

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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APOLOGY ACCEPTED

By Troy Mathis

Many of us, if not most or all of us, have one or two or maybe even more people that we look up to and admire and respect. We seek their advice, we want to learn from their wisdom. We watch them and to some degree, try to imitate them. We consider them friends and mentors, and let them influence us in a way that's beneficial for us.

While we don't idolize them or worship them, we may 'put them on a pedestal' and think highly of them. And then, they come to us and say "I'm sorry". We're shocked. We're taken by surprise. We wonder why they are apologizing to us. They feel like they did or said something that warrants an apology. Often what they're apologizing for is something insignificant to us. It's something that we didn't even think twice about or feel slighted in any way. But, it was a big deal to them. Whatever it was that they did or said, bothered them so much that they felt the need to humble themselves and come make things right with us.

It's easy to brush it off and say that it's not a big deal, or that there is no need to apologize. But we should be willing to listen and graciously accept their apology. The one who did wrong has been moved by the Spirit to make amends with their brother or sister and we shouldn't deny the work of the Spirit. (James 5:16)

We should be willing to make things right with anyone we feel we've wronged. The other person may have no idea how we feel. They may be unaware that we said or did anything wrong. They may be shocked when we go to them and apologize. They may not know what we're talking about. But we do. We said or did something that bothers us. If we don't humble ourselves and go make things right with that person, it could have a serious impact on our relationship with our brother or sister in Christ. (Matthew 5:23-24)

Encourage one another in love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23-24

Pray for the sick: You may not know some of them, but God knows them and their needs, so let's lift them up.

Dave Newberry, Terry Hastings, Sandi Holt, Michelle Tucker, 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

Myra's sister Connie

Maddie's sister Hannah and husband; COVID

Kay Murphy is in Genesis in Seaford

Pat Tucker has been very ill and in pain

Jenny Womersley and family

Goldie Weldon; foot problems

Vinnie Oddo; eye procedure on the 10th

Norma Hudson; back

Anthony Cipolla; need to gain more weight

Amy Mathis; biopsy Friday

Trader family in loss of Edwin, Don's uncle.

Bobby Phillips recovering from surgery

Jean Hudson

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 months of May-June.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY yesterday. Thanks to all who contributed clothing; helped setup; worked during giveaway; will help tear down. Many people were helped by your efforts and God was glorified!

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

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

LADIES' DAY June 25 hosted by Easton and Cambridge C of C. "Accepting the Unacceptable" with Speaker Lisa Veale from Baltimore. 10a.m. to 1p.m. 517 East Dover St., Easton, MD. Please RSVP by June 20 to Charvonne Hamilton 443-889-3791.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Christian-5th; Bobby-12th

Prayer; Danny-5th; Troy M.-12th

Table; Daniel-5th; Philip-12th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Dave-June

Song Leader; David-5th; Daniel-12th

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).