

# Laurel Church of Christ

## Family Focus

July 21, 2024

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### RESPONSIBILITY

By Larry Pasley, Jackson St. CoC, Alexandria, LA

Little Emily ran into the house , crying as though her heart would break.

“What’s wrong, dear?” asked her father.

“My doll! Billy broke it!” she sobbed.

“How did he break it Emily?”

“I hit him over the head with it!”

That’s about the way many people today try to get away from accepting responsibility. It doesn’t matter what happens to them, it’s always someone else’s fault. We may get away with those excuses and blame here on earth, but when we stand before God in judgment, we will have to accept responsibility for our own actions.

God is all-seeing and all-knowing and we will not be able to fool him in blaming someone else for our actions. Each of us will answer for our own sins when we stand before God in judgment. Ezekiel 18:20—“The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. “

As Christians the good we have done in the past will not protect us if we turn back to a life of sin. Ezekiel 18:24—“But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness that he has done will not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.”

God promises that if we turn from our sins, He will forgive us. Eze. 18:21-23—“But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live.”

If you have not repented of sin in your life, it is my prayer that you will do so, before it is too late.

**Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth! Psa. 46:10**

## Pray for the sick:

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:** Terry Hastings, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Ruth Banks, Michelle Tucker, Brenda Pepper, Robin Anderson, Charles Fooks, Sherry Winter

On-going personal Bible studies

World turmoil; people of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Guyana, Cameroon

Cipolla family; Ryan has pneumonia  
"Celebrate Recovery"

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier Dale and Maddy

Latin American Missions

Parents to be: Josh and Alexis Donaway-Nov.

Outreach ministry at Outlet Market

Prayer walks -first Sunday each month

Marie Travis; will have chemo followed by surgery

Betty Beasley

Fred Sponseller

Pat Tucker; Manor House, rm 4

Doris Mathis; 2 broken ribs

Larry Flyer; eyesight, Doris Mathis bro. in-law

All those traveling

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** each Monday evening from 6-8 in the FLC.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES**— "The Good News" study is at Cathy's each Fri. morning; coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. **(No class Friday)** Ladies' Tuesday evening Zoom will resume in the fall.

**VBS** July 22-26. Please plan to be here every night and lend your support.

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL** July 28th.

**Gospel Meeting, Temperanceville**, July 28-31 with Carey Terry; "Overcoming Troubles of the Heart"; Sun 10 and 11, M-W 7:00.

### **MEN TO SERVE;**

Welcome/Scripture; 7/21-Troy; 7/28-Vinny  
Prayer; 7/21-Christian; 7/28-Julio  
Table; 7/21-Daniel; 7/28-Christian  
Song Leader; 7/21-David; 7/28-Daniel  
Announcements/Closing prayer; July-Danny

## 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.

Tuesday:

Women's Zoom Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's prayer (Shawn's) 7:15 a.m.

Bible Study at building 6:30 p.m.

Friday ladies' Paul study 10:30 a.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).