

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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WHO IS JESUS?

By Joe Slater

Are you the Coming One? (Mt. 11:3; Lk 7:19, 20) The imprisoned John the immerser sent messengers to Jesus with this question. The coming one refers to the one the prophets foretold. Rather than give a straight yes or no answer Jesus told the messengers; "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them (Mt. 11:4-5) These were things the prophets foretold the Messiah would do. Yes, Jesus was the one that the prophets foretold.

Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? (Mk. 14:61) Seeking to condemn Him, the High Priest posed this question at Jesus' first trial before the Sanhedrin. Son of the Blessed is equal to the Son of God. In answer to this two pronged question, Jesus answered clearly: I am.

Are you then the Son of God? (Lk. 22:70) Again it was the High Priest who confronted Jesus. Just as Son of Man focused on Jesus' humanity, Son of God focused on His deity. Jesus is the Son of God in a unique way. By His very nature He is deity. Jesus' answer "Ye say that I am" was a polite way of saying "Yes".

Are you the King of the Jews? (Lk. 23:3; Mt. 27:11; Mk. 15:2; Jn 18:33, 37) This time it was Pilate questioning Jesus. The governor was thinking of a political king. Jesus' kingdom, however, is not of this world (Jn. 18:36). He rules not over biological Jews, but over the true Jews described in Romans 2:28-29. He answered the governor, "Thou sayest it". Jesus was not stating Pilate's view of Him, but giving a polite affirmative, just as He had done before the Sanhedrin.

Jesus is the One the prophets foretold. He is the Christ. He is the Son of God. And He is the King of the Jews. A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!

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.

Vinnie's mother

Bobby Phillips; successful procedure. No results yet Lauren moving into her own apartment.

Richmond and Lewis families in loss of loved ones.

Families displaced by fire in Laurel.

Claire Rossiter; surgery Feb. 10.

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

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 was able to make it here and will be speaking as planned on Sunday morning and at **6:30** PM Sunday evening through Wednesday evening. The Men's breakfast and the Fellowship Meal were canceled due to the weather.

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. The money is due to Ginger now.

MEN TO SERVE:

Welcome/Scripture: Troy M.-30th; Lanny-6th.

Prayer: Philip -30th; Bobby-6th.

Table: Christian-30th; Shawn-6th.

Announcements/closing prayer: Shawn; Dave-Feb.

Song leader: Daniel-30th; Troy F.-6th

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).