

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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LOOKING LIKE A CHRISTIAN

By Alan Smith

A little old Jewish lady is flying out of New York City on her way to Miami Beach. She looks at the businessman sitting next to her and asks him, "Excuse me sir, but are you Jewish?"

The man responds politely, "No ma'am, I am not Jewish." After a little while, she again asks him. "You're really Jewish, aren't you?" Again he responds, "No ma'am, I am not Jewish."

Barely ten minutes later, the little old lady asks him once more, "Are you sure you're not Jewish?"

Finally, in exasperation and in a final effort to shut her up, he replies, "OK. Yes, ma'am, I am Jewish"

"Funny", she says, looking puzzled. "You don't look Jewish!"

Makes me wonder. If anyone approached me and asked me "Are you a Christian?" and I answered, "Yes", would they be inclined to say, "Funny, you don't look like a Christian"?

I'm not talking about looking like the world's stereotype of a Christian—a sour looking guy with a scowl on his face, not enjoying life at all. I merely wonder if my Christianity is something that can be seen by the people who see me everyday. I know what I believe, but is that belief translating into action? Can anyone tell?

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

**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, Charles Fooks, 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

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

WOMEN'S STUDIES— The ladies' Bible study at Cathy's each Fri. morning will resume Sept. 6 and will be studying Names for God. Coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00.
Ladies' Tuesday evening Zoom will resume in the fall.

NURSERY HELP needed and is always appreciated.

BACK TO SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP MEAL August 25.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 8/11-Philip; 8/18-Dave
Prayer; 8/11-Chad; 8/18-Vinny
Table; 8/11-Lanny; 8/18-Andy
Song Leader; 8/11-Christian; 8/18-David
Announcements/Closing prayer; Aug-Shawn

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

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).