

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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MESSAGES FROM WORSHIP

By Allen Hahn

Long before e-mail and long before texts, people were sending messages. Solomon sent a message to Hiram, asking him to provide lumber for the building of the temple (1 Kings 5). Hiram answered with his own message, "I will do all you desire concerning the cedar and cypress logs" (1 Kings 5:8). John wrote about the message that came from God and had been declared to others: "...God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). Later, he reminded readers of another message: "we should love one another" (1 John 3:11).

Some messages are important. Take for example the messages we send when we engage correctly in worship. Think about four of these.

The message to God. We send a message of respect. "Worship" literally means "to fall to the ground in front of". We figuratively fall at God's feet in recognition of His majesty. That respect is shown by doing exactly what God has shown He wants from us. Our message to God is, "We love You". We offer praise and adoration because of that love. Sadly, we send the wrong message when our singing is half-hearted and our minds are occupied by things other than worship.

The message to the world. Our message is that it is right to worship God, no matter what others do. When we take the Lord's Supper we tell the world that we believe in His death and its benefit to us. We tell the world we will do it until He comes again.

The message to each other. The message is, "We want to build up each other." We accept Paul's message in 1 Cor. 14:26, "Let all things be done for edification." We gladly sing, "Bind us together Lord..." And, we mean it!!

The message to ourselves. We affirm, "This is where I ought to be. This is where I need to be. This is where I want to be." Our worship tells us, "This will help me face the challenges ahead and will get me closer to Heaven."

Let's be sure the messages we send are the right ones.

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, Eleanor Roulis, all with continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

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

Mothers to be— Courtney and Megan Hudson ((twins)

Butch and Jenny's 3 granddaughters-COVID

Ruth Banks (Jean's sister); eyes

Mark Hudson-upcoming surgery

Amy Mathis; back pain

Pete Hudson-completed tests, awaiting results

Jenny Womersley, Doris Mathis; therapy

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

Condolences to Eleanor Roulis in the passing of her son, Michael.

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

CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT; each Friday

WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP to be rescheduled

CONGRATULATIONS to Elaine Showe on a new grandbaby, Wayde James Showe, born Mar. 31.

MEN'S DAY April 29th with Brenn White.

NEW ADDRESS: Troy and Amy Mathis; 118 W. 9th St., Laurel.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Easter Sunday, April 17th. Bring wrapped candy so we can fill eggs Wed. night, 13th.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST May 8 hosted by Julie Snyder. There is a sign-up sheet if planning to come. Food will be ready by 8:00 but you may eat anytime between 8:00-9:00.

MEN TO SERVE:

Welcome/Scripture: David- 10th; Bobby-17th.

Prayer: Christian-10th; Julio-17th.

Table: Dale-10th; Dave-17th.

Announcements/closing prayer: Daniel-10 and 17th

Song leader: Troy F.-10th; David-17th.

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).