

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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DON'T DRINK THE WATER

By Alan Smith

My husband and I were cleaning the church building one evening and our three year old son was "helping" us. We walked up to the baptistry to make sure nothing was in the water that shouldn't be and our son said, 'You can't drink that water'. I asked him. 'Why can't we drink the water?' and he replied, 'Because it has sins in it.'

It does seem to make sense, doesn't it? If all our sins are washed away at the point of baptism (Acts 22:16), it's easy to see how a child could mistakenly think they just collect there in the water. If that were really true, it would be important to drain the baptistry frequently!

I'm thankful, though, that those sins don't collect in the bottom of a pool of water. They don't get piled up in a closet somewhere ready to be pulled out at a later time like a load of dirty laundry. They don't get stored on a hard drive in case a search needs to be made to find them. No! Thank God, they are removed, blotted out, wiped clean by the blood of Jesus Christ, and we are able to rise from the water a new creature!

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12)

**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, Goldie Weldon.

On-going personal Bible studies
World turmoil; people of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Guyana, Cameroon
Cipolla family
"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
Our country

Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at:
www.laurelcoc.org)

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| Bible Classes | 9:00 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:00 a.m. |

Tuesday:

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

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| Men's prayer (Shawn's) | 7:15 a.m. |
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| Bible Study at building | 6:30 p.m. |
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| Friday ladies' Paul study | 10:30 a.m. |
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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

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.

Ladies' Tuesday evening Zoom will resume in the fall.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 8/4-Julio; 8/11-Philip

Prayer; 8/4-Philip; 8/11-Chad

Table; 8/4-Daniel; 8/11-Lanny

Song Leader; 8/4-Troy; 8/11-Christian

Announcements/Closing prayer; Aug-Shawn

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).