

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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WATCH OUT FOR THE TRAPS

By Jonathan Burns, Sparta, TN

Once there was a little fly who saw a spider's web in the corner of the room. "I'll fly away from it," he thought, "For if I should get one foot in it I might get two, and soon I would be caught altogether." Wasn't this little fly a wise fellow? In the same room was a little girl who had broken a vase. Something whispered in her ear, "Hide the pieces and don't tell mother." "No, no!" she said. "If I should deceive mother once, I might again, and pretty soon I should be telling lies. I won't begin." Wasn't she a wise little girl?

Notice these words from Hebrews 12:1-2: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Scripture teaches us that we can see the weight of sin that so easily fools us. James 1:20 tells us that we are tempted in very specific ways based on our own lusts. Temptation is not the sin (James 1:21), but we know that we can beat sin. I Corinthians 10:14 declares that we must not let life be an excuse because everyone has faced temptation throughout the history of mankind. We are not to act like we are the only ones who have to deal with temptation, but we must live in a way that helps us watch out for the traps of sin.

The little fly and the little girl both understood that if we get too close to the trap then we will be caught. We as God's children must learn and understand that Christ is calling us away from the traps of life into an everlasting home.

**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.

Mothers to be; Courtney, Cadence (Crone) Wright

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

Myra's sister Connie

Kay Murphy is in Genesis in Seaford

Pat Tucker has been very ill but doing better

Jenny Womersley and family

Goldie Weldon; foot problems

Norma Hudson; back

Anthony Cipolla; need to gain more weight

Amy Mathis; biopsy Friday

Bobby Phillips recovering from surgery

Jean Hudson

Vinnie Oddo, James Bratten, Douglas (Michelle

Tucker's friend), Ruth Banks; all with eye problems

Dave Wooten; Easton Hospital

SPRING CLEANUP will be months of May-June.

VBS MEETING TODAY after morning worship.

LADIES' ZOOM: Tuesdays 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; Bobby-12th; Danny-19th

Prayer; Troy M.-12th; John-19th

Table; Philip-12th; David-19th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Dave-June

Song Leader; Daniel-12th; Troy F.-19th

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).