

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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NEW BABES

By Troy Mathis

A new baby is a precious gift. When a child is born, in most cases, there are doctors and nurses who immediately begin caring for the child. They clean the baby, count fingers and toes and check vital signs. Then they wrap the child in a blanket and hand the baby to its Mom who immediately begins cradling the child and loving her newborn baby. The joy is shared. Phone calls are made. Hugs are given. Smiles are shared. Social media is flooded with congratulations.

The love for the newborn doesn't stop there. The baby goes home and is fed a steady diet of milk. They are held and talked to. Songs and lullabies are sung. Unasked questions are answered. Words of encouragement, though not understood, are uttered. Stories are read.

Then as the child grows, the love continues. Solid food is eaten. First steps are taken. First words are spoken. 'Why' becomes their favorite word. We want them to grow and learn and be safe, so we patiently answer all their questions; all their 'whys'.

A new baby is a precious gift that receives all our love and attention and care and has its every need met. Shouldn't a new child in Christ receive the same? Here in Laurel, we have had several baptisms over the past few months. We rejoice, we celebrate, as we should. But do we then give them the love and care and attention they need as they begin their new life in Christ? Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

With new Christians, the new children of Christ, they are newborns. 'Infants in Christ' need 'milk', not 'solid food'. Give them the love, the care, and the extra attention they need. Answer their 'whys'. Help them to find their God-given talents and abilities, so that, when they mature in Christ, they can then obey the Great Commission and 'make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

Being like Christ John 15:4-5

Pray for the sick: We have many on our prayer list. You may not know some 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, all with 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 (has not spread to his bones)

Doris Mathis; upcoming shoulder replacement.

Quinn's father; bloodclot (Annabelle's friend)

Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer.

Carla Griggs; liver testing

All those with COVID

Wayne Hill family in his passing (Joel's friend)

Our country, its leaders, and 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.

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

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!

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, Jan. 29 at 8:00 in the FLC. Carey Terry will be the speaker.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL will be the 5th Sunday, Jan. 30th.

The theme will be **MEXICAN** dishes.

WOMEN TO WOMEN workshop will be April 9th. Ladies, mark your calendars and plan to attend.

2022 CALENDAR There will be a big wall calendar in the office once again for 2022. Please give Diane your dates for any events you are heading up, so they can be placed on the calendar.

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).