

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

November 7, 2021

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### TO THIS I CLING

By David A. Sargent

“And the rain descended, and the floods came.”

Clara Grant was on her way from her daughter’s home in SC to her own home on Sunday morning October 4. She had attended church services at her home church, when she was abruptly stopped by floodwaters. The floodwaters lifted her car off the pavement and swept it into a field. In desperation she called 911, but her call didn’t go through. So, she called her son-in-law, who in turn called Grant’s grandson, Travis Catchings, to go to the rescue. Catchings found his grandmother stranded in her car with torrents of water rushing over it. Her car was trapped in a ditch in front of a small church. After a great struggle, Catchings was able to pry open the car door and get his grandmother out. A huge red cross that had been standing in front of the little church building had become uprooted and was lodging against the car. Grandmother and Grandson clung to the cross in the hopes that someone would be able to rescue them.

“I was literally holding on to the cross. I was clinging to the cross,” Grant said. They clung to the cross for five hours until help arrived. They were saved from the rushing waters.

Augustus Toplady identified the means of our salvation in the words of a song entitled *Rock of Ages*; “*Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.*”

When we were “drowning” in sin, God sent Jesus to rescue us. The only way Jesus could save us was to die for us, for He—the sinless Son of God—was the One who could pay the price for our sins and satisfy the justice of God. His death on the cross is the means of our salvation.

God will save those who place their faith and trust in Jesus, turn from their sins in repentance, confess Jesus before men, and are baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. The blood that Jesus shed will continue to cleanse from sin as we continue to walk in the light of His word.

When interviewed by WIS-TV about her ordeal Grant proclaimed, “This is not about me. This is about what He did to save me.”

## Being like Christ John 15:4-5

## Pray for the sick:

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

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

Vinnie Odo; injured in a fall in his shop, recovering.

Sandi Holt; liver biopsy in Baltimore on Nov. 15.

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

Penni's bro-in-law Donald Morris fractured his hip and had surgery.

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

On-going personal Bible studies.

Congratulations to Cipolla's expecting a little one Robin Anderson; wound infection after surgery and her daughter, Natalie will have cardiac surgery.

Joel Wharton awaiting test results.

Greg Murphy; COVID.

Congratulations to Amy on new job at Nanticoke.



**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. The bus will leave from the FLC at 10:00

### 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.

## 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

## 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).