

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

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### RENEWING YOUR MIND

By Mark Lindley, Ripley, MS

The apostle Paul calls on Christians to be “transformed” by the renewing of their mind (Romans 12:1-2; Eph. 4:23). The Greek term translated “transformed” means to change from one form to another. After instructing us to be changed, Paul then reveals how this transformation occurs. In order for us to change our lives, we first have to renew the mind.

The renewing of the mind begins when one first obeys the Gospel and thereby becomes a Christian. However, renewing the mind is something that is an ongoing work; it is a work that will not end until one leaves this world. We must constantly give attention to this because there are so many things of the world which may confuse and distract our minds from things which are spiritual. Sinful pleasures, money and materialism, relationship problems, or just the daily cares of life can become the main emphasis of our lives. We can spend so much time thinking about these matters that “being transformed” and changing our actions is impossible. If there are things we want to change about our personal conduct and character, we must renew the mind.

Changing bad habits, breaking addictions, changing our personal conduct and character are not easy because renewing the mind is so challenging. It may take time for a renewed mind to be obtained so that behavior can be changed. Paul wrote “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:22-24). Keep putting on the new man is the point.

Begin today “seeking those things above” (Col. 3:1-2). Set your mind on things which are spiritual. Meditate upon God’s word. Seek God and develop a desire to please Him. Think on things which are high and holy (Phil. 4:8). You can be changed by the renewing of your mind. Don’t give up!

**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, Terry Hastings, Kay Murphy, Kristy Brady, Robin Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Pat Tucker, Bobby Phillips, Sandi Holt, Michelle Tucker, Eleanor Roulis, Amy Mathis, all with continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

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

Mother to be; Courtney

Ruth Banks (Jean's sister); eyes

Mark Hudson-had carotid surgery

Pete Hudson-completed tests, awaiting results

Jenny Womersley, Doris Mathis; therapy

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

Maddie's sister Phoebe; job interview

Shane (Joel & Tina's Son-in-law) growth on face

Emma Snyder; recuperating from surgery in hosp.

Andy M. (Exec. Director Camp Manatawny); stroke

Pat Tucker's sisters, Rose and Billie Lou; health

Megan Hudson gave birth to twins prematurely

Summer Camps

## 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

**WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP** May 7th.

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY**, April 24th.  
Please stay following worship and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

**MEN'S DAY** April 30th with Brenn White.

**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.

**SPRING CLEANUP** will be whole month of May.

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY** will be June 4th. It will be a big giveaway as we have been doing, then we plan to make some changes to how we provide clothing to make it readily available when needed.

### **MEN TO SERVE:**

Welcome/Scripture: Philip-24th; Danny-1st

Prayer: Troy M.-24th; David-1st

Table: Christian-24th; Lanny-1st

Announcements/closing prayer: Dave-24; Philip-1st

Song leader: Daniel-24th; Troy F.-1st

## 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).