

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

March 13, 2022

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### GOD IS FIGHTING FOR US!

By Mark Tonkery, Parkersburg, WV

*"Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee with blindness. And He smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha" (2 Kings 6:16-18.)*

With all the talk of war lately, it is comforting to know that God's army is larger than any army in the world, including Satan's. As Christians, we are fighting in a spiritual war where Satan seems to be winning. Satan fools us into believing that he has won the battles that we face and because we believe this we give up and quit. When Satan tries to make us give up, we need to be reminded that God is much stronger than Satan could ever imagine.

For those who trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, God will give victory over Satan. God's precious word tells us that Christ has the power to overcome sin and death (Romans 8:37). Thus, by obeying His word, we as Christians can benefit from Christ's victory. We as Christians must remember that our God is great, powerful, almighty. When we are faced with difficult times may we remember that advice of Elisha in 2 Kings 6:16-18, *"Don't be afraid...Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."*

God can do amazing things when our eyes are open to His will. God will fight for us and will help us win the battles of life. May we always remember that God is fighting for us!

## 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, Bobby Phillips, all with continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer, on Hospice.

Tim McCartney's new baby (Dale's friend)

Claire Rossiter; healing from surgery; progressing

All those with COVID

Cassie Asher; home and improving

Expectant mothers Rhonda and Courtney

David Hudson; improving daily

Michael Roulis; home on Hospice; Eleanor is home on oxygen; niece taking her to go see Michael.

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.

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:** The class will meet every Fri. at 7:00 for 10 weeks. Cost is \$40. See John Justice or Troy Mathis.

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

**TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND IS HERE:** Meet in the church parking lot Saturday, Mar. 19 to depart at 11:30. Return to parking lot around 10:00 pm.

**VBS DATES** will be week of August 8th. Try to reserve that week to attend/help.

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** March 27th

### MEN TO SERVE:

Welcome/Scripture: Philip-13th; Dave-20th.

Prayer: Dave-13th; Troy M.-20th.

Table: Lanny-13th; Andy-20th.

Announcements/closing prayer: John-March

Song leader: Daniel-13th; Troy F.-20th.

## 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).