

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

The lyrics to a popular Christian song go like this:

Cause I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody,
All about a somebody, Who saved my soul.
Ever since you rescued me, You gave my heart a song to sing.
I'm living for the world to see, Nobody but Jesus.

Now don't get discouraged. Obviously we have value. Luke 12 tells us that. Luke says to look at the ravens. They didn't sow or reap; they don't have barns to store their things. But God feeds them. Then, at the end of verse 24 he says "of how much more value are you than birds!" He goes on and talks about the lilies and how God cares for us so much more than the lilies. Now the context of these verses is dealing with our being anxious, but the point is that we do have value in God's sight.

Everyone is valuable in the sight of God. God sent His Son for everyone. Peter tells us that God wishes that none should perish, but all should come to repentance. Everyone we see is just as valuable to God as we are.

The song mentioned above goes on to talk about Moses and his stage fright, yet he faced the pharaoh. David took a stone to a sword fight and slew a giant. Twelve ordinary men that no one would have thought twice about, were chosen and changed the world.

God has a purpose for each of us. We are valuable, not because of who we are, but because He made us that way. If we can see that others are just as valuable to God as we are to God, then it's easier for us to use the talents and abilities that God gave us, and to overcome our fears and anxieties to tell the good news of Jesus.

Being like Christ John 15:4-5

Pray for the sick:

Faith Fooks, Dave Newberry, Gloria Hurley, Terry Hastings, Kay Murphy, Kristy Brady, Robin Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Pat Tucker, Michelle Tucker, Sandi Holt—continuing health concerns.

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

On-going personal Bible studies.

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

Marissa (Robin Anderson's niece; shock trauma

James McCartney; prostate cancer (has not spread to his bones)

Michael Roulis; vertigo related to migraines

Rhonda Cipolla and her pregnancy

Will Hudson; allergy flareups

Claire Rossiter; procedure on Thurs. Dec. 23rd.

Wharton's son-in-law, daughter; COVID

Tornado victims.

Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer.

Carla Griggs; liver testing

All those traveling; Julio, Donna, Dave and Lauren, Michelle, Dale and Maddy, and any others.

CHRISTMAS TEA was a wonderful time of eating delicious food, playing games, exchanging ornaments. Thanks to Julie, Cathy, Courtney and Emma for all their hard work and planning.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING will be Sunday the 19th. Meet at the FLC 5:45-6:00.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL; December 26, soup and sandwiches. Sign up sheet in the back.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own Jaden Snyder and his football teammates on winning the division 1A football state championship against St. Elizabeth, 28-14.

CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASS coming in Feb.

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).