

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

March 6, 2022

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### I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN

By Al Behel

“Every athlete exercises self-control...They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one...” I Cor. 9:25

John “Pepper” Martin played for the St. Louis Cardinals and was the star of the 1931 World Series. Following one of those games, Pepper was interviewed by a newsman. The first question he was asked was, “Pepper, what’s your chief ambition?” Without hesitating, Pepper responded, “My chief ambition is to go to heaven.”

The newsman who interviewed Pepper Martin laughed at his response and said rather sarcastically, “Oh, you want to play a harp, eh?” Martin shot back at him, “My friend, I don’t think that is funny. I know you don’t mean to be a smart aleck, but there’s something wrong with a person’s attitude when he’s flippant about serious things. If there’s anything foolish about reading the Bible every day and believing what it says, and if there’s anything funny about wanting to go to heaven when you leave this world, then I’m afraid life here isn’t worth living.”

What a goal! To go to heaven! I’ve often asked people, “If you could go anywhere and do anything, what would you choose? The responses have been interesting. A common response is, “I’d like to go to Europe, Paris, or to Greece, etc.” I don’t remember anyone saying, “I’d like to go to heaven.”

The Christian life is like running a race. In the ancient Olympic games, the winner received a perishable wreath of ivy or pine. We are in a race for an imperishable wreath that will never decay. We want to go to heaven. Nothing we gain in life, in our careers, or accumulate through wealth will be taken into our caskets. Our friends will not go with us. We will go alone. All earthly treasures will be left behind. But we look beyond these temporary trinkets to an eternal home where we will live for all eternity. In the words of our hymn, “Heaven will surely be worth it all.”

## 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, Eleanor Roulis; all with continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer, on Hospice.  
Bobby Phillips; getting 2nd opinion Johns Hopkins  
Claire Rossiter; healing from surgery; progressing  
All those with COVID

Cassie Asher; home

Expectant mothers Rhonda and Courtney  
David Hudson; had carotid artery surgery Fri.

Michael Roulis; not improving

Michelle Tucker; intestinal problems

Sandi Holt; liver scan

Charles (Pete) Hudson; testing, no results til May

Jenny Womersley; arthroscopic knee surgery

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

## 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** 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pete and Myra, Samantha and LDR on birth of baby girl, Eeve Amari on Feb. 4

**DST begins Mar. 13.** Set clocks ahead one hour.

**MEN TO SERVE:**

Welcome/Scripture: Julio-6th; Philip-13th

Prayer: Paul-6th; Dave-13th

Table: Shawn-6th; Lanny-13th

Announcements/closing prayer: John-March

Song leader: David-6th; Daniel-13th

## 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).