

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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WOULD YOU BE MISSED?

By Mike Riley, Cave City, AR

After completing many years as a journalist, Arthur Brisbane was offered six months of paid vacation by William Randolph Hearst, the publisher of the San Francisco Examiner. Brisbane refused to accept the kind offer for two reasons. He said, "If I quit writing my column for six months it might affect the circulation of the newspaper. The second reason is that it might not affect the circulation of the newspaper."

Mr. Brisbane's answer was profound. In view of his answer, let us ask ourselves, "If I dropped out of sight for six months and did absolutely nothing for the Lord, would I be missed? Would the Lord's work suffer, or would there be no difference whatsoever?" As members of the Lord's church, we each have a responsibility in the Lord's work and in building up the body of Christ—Eph. 4:11–16; I Cor. 14:26; II Cor. 12:19. We cannot hire somebody else to fulfill our responsibilities to the Lord—Gal. 6:4-6; Rom. 2:6; I Cor. 3:8. We are individually accountable to God for what we do with the time He has blessed us with. Let us hear the inspired writer Paul as he writes to the Ephesian brethren, "*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best of the time, because the days are evil*" (Eph. 5:15-16).

Brethren, let us resolve from this day forward, that we will become more involved in the Lord's work, "*And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds*" (Heb. 10:24). God has so richly blessed us with time, talent, vision and resources. Let us be willing to put these gifts to work for the Lord and His cause. "*while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work*" (John 9:4).

**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' granddaughter); health
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; open heart surgery
Jesse Jenkins family member with collapsed lung
Thanksgiving that Butch is back home
Town of Laurel in recent shooting

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.

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 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.

CHRISTMAS TEA AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE will be Dec. 9, an event always highly anticipated by the ladies!

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Philip-5th; Dave-12th
Prayer; Dave-5th; Vinny-12th
Table; Lanny-5th; Andy-12th
Announcements/Closing prayer; Danny-Nov.
Song Leader; David-5th; Troy-12th

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).