

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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NO PART TIME HELP NEEDED

By Dalton Key, Tulsa, OK

Jesus has never been in the market for part-time help. He is looking for full-time committed disciples.

Too many of us are like the little boy who cut off his puppy's tail an inch at a time for fear of causing the dog undue pain by lopping off the whole thing at once. We live our lives in partial surrender. We seem content to stop with the verse of the song promising "some of self and some of Thee". And we're ever searching for the elusive answer to what we consider to be life's single most important question: "What is the least I can do and still make it to Heaven?"

We should know better! We should recognize this anemic attitude of half-hearted Christianity as running counter to what our Lord clearly demands: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up His cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever will save his life shall lose it; for whoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall find it" (Luke 9:23-24).

The apostle Paul gladly answered the Lord's call to commitment. He counted all things as loss and refuse so that he might win Christ (Phil. 3:7-8). He considered himself "*crucified with Christ*" (Gal. 2:20). He counted not his very life as dear to himself (Acts 20:24). And he finally offered himself as a martyred sacrifice (2Tim. 4:6-7).

Paul was determined to live a "none of self and all of Thee" life. Are We??

The church is not a cruise ship where a handful of people serve the others who are relaxing.

The church is a battleship where it's "all hands on deck" and everyone serves the cause.

He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises. 2 Peter 1:4

Pray for the sick: You may not know some of them but God knows them and their needs, so let's lift them up to Him!

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Terry Hastings; Sandi Holt, Michelle Tucker, Pat Tucker, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Bobby Phillips, Ace Himes, Butch and Jenny Womersley and family.

On-going personal Bible studies

World turmoil; people of Russia and Ukraine

Our elders and deacons

Cipolla family and their work with children

"Celebrate Recovery"

Daniel and Christine; expecting a little one Tobias

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier Sister Kay Murphy passed from this life on Monday morning. Her service will be Thurs., May 25th at Hannigan Short Disharoon in Laurel. Viewing 11-12, Service at 12. Meal in FLC following graveside.

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Pugh family. Eleanor's friend Jim Edwards. Ruth Banks (Jean's sister) in Encompass after COVID. Jimmy Caruso, injured leg at work.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY each Monday evening from 6-9 in the FLC. Meal at 6, meeting 7-9.

WOMEN'S STUDIES— Zoom class Tues. evenings at 7:00 on Hebrews; Apostle Paul Study Fridays at Cathy's, 10:00 (Tai Chi), coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. No study May 26.

THANK YOU for all the prayers for Dave and for the many beautiful cards. There are 2 poems written about Dave by Steve Fuchs in the back. Please take a copy of each. Diane

POTLUCK/FELLOWSHIP MEAL May 28th.

SPRING CLEAN-UP scheduled for June 10. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheet in foyer.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Julio-21st; Philip-28th

Prayer; Philip-21st; Dave-28th

Table; Shawn-21st; Lanny-28th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Danny-May

Song Leader; Troy-21st; David-28th

Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at:
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) 7:30 a.m.

Bible Study at building 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Men's Bible study (Philip's) 8:30 a.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

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).