

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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A FABLE OF COMPLAINT

By Mike Johnson

A fable is told of a rabbit, a mouse, and a chicken who all took up residence together. They worked out a very good plan where all of them shared the workload. The rabbit cooked the meals, the chicken brought in the firewood, and the mouse brought in the water from the nearby brook. They were all very happy.

One day as the hen was going into the woods to collect the wood, she was approached by a busybody crow. He inquired as to what she was doing. Upon hearing her responsibilities, he began to tell her how the rabbit and the mouse were taking advantage of her by doing the easier work. She just could not rid her mind of this discussion. On her way home she grew angrier thinking how she was being abused by her roommates. She made up her mind to do something about it, too.

Once inside, she started complaining about her workload. "It is not fair that I always have to do the hardest work. Why don't we switch things up?" Well, the other two then decided that they were doing the hardest work and that a change would indeed be the best solution.

As discontent will do, it had spread from the chicken to the others. Now they were about to change their lifestyle with which they had been very satisfied. The rabbit would gather the firewood, while the mouse cooked and the hen brought the water.

The rabbit hopped into the woods to get the firewood. A fox saw him go in and followed him. By and by he caught him and ate him. The chicken took the pail to the brook and dipped it into the water. The current, however, was too strong for her and it pulled her under. The mouse sat at home on the edge of the pot of stew that he had made and waited for the others. Suddenly he lost his balance and fell into it.

It all began as discontentment with life. It ended with all of them losing their lives. It's not really surprising what complaining does to the complainers. There is really nothing good about those who complain all the time or who allow complaints to get the best of them. Complaining will destroy you if you're not extra careful.

Being like Christ John 15:4-5

Pray for the sick: We have many on our prayer list. You may not know some of them, but God knows them and their needs, so let's lift them up.

Faith Fooks, Dave Newberry, Gloria Hurley, Terry Hastings, Kay Murphy, Kristy Brady, Robin Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Pat Tucker, Michelle Tucker, Sandi Holt, Michael Roulis, Rhonda Cipolla, Cindy and Dwight, all with continuing health concerns. On-going personal Bible studies.

Kerri and family—(Dad 's return of brain cancer)

Marissa (Robin Anderson's niece; shock trauma

James McCartney; prostate cancer.

Doris Mathis; upcoming shoulder surgery.

Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer.

Vinnie's mother

Bobby Phillips; successful procedure. No results yet

Lauren moving into her own apartment.

Claire Rossiter; surgery Feb. 10.

All those with COVID—we have many of our own.

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.

Teen Devo 6:00 p.m.

Thursday:

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study at building 6:30 p.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

CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASS begins Friday, Feb. 25. The first session is a Meet and Greet and receive materials. The class will meet every Fri. at 7:00 for 10 weeks. Cost is \$40. See John Justice or Troy Mathis.

2022 WALL CALENDAR Get your dates on the wall calendar by giving them to Diane.

WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP April 9th in FLC.

TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND: 1 seat left on the bus. Payment for tickets was due to Ginger on Feb. 1.

SACK SHOWER FOR LAUREN Dale and Maddie's Lauren is getting her own apartment and we have been collecting household items to help her. If you still have items you would like to share, you can still bring them and place them in the FLC.

MEN TO SERVE:

Welcome/Scripture: Lanny-6th; Danny-13th

Prayer: Bobby-6th; John-13th

Table: Shawn-6th; Dale-13th

Announcements/closing prayer: Dave-Feb.

Song leader: Troy F.-6th; David-13th

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).