

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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THE TODDLER'S CREED

By Al Behel, Pigeon Forge, TN

Children are special people, especially toddlers. They have a rather unique view of the world. Someone has shared this insight into their thinking, called "The Toddler's Creed."

If I want it, it's mine

If I give it to you and change my mind later, it's mine

If I can take it away from you, it's mine

If I had it a little while ago, it's mine

If it's mine it will never belong to anyone else, no matter what

If we are building something together, all the pieces are mine

If it looks just like mine, it's mine

Every parent of a toddler knows that this is an accurate description of the world as they see it. While we expect this self-centered trait in toddlers, we find it very repulsive in older children and adults.

Many people live almost exclusively for themselves. Extreme self interest is called "narcissism". The narcissist thinks the world should revolve around them. ..everyone should focus on them, elevate them, cower to their wants and demands, and yield to their emotional manipulations.

Self is at the center of all sin. There is no room on the throne for Christ as long as self is king. Dying to self is essential to serving Christ. The apostle Paul taught that we should "count others better" than ourselves (Phil. 2:3).

Sadly, toddlers are not the only ones who suffer from self-centeredness. Our culture worships at the altar of self. Our insatiable demand for fun, entertainment and comfort leaves us approaching almost every issue with thoughts of how we are affected, not what effect our choices may have on others. Narcissistic Christianity is not Christ centered but is self centered and will ultimately destroy itself.

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, Pat Tucker; continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

Myra's sister Connie

Jenny Womersley and family

Goldie Weldon; foot problems

Camp Manatawny dealing with COVID cases.

Maddie's Aunt Susan, early lung cancer and Dale's

Cousin's baby, Hudson

Butch Womersley; health and safety

All our members that are traveling

Norma Hudson will see a neurosurgeon in Aug.

Robin Anderson's father-in-law; blood pressure

Family of Burton Brittingham in his passing.

All those battling COVID

Ruth Banks had a corneal transplant and recovering

Kentucky flood victims

California and Texas wildfires

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

LADIES' ZOOM: Tuesdays at 7:30.

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

VBS August 8-12 from 6-8 pm. If you would like a job see Troy M.

VBS MEAL on Friday evening is in need of some hand held desserts such as cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc. See Kelly if you have questions.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Julio-7th; Philip-14th

Prayer; Paul-7th; Dave-14th

Table; Shawn-7th; Lanny-14th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Troy M.-August
Song Leader; Daniel-7th; Troy F.-14th

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).