

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

June 26, 2022

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### A THANKFUL DISPOSITION

By Troy Mathis

In Ephesians 5:20 the Apostle Paul tells us we should be “giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”. In Colossians 2 he tells us we’re to be “abounding in thanksgiving”. It’s almost become cliché to say that we have so much to be thankful for. But we really do. Have you been thankful that gas prices came down 10 cents recently?

Other reasons to be thankful; it’s the will of God. I Thessalonians 5:16-18, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”. God wants us to be thankful.

If we’re so busy being thankful, we won’t have time for “filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place”. He goes on to say, ‘let there be thanksgiving’ Eph. 5:4. Look for things to be thankful for and you will find them.

To have inward peace. Colossians 3:15 “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...and be thankful”. Paul continues a few verses down and says “whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him”. Imagine the inward peace that comes from knowing that everything we do, we’re doing for Him.

Prayer. Colossians 4:2; Paul writes “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving”. The ESV study Bible notes on this verse say “Thanksgiving leavens prayer, so that it does not become merely a selfish pleading to have one’s desires fulfilled”. It references James 4:1-3 on why we don’t receive what we ask for. Pray with thanksgiving. Be thankful in everything. Work on having a thankful disposition and see how much better everything becomes.

**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, Dave Wooten, 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; improved and released from Genesis

Pat Tucker has been very ill but doing better

Jenny Womersley and family

Goldie Weldon; foot problems

Anthony Cipolla is now gaining weight

Vinnie Oddo's sight is returning; Ruth Banks will see

a corneal specialist; Douglas dealing with detached retina

Michelle Tucker; traveling grace

Best wishes to Bailey as he leaves for CA for Coast

Guard school. We will miss him!

**SPRING CLEANUP** will be months of May-June.

**LADIES' ZOOM:** Tuesdays at 7:30.

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

**CLOTHING** that was left over has been sorted, put in tubs by sizes and placed on shelves upstairs. It will now be available, as needed, during designated hours or by calling Dale, Troy or Phil to arrange a time. If you know of a need for clothing, please let us know. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your good used clothing, but please hold off on bringing any more until further notice.

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL** today, June 26. Please stay and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

**MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Christian-26th; Troy M-3rd

Prayer; Lanny-26th; Philip-3rd

Table; Troy M. -26th; Christian-3rd

Announcements/Closing prayer; Dave-June; Daniel-July

Song Leader; Paul-26th; David-3rd

## Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at:  
[www.laurelcoc.org](http://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).