

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

August 21, 2022

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### HOPE, HELP, AND HEALING

By Dale Nelson

*The performance is convincing,  
And we know every line by heart.  
Only when no one is watching  
Can we really fall apart.  
Are we happy plastic people  
Under shiny plastic steeples?  
With walls around our weakness  
And smiles to hide our pain?  
"Stained Glass Masquerade" by Casting Crowns*

Are you tired of playing the part? Tired of putting on a show and pretending you have it all together? If so, I hope you will come alongside us in our new "Celebrate Recovery" program. "Celebrate Recovery" is a ministry that does wonderful things. I have seen relationships restored, sins abandoned, and feelings of joy and hope enter the lives of those who forgot what that felt like.

It is possible that you hear the word "recovery" and instantly think this ministry is like Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, and in some ways it is. However, unlike those programs this ministry isn't just for addicts—it's for anyone who is struggling. It is a program that puts God and our relationship with Him at the center. Whether you struggle with addiction, grief, anger, or anything else, you are welcome to join us. Even if you don't have something you want to work on yet, join us anyway! I promise you will find a closer relationship with fellow Christians and more importantly, with God. This is an important, life changing ministry, one we all should get excited about!

**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

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

Cousin's baby, Hudson; Dale's grandmother.

Butch Womersley; health and safety

All our members that are traveling

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

All those battling COVID

Troy, Amy, Victoria and Cheyenne Mathis as they begin their new life and work in New Mexico. They will be missed!

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

**AUGUST FELLOWSHIP MEAL** will be next Sunday, Aug. 28th. It will be our Back-To-School cookout. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be grilled. Bring sides. Homemade ice cream for dessert!

**LADIES' DAY** at Chesapeake CoC, Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9-1. Speaker is Leanna Boyer and topic is "Once Upon An Apron". Lunch will be served. RSVP: chesapeakecoc@gmail.com

**TRAP POND CAMP** Oct. 14-15-16. There will be a meeting today following worship.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Cadence (Chron) and Brent Wright are the proud parents of a new son born Thursday morning.

### **MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; Dave-21st; Shawn-28th  
Prayer; Troy F.-21st; Bobby-28th  
Table; Andy-21st; Philip-28th  
Announcements/Closing prayer;  
Song Leader; Paul-21st; David-28th

## **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).