

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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CONNECTED TO OUR POWER SOURCE

By Troy Mathis

Electricity was knocked out in our neighborhood recently. A lot happens when the power goes out. The cause has to be determined. People's safety has to be assessed to make certain that no one is in immediate danger. The proper people that can fix the problem have to be notified; and ultimately, the problem has to be fixed.

A big strong gust of wind came up suddenly, similar to a west-Texas windstorm. It blew a large limb off the top of a tree and onto the power line. Lights flickered and eventually went out. Everyone was in the dark. After assessing the situation, making certain everyone was safe and in no immediate danger due to a fire or live electric line, the power company was called and an electrician was sent to fix the problem. The electrician came, reconnected the powerline, and the lights came back on.

Temptation often comes upon us much the same way, seemingly out of nowhere. If we're not ready, it knocks us down, we sin, we're disconnected from our power source—Jesus—and we're left in the dark. Like Isaiah said, "We grope for the wall like the blind; we grope like those who have no eyes" (Isa. 59:10). We look for quick, temporary fixes, in this case candles, but nothing lasts. Our sin has separated us from God; our only hope is in Jesus; calling on Him to come and reconnect us to the power source and bring us back into the light.

After the lights came back on, I began thinking about the electrician, a man who left the comfort of his home late one night. He came to a dark neighborhood to serve people he didn't know and people who probably wouldn't even show their appreciation for what he did.

Jesus left His home in glory to come to a dark world to serve a people who didn't know Him and who would all, eventually, abandon Him, never mind thank Him. But because of His love for us, He came anyway. He came so that if we connect with Him as our power source, we will never be in the dark. (I John 1:7)

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.

Dave Newberry, Terry Hastings, Kristy Brady, Robin Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Bobby Phillips, Sandi Holt, Michelle Tucker, Amy Mathis, all with continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

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

Mothers to be; Courtney, Cadence (Crone) Wright

Ruth Banks (Jean's sister); eyes

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

Shane (Joel & Tina's Son-in-law); COVID again

Myra's sister Connie

Maddie's sister Hannah and husband; COVID

Kay Murphy is in Genesis in Seaford

Pat Tucker has been very ill

Jenny Womersley and family

Pete Hudson will see an ENT

Goldie Weldon; foot problems

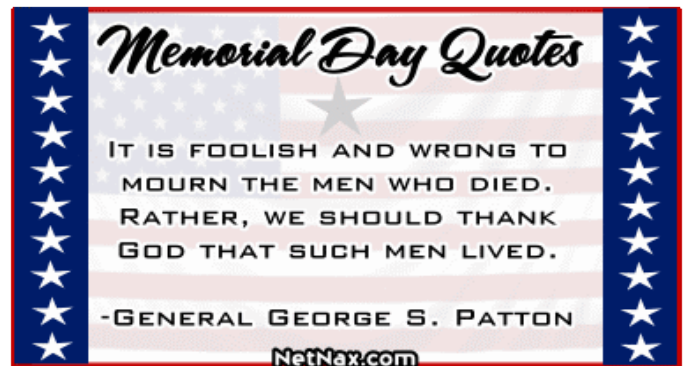
SPRING CLEANUP will be months of May-June.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY will be June 4th. We will need to set up Thursday beginning at 9 and finish Friday if needed. Workers needed. See Diane.

LADIES' ZOOM: Begins June 7 at 7:30. "Women of Faith: Encouraging One Another" books are here.

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK MEAL TODAY: We will be honoring our graduates: Jaden Snyder, Jayla, and Taylor Cannon. Hats off to them!!

CHURCH LOGO SHRITS are being ordered by Don Trader. If interested in ordering, see Don.



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

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).