

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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A TRULY GLOBAL OUTLOOK cont.

By Kerry Duke

From last week:

The greatest crisis in the world is sin.

The most urgent worldwide need is salvation.

The worst danger to mankind is hell.

True peace on earth is by the cross of Christ. Global peace talks may be ideal, and we certainly prefer peace over bloodshed, but there will always be wars and rumors of wars. Jesus died so that we can have the most important peace of all: "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). Through that peace we have peace with our own conscience and peace with others as far as it is possible.

The most powerful global force is the providential hand of God. The Most High God "removes kings and sets up kings (Dan. 2:21). He "rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He wills" (Dan. 4:17). The power of empires is nothing to God: "all nations before Him are as nothing" (Isa. 40:15). Nations come and go. They always have. But God remains the same.

The greatest catastrophe in the future is not global warming: it is global and universal incineration. The very elements of the earth will be dissolved and burned up when even the heavens will be destroyed (II Pet. 3:10). Until then, God will regulate the temperature of the earth and preserve the seasons (Gen. 8:22). Politicians can talk all they want about climate change, but God controls the thermostat.

There are only two ways to look at this world: through the eyes of God or through the eyes of man. Let us take the wisdom of God and teach it to lost souls who have the world turned upside down.

Encourage one another in love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23-24

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, Claire Rossiter, Eleanor Roulis, all with continuing health concerns.
On-going personal Bible studies.
Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer, on Hospice.
Expectant mothers Rhonda and Courtney Michael Roulis; home on Hospice
Charles (Pete) Hudson; testing, no results til May
Jenny Womersley; getting therapy for knee
World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia
Dale and Maddie traveling
Julian Hudson; cracked tailbone from fall

Our country, her leaders, those serving.

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.
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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: 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: Today, March 27th. Please stay and enjoy some Mexican food and great Fellowship.

COLLECTION FOR THE SAINTS IN UKRAINE: There are little brown envelopes in the backs of the pews for you to place contributions for Ukraine today. Let's open our hearts and our checkbooks to help these suffering Christians and allow them to help others as well.

MEN TO SERVE:

Welcome/Scripture: Shawn-27th; Paul-3rd.

Prayer: Bobby-27th; Lanny-3rd.

Table: Philip-27th; Troy M.-3rd

Announcements/closing prayer: John-27; Dave-3rd

Song leader: David-27th; Daniel-3rd.

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).