

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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A TRULY GLOBAL OUTLOOK

By Kerry Duke

The world is getting smaller. We constantly hear about globalism—global economics, global politics, global environmentalism, and a host of other world interests. It is time that we tell others how to look at the world rather than letting people who are not even Christians and who don't know the Bible lecture us about how we should see it.

The greatest crisis in the world is sin. “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Rom. 3:23) Sin is the universal problem. Sin is the most serious crisis on the planet. Sin is the universal pandemic. It is more disastrous in its consequences and more far-reaching in its effects than any other problem among mankind. We learn to live with diseases and recover from disasters but we can never escape the fact that we live continually in a very sinful world.

The most urgent worldwide need is salvation. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord,” (Rom. 6:23) Forgiveness of sins is far more important than curing cancer or reducing poverty. That is why we should teach and preach the gospel in every nation. “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (Mk. 16:15-16) We must teach people to look beyond this life and obey the only plan that will save them from sin.

The worst danger to mankind is hell. Jesus said, “Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Mt. 10:28) Men may deceive themselves into thinking there is no hell, but God is a just God and sin will not go unpunished. Hell is prepared for the devil and his angels and all who follow him (Mt. 25:41) Every other suffering is temporary. This one is eternal.

To be continued next week

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, Sandi Holt, Michelle Tucker; 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

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

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

Nancy Wheat (Kristina Aker's preacher's wife) severely injured shoulder.

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

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.

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

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL: March 27th. The theme will be Mexican cuisine which had been planned for January and postponed due to snow.

THANK YOU from the Winters for all the cards, prayers, and the plant they received in the passing of Betty White, Will and Seth's grandmother.

MEN TO SERVE:

Welcome/Scripture: Dave-20th; Shawn-27th

Prayer: Troy M.-20th; Bobby-27th.

Table: Andy-20th; Philip-27th.

Announcements/closing prayer: John-March

Song leader: Troy F.-20th; David-27th.

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).