.

## Our country, her leaders, those serving.

### 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



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

**Bus Trip:** Ginger is getting together a bus trip to *Sight and Sound* to see *David*. If there is enough interest the trip will be Mar. 19, 3:00 show. The cost is \$115 per person, plus cost of stopping for dinner. Let Ginger know ASAP if interested.

**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.

## 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).