

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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GOD'S TEAM WINS!

By Joe Slater

Christ's gospel does for us what the Law could not do for those who lived under it. Specifically, it frees us from the condemnation of sin (Rom. 8:1-5), gives us spiritual life (8:6-13), makes us full-fledged sons of God (8:14-17), and provides us with genuine hope for resurrection unto eternal life (8:18-25). God provides everything we need to be saved and stay saved (8:16-30). In light of this magnificent truth, Paul asks five rhetorical questions which are worth our consideration.

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" As long as we are faithful to the Lord, our opposition is doomed to fail! *"He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"* (1 John 4:4).

"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" He gave the very best—His Son. Is He going to turn His back, saying to us, "You'll have to make it the rest of the way on your own?" Ridiculous!

"Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?" Satan is the accuser. However, it is God who justifies (Rom. 8:33). When the judge acquits us of the charges, the case is dismissed!

"Who is he who condemns?" Satan seeks to condemn us. In His death, Jesus paid the price for our sins; in rising from the dead, He conquered death for us. Now He intercedes on our behalf. Satan's best efforts fail miserably!

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" The remainder of Romans 8 gives a long list of ways we might theoretically be removed from Christ's love. The conclusion of the matter, however, is that none of these will succeed!

Paul's words are not comfort for the careless, but solace for the struggling! God loves you and wants you to succeed. He is on your side! Be sure to stay on His.

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

AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier

Dale and Maddy

Ruth Banks; now at home

Ty Hudson's bro. in law Michael Cutolo; heart

Upcoming VBS

All of those traveling

Joe and Donetta Daliessio; motorcycle accident; son

Cody's future f-in-l Harley will have heart surgery

the 14th. Odds not favorable. Needs prayers.

Jean Newberry; in Encompass for a week

Latin American Missions

Julio and Jenny; health issues

Andrea Kondrup; further surgery on leg last Fri.

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

WOMEN'S STUDIES— Zoom class Tues. evenings will take a break for the summer. Apostle Paul study Fridays at Cathy's, 10:00 (Tai Chi), coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00.

VBS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR JULY 24-28

Let it be known what you're willing to do to help. See Dale, Ginger or Karen. Start inviting friends.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS needed during morning worship. See sign-up sheet.

SING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sunday, August 6, 3:00 pm in the FLC.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Philip-9th; Danny-16th

Prayer; Shawn-9th; David-16th

Table; Christian-9th; Lanny-16th

Announcements/Closing prayer; Vinny-July

Song Leader; Daniel-9th; Troy-16th

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).