

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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MEMBERS WHO WEAKEN THE CHURCH

Via Findlay Church of Christ, Sparta, TN

The strength of the church lies in her supernatural elements, her sure foundation, and her resilient spirit. The weakness of the church lies in her human elements. The church is weak in proportion as her membership is weak, uninformed, insincere, or derelict in the performance of duty.

NON-ATTENDING MEMBERS: They are found in every congregation and they form a very considerable group. Whatever explanation or apology may be offered for this situation, the fact remains that the influence of the church suffers heavily at the hands of its non-attending members. Little headway can be made with a membership that takes church attendance lightly. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Heb. 10:25.

UNINFORMED MEMBERS: It is perfectly plain when a life has been born again. Its growth can be sustained and mature only through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. An uninformed Christian will become a weak and sickly Christian. "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" 1 Pet. 2:2. Milk is for babies; solid food for full grown men. "Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature" 1 Cor. 14:20.

NON-SUPPORTING MEMBERS: A church is strong or feeble, not primarily in proportion to its membership, but in proportion to its supporting members. The strength of a church is the number of active members—those who invest time, thought, energy and money in its maintenance. The weakness of the church is in its inactive members. "From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" Eph. 4:16.

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, Eleanor and Michael Roulis, Cindy and Dwight, all with continuing health concerns. On-going personal Bible studies.

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

Bobby Phillips; getting 2nd opinion Johns Hopkins
Claire Rossiter; healing from surgery; losing blood.
All those with COVID

Cassie Asher; home

Ronnie Conaway; home

Expectant mothers Rhonda and Courtney
David and Charles both seeing cardiologists for tests

FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY following morning worship. Stay and enjoy some Italian cuisine and some great fellowship!

CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASS began Friday, Feb. 25. 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: Daniel-27th; Julio-6th.

Prayer: David—27th; Paul-6th.

Table: Danny—27th; Shawn-6th.

Announcements/closing prayer: Dave-27; John-Mar.

Song leader: Troy F.—27th; David-6th.

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

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).