

# TAG Newsletter

Teen Action Group Newsletter  
Laurel church of Christ Youth Ministry  
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WE ARE FAMILY

A Strong Finish – By: Greg Laurie

***"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus--the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God." —Acts 20:24***

When runners in ancient Greece would compete, there was a reward of laurel leaves waiting for the winners. They were running for the reward—going for the gold, so to speak.

As Christians, we are running a race as well. And we should run in such a way as to win. As we run, Hebrews tells us, "Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus,



## Verse of the Month

Proverbs 17:28 – Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise;  
When he closes his lips, he is considered prudent.

the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. ..." (Hebrews 12:1–2)

Looking to Jesus keeps us going in the Christian life. There are things that will discourage us, things that will get us down. It was Corrie ten Boom who said, "Look without and be distressed. Look within and be depressed. Look at Jesus and be at rest." If we can keep our eyes on the Lord, we can run this race well.

However, in the race of life our competition is not with each other. We are not to try and outdo other Christians. Our competition, if you will, is the world, the flesh, and the devil (see James 4:4; 1 Peter 2:11; 5:8). We want to run to win. We want to play by the rules. And we want to keep our eyes on Jesus, who gives us the right motive for running.

The apostle Paul talked about finishing what God had given him to do (see Acts 20:24). And that is the key: finishing the race. It won't do any good if we are in first place for nine-tenths of the race and fall at the end. We need to think about how we will finish the race that we have begun.

If you have not yet utilized this service, please send me an email or message so that I can send you an invite! It's FREE!

I hope everyone has had as great a last couple of months as I have. I want to take a moment to thank you all for your love and support. It has been an overwhelming blessing to have gotten to know you all in this short time. Terra certainly likes you all.

We will all be busy in the upcoming months preparing to finish the school year. Things are always moving forward. I just want to remind everyone to take time to relax. There doesn't have to always be something going on. It is an easy way to get burnt out. Sit back relax and remember that God is with you.



What?	When?	Where?	What time?	What to bring?
M2M/W2W	Friday May 11 <sup>th</sup>	church Building	6:30-8:30pm	Drink and snack to share.
Main Street Festival	Saturday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Main Street Laurel, MD	9am-12pm, 12-3pm, Clean Up 3pm	Yourselves.
Laser Tag	Sunday May 20 <sup>th</sup>	XP Laser Sport, 14705 Baltimore Avenue A, Laurel, MD 20707	1:20-3:20pm	Drink and snack to share. Cost is \$14 – 1 Session \$24 – 2 Sessions.
Coffee House Devo	Friday May 18 <sup>th</sup>	church Building	6:30-8:30pm	Drink and snack to share.
M2M/W2W	Friday May 25 <sup>th</sup>	church Building	6:30-8:30pm	Drink and snack to share.
Family Game Night	Saturday May 26 <sup>th</sup>	church Building	5-8pm	Drink and snack to share. Bring your favorite games. (No video games.)

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TAG Meets: [Sunday 9:30am Bible Class](#) / [Sunday 1:30pm Life Group](#) / [Wednesday 7pm Bible Class](#)

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