

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

January 2, 2022

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### SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS

By Travis L. Quertermous

At the beginning of a new year it is very common to make resolutions. We look back over the previous year, assess our successes and our failures, and set goals to improve over the course of the new year. For many people, these resolutions are all of a material nature. For example, they resolve to lose weight, to quit smoking, or to get out of debt.

All of these are indeed worthy goals, but let me challenge you to make some spiritual resolutions this year as well. For example, resolve to be a daily student of the Bible and to read through God's word in 2022. Resolve to attend church this year with your family and to be more involved in its activities. Resolve to help the poor and the needy more this year. Resolve to pray to God every day. Resolve to be a more patient and loving spouse, parent, or child. Resolve to share the gospel of Christ with at least one lost soul in 2022.

Of course, we've all heard the old saying that resolutions are made in January and forgotten in March. This brings to mind another old, but true saying: "If we fail to plan, then we plan to fail." The reason so many resolutions go unrealized is because we make no plans on how to succeed or else have unrealized expectations to begin with. Take being a daily Bible student, for example. If one will read three chapters a day from the Old Testament, one can read through it in a year. Nine chapters a day in the New Testament will enable one to read through it once a month. That, it seems to me, is a very reachable schedule and goal.

Above all, let us resolve to live out the wise words of King Solomon, "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13).

## Being like Christ John 15:4-5

**Pray for the sick:** We have many on our sick list. You may not know many of them, but God knows them and their needs, so lift them up.

Faith Fooks, Dave Newberry, Gloria Hurley, Terry Hastings, Kay Murphy, Kristy Brady, Robin Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Pat Tucker, Michelle Tucker, Sandi Holt, Michael Roulis, Rhonda Cipolla, Cindy and Dwight—continuing health concerns.

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

Jenny Womersley; torn meniscus

Tornado and wildfire victims.

Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer.

Carla Griggs; liver testing

Vinnie's B-I-L Chuck

David Brown family on his passing

All those with COVID

Dale's Aunt

Doris Mathis' B-I-L Paul; amputation

**CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASS** begins Friday, Feb. 25. See John Justice or Troy Mathis for information.

**CAREY TERRY** will be returning to Laurel Jan. 30-Feb. 2. Reserve those dates because you won't want to miss it.

**GOOD NEWS** Cheyenne Mathis was baptized into Christ Sunday afternoon. What a wonderful way to begin a new year and a new life in Christ, Cheyenne!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Wayne and Doris Mathis on 61 years of marriage!!



## 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.

Thursday:

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.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).