

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

January 23, 2022

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### HOW CAN I INCREASE MY DEPENDENCE UPON GOD?

By Lance Cordle

***For the sake of Christ, then I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Cor. 12:10)***

I can begin each day with prayer that includes thanks.

I can replace the question "Why has God done this to me?" with "How has God helped me in the past?"

I can count my blessings.

I can set aside a favorite Bible verse or group of verses that can serve as points of reflection in my life, in good times as well as bad.

I can look for ways to be God's instrument for good in other's lives.

I can read the Bible daily.

I can insure treasure in heaven by directing some of my money to those in need.

I can reflect on what my life would be like without Christ.

I can thank God for good health.

I can read and practice the 'one another' messages of scripture (John 13:34; Eph. 4:32)

I can streamline my life by eliminating luxuries that encourage me to forget God.

I can consider periodic fasting (Mt. 16:16-18)

I can ponder the phrase 'daily bread' in the model prayer of Jesus (Mt. 6:9) and how I should not take for granted God's daily provisions.

I can remember and reflect on the fact, and remind others, that every good gift comes from God (James 1:17)

I can be constantly aware of just how fragile human life really is.

I can remember the fact of Rom. 8:31 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

I can stay connected to God's people.

I can end each day with a prayer that includes thanks.

## 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 let's 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.

Doris Mathis; upcoming shoulder surgery.

Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer.

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

Vinnie's mother; hospitalized

Gretchen Wharton

Bobby Phillips; medical procedure.

Julio traveling home.

Lauren moving into her own apartment.

All those with COVID—we have many of our own.

## 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.
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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

**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.

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

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL** will be the 5th Sunday, Jan. 30th. The theme will be Mexican dishes.

**2022 WALL CALENDAR** Get your dates on the wall Calendar by giving them to Diane.

**WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP** April 9th in FLC.

**TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND:** 5 seats left on the bus. See Ginger to reserve a seat by Feb. 1st.

### **MEN TO SERVE:**

Welcome/Scripture: Christian-23rd; Troy M.-30th

Prayer: Lanny-23rd; Philip -30th

Table: Troy M.-23rd; Christian-30th

Announcements/closing prayer: Shawn

Song leader: David-23rd; Daniel-30th

## 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).