

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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WHAT IS STRADDLING THE FENCE?

By J. Randal Matheny

Our good brother and friend Alexandre Magalhaes preached in Sao Jose dos Campos. He told the story of the man straddling the fence.

On one side of the fence stood an angel; on the other the devil. The angel did not stop encouraging the man to jump off the fence onto his side. The devil said nothing.

The angel kept up his appeals for the man to come down from the fence on the good side. The devil said nothing.

The angel never let up as he pleaded with the man to decide for God and get off the fence. The devil said nothing.

The man was intrigued that the angel spoke fervently and insistently while the devil said nothing.

“Why”, he asked the devil, “have you said nothing so far?”

“Because,” replied the devil, “the fence is mine.”

Straddling the fence is not a neutral position. It is sitting on the devil’s property.

Laurel Ladies’ Day, Sept. 28th
“Riding the Fence” by Erynn Sprouse
Registration 9:00, Activities 10-2
Lunch Provided

**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, Pat Tucker, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Butch and Jenny Womersley and family. On-going personal Bible studies
World turmoil; people of Russia, Ukraine, Israel
Cipolla family
"Celebrate Recovery"
AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier Dale and Maddy
Ruth Banks; now at home, fell again
Latin American Missions
Tracy Moran (Diane's niece); cancer, chemo
Ashley Cox (Wayne, Doris' niece); health
Trap Pond Camp
Laurel Ladies' Day
Those traveling; Julio, Katie and children
Debbie Revel (Cassie's mother, cancer)
Coleman family as they care for Kenny's parents
Karen Sowell; medical procedure Nov. 29
Michelle Tucker; cardiac testing
Prince Ituni's wife; surgery in Nigeria
Sue Banks (Jean's niece)
Brenda Pepper; heart procedure

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.
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Wednesday

Men's prayer (Shawn's)	7:30 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— Apostle Paul study Fridays at Cathy's, coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. Ladies' Tuesday evening Zoom study at 7:00 pm.

TRAP POND CAMP: Ongoing and many of our members are out there for worship.

LADIES' DAY AT LAUREL OCT. 28. See Ginger for ways to help. We can all invite ladies and spread the word.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL will be the 5th Sunday, Oct. 29th rather than the 22nd when many will be at Trap Pond Camp.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Vinny-22nd; Julio-29th
Prayer; Julio-22nd; Philip-29th
Table; Christian-22nd; Shawn-29th
Announcements/Closing prayer; Shawn-22nd;
Chad-29th
Song Leader; Daniel-22nd; Troy-29th

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).