

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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A MOTHER'S LOVE

By Larry Fitzgerald, Abilene, TX

There was a widow who was trying to raise twin sons on her own. When the boys turned 18 and graduated from high school, they thought they could do whatever they wanted. So they stopped going to church and started going out at night to some very unsavory places.

Their mother kept begging them not to go to those places. She told them that they would end up getting into trouble, or worse.

One evening in the middle of winter, the boys got dressed to go out. Their mother begged them not to go. Then she told them, "I'm going to pray for you to return home safely and I won't stop praying until you do return home. I'm going to do that every time you go to one of those places."

Their mother proceeded to get up from the living room, put on her jacket and to go out into the front yard and get on her knees to pray...in the snow. It was below freezing outside. Both of the boys laughed at their mother. They said, "She'll come in when she gets cold."

But that night, neither young man could shake the image of their aging mother—on her knees—in the snow. Finally, after only an hour, they went home.

Their Mom was still there, in the front yard, on her knees, praying in the snow. They had to carry her in because all the feeling had gone out of her legs. They were afraid that she was going to get frostbite, perhaps even lose her legs.

They never again went out to one of those unsavory places. In fact, both of those boys started going back to church and became leaders in their congregation in Tennessee.

What makes a mother Godly is her love and commitment to her family and to God. When all others forsake you, you can know a Godly mother will stand by your side because she cherishes you. (Proverbs 4:3)

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

Carolynn Foxwell begins new job May 16th

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

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

Myra's sister Connie

Dominic Cipolla; recent surgery

Family of Michael Roulis expressed thanks for flowers, thoughts and prayers.

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

SPRING CLEANUP will be whole month of May.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY will be June 4th.

NEW SISTER: Elaine Showe was baptized last Sunday. We rejoice with the angels in Heaven. Let's all get to know her and encourage her. God has added her name to His Book of Life. Please add her to your directory: Elaine Showe, 206 E. 4th St. , Laurel.

LADIES' ZOOM is ending soon but if you are interested in a summer Zoom class let Thea or Cathy know. Considering "Women of Faith: Encouraging One Another".

MEN TO SERVE:

Welcome/Scripture: Dave-8th; Lanny-15th

Prayer: Bobby-8th; Paul-15th

Table: Daniel-8th; Julio-15th

Announcements/closing prayer: Philip-May



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).