

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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A NEW TOMORROW BY THE POWER OF GOD

By Doug Wells

In a dream our minds create as we go. Landscapes, people, everyday objects...all these are made in an instant. Granted, they are imaginary, but have you ever considered how impressive that is? Sometimes what your mind makes is so convincing that, upon waking, it takes you a couple of seconds to realize that it actually was a dream. Is this an echo of God's creative power that we retain since we are made in His image? Perhaps. Of course what God can do is so much more impressive. We only dream. He speaks and what He says comes to be. And since God can do that, the world we had yesterday doesn't have to be the world we have today. We should sit up and take notice when the Word says, "I am making everything new." Rev. 21:5

Once in a desert some complainers started whining about the manna-only diet. It was a world without an Arby's. They didn't have the meats. But God told them that the world they would have tomorrow wouldn't be like the world they have today. Tomorrow they would have meat. In fact, they would have so much meat they wouldn't know what to do with it all. They would have meat for a month! Moses has a really hard time imagining this world. "Here I am among 600,000 men on foot, and you say, 'I will give them meat to eat for a whole month! Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them?'" Num. 11:21-22. Moses' problem is that he underestimates the creative power of God. It rained three feet of quail the next day. Not a dream—that actually happened. Such is the power of God.

In fact, the power of God is so mighty that everything we think we know can be changed in an instant. Behold He is making everything new. Today's world of eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage may just be entirely different tomorrow. Tomorrow we could be living in a world that is beyond all that we could ever dream of. He is "able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" Eph. 3:20. We serve a God that can change it all in a flash, in the time it takes to sound a trumpet. Someday He will.

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

Pete Hudson-completed tests, awaiting results

Jenny Womersley, Doris Mathis; therapy

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

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

Emma Snyder; recuperating from surgery at home

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

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

Summer Camps

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

VBS MEETING TODAY (MAY 1) after children's songs.

WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP May 7th in the FLC from 9:00-12:00. Please bring your Women to Women notebooks.

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: Danny-1st; Dave-8th

Prayer: David-1st; Bobby-8th

Table: Lanny-1st; Daniel-8th

Announcements/closing prayer: Philip-May

Song leader: Troy F.-1st; David-8th

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).