# Laurel Church of Christ Family Focus

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#### A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

By Troy Mathis

The author, Luke, was a non-Jew, a Gentile, an outsider (probably the only non-Jew of the 40 or so authors of the Bible.) He was not an eyewitness. But Luke followed, or traced, or investigated (depending on translation) everything he wrote so we can know for sure the things he wrote are true.

For the last 2 years I've encouraged everyone to read through the gospel of Luke, beginning December 1st, a chapter a day, every day, for 24 days. Read about the glorious event of the birth of Jesus; the angel visiting the shepherds, and the host of angels singing "Glory to God..." Read of Jesus teaching in the temple at the age of 12 and all those listening being marveled. Read of Jesus healing the sick, the lame, the demon possessed. Read of Jesus feeding the hungry, raising the dead. Read of the parables of Jesus and His teachings. Read of His warnings and His assurance that 'The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost'. Read of His prayer in the Garden, His betrayal, the pain, the anguish, His death, His burial. Read of the victory; His resurrection, and His ascension.

The life of Jesus is a life of love. I encourage you again, to read Luke's account of the life of Christ. A chapter a day; start your day by reading a chapter. Add a chapter of Luke to your daily Bible reading. Read it aloud together as a family. Or maybe have each family member read it alone, then talk about what everyone read at the dinner table. Read each chapter as if it's the first time you've read it. To be like Christ, let's read what Christ was like.

24 days in Luke. A chapter a day. Every day.

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; seeing an orthopedist.

Sandi Holt; seeing a gastroenterologist Dec. 2
Schools, students and teachers as they try to
carry on amidst COVID. Cases are increasing.
Thea's friend Cindy's brother Dwight; back surg.
On-going personal Bible studies.

Robin Anderson; wound infection after surgery and her daughter, Natalie will have cardiac surgery.

Kerri and family—(Dad 's return of brain cancer)—

friend of Dale and Maddy.

Ruby Akers has chicken pox.

Marissa (Robin's Anderson's niece; shock trauma James McCartney; prostate cancer (has not spread to his bones)

#### ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP FEAST

Today after worship. Please stay for fantastic food and fellowship!

**Bus Trip:** To Sight and Sound to see David. We have reached the deadline for letting Ginger know if you wish to go.

**CHRISTMAS TEA** for ladies Dec. 18th at 12:00, FLC. RSVP to Julie. Bring wrapped ornament to exchange. **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**will be Sunday the 19th. Meet at the FLC AT 4:00.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Sat., Dec. 4 at 8:00, Pizza King. BAPTISM TODAY at 12:30 here (young lady from Seaford). All invited to witness and rejoice. CAROLERS OF ALL AGES NEEDED to ride float and sing in Christmas parades: Fri., Dec. 3 at 7 in Laurel. Line up at 6. Refreshments in FLC following. Sat., Dec. 4 in Delmar. Line up at 1. Refreshments at Wayne and Doris' afterwards., We will decorate the trailer at 4 in church parking lot Thurs and Fri. CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASS coming In Feb.

### Our country, her leaders, 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).