# Laurel Church of Christ Family Focus

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## WHO IS YOUR BARNABAS, PAUL AND TIMOTHY?

By Nick Pace

Most young boys look up to their fathers as they are growing up. I was no different. I wanted to be just like my father. Grow up to be strong, smart, funny, kind, loving, honest, hard working, a farmer,, and many other things just like my father as I got older. As a little boy, a teenager, a young man, and even today, I look to my father as one to emulate.

I know that I was extremely blessed to have the loving, kind parents that mentored me. We all need mentors in our lives. Whether it be parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, siblings, cousins other relatives Friends, neighbors, etc., we all need people in our lives that we can look up to. Jeff Jenkins recently said in a leadership training, "Everyone needs at least one Barnabas, one Paul, and one Timothy in their life." That phrase has stuck with me over the last couple months since hearing it.

**ONE BARNABAS**—As humans we all love to be encouraged. Encouragement from others is sometimes the only thing that gets us through difficult times. Barnabas was a man of encouragement. We need to have in our life someone that is reaching out to encourage and uplift others. They are selfless and always looking to others' needs before their own.

**ONE PAUL**—We need someone in our lives that has been through it before. Someone that we can go to when we need advice, guidance, or help with a problem/struggle that we are experiencing. Paul was a mentor to Timothy. Paul had seen it and experienced it. He was willing to lend advice and council to Timothy as Timothy was growing in the ministry.

**ONE TIMOTHY**—As was just mentioned, Timothy was advised by Paul while he was a young man doing the work of the Lord. He was willing to listen and take the advice of Paul and use it. We need someone in our lives that challenges us to be the example that we should be. We need to have someone in our lives that we are looking to help and make a difference in their life. Who is your Barnabas? Who is your Paul? Who is your Timothy?

## Being like Christ John 15:4-5

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# **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, 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; shoulder surgery recovery

Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer. Can't talk or eat, in pain, on Hospice.

Bobby Phillips; ,no treatment needed now; check up in 3 months.

Claire Rossiter; healing from surgery; still bleeding. All those with COVID

Cassie Asher; in ICU, will go to Rehab soon Ronnie Conaway; heart procedure, doing well Expectant mothers Rhonda and Courtney

## 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. The first session is a Meet and Greet and receive materials. The class will meet every Fri. at 7:00 for 10 weeks. Cost is \$40. See John Justice or Troy Mathis.

**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:** The bus is full! Payment for tickets was due to Ginger on Feb. 1.

**VBS MEETING** following worship on Mar. 6. Bring dates you plan to be available and other ideas.

#### **MEN TO SERVE:**

Welcome/Scripture: David-20th; Daniel-27th. Prayer: Christian-20th; David—27th. Table: Troy M.-20t; Danny—27th.. Announcements/closing prayer: Dave-Feb. Song leader: Daniel-20th; Troy F.—27th.

# 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).