

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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JUST ONE PIECE OF CHICKEN

By Clifton Angel

The story is told of an old governor of Massachusetts that was so busy chasing votes one day that he missed lunch. He happened upon a community barbecue. He entered the serving line and held out his plate to the woman serving the chicken. She placed a piece on his plate, and in urgent kindness he asked, "Excuse me. Could I have another piece of chicken?" She replied, "Sorry, I was instructed to give one to each person." He plead, "But I'm starving," to which she responded, "I'm sorry—one piece per person." "Do you know who I am?" he asked firmly. "I am the governor of this state." "Do you know who I am?" the woman responded. "I'm the lady in charge of the chicken."

Authority—it is so important for this subject to be understood and respected. In order to have true happiness, joy and peace, one must recognize the authorities in his life and then obey them. It needs to be respected in our homes, in our communities, in our state, in our nation, in the world. If we read our Bibles we will understand that God has all authority. He has authority over everything that is physical and spiritual. Generally, authorities must disclose in some fashion guidelines for those under them. Is it not logical that our loving God would disclose such guidelines for our lives? He has. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16-17). God's word must guide our steps. It must be the light to our path. It is complete and it makes us complete. Is the Bible your authority for your everyday decisions? For how you worship? For how you are saved? For how you direct your marriage? For how you rear your children? For how you treat those around you? Who or what is your authority? To God be the glory!

**Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth! Psa. 46:10**

Pray for the sick:

CONTINUING CONCERNS: Terry Hastings, Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Ruth Banks, Michelle Tucker, Charles Fooks, Goldie Weldon.

On-going personal Bible studies
World turmoil; people of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Guyana, Cameroon
Cipolla family
"Celebrate Recovery"
AIM missionaries, Carolina Aguilar, Miguel Javier Dale and Maddy
Latin American Missions
Parents to be: Josh and Alexis Donaway-Nov.
Outreach ministry at Outlet Market
Prayer walks -first Sunday each month
Marie Travis; getting chemo and radiation now
Betty Beasley
Fred and Donna Sponseller
Pat Tucker is now at home.
Lottie Donahoe needs continued prayer
Teachers and students returning to school
Christian's friend, Elijah; stroke, in rehab
Our Country and world leaders.
New Christian Daniel Cannon! We are rejoicing!

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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Men's prayer (Shawn's)	7:15 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— The ladies' Bible study at Cathy's each Fri. morning is studying Names for God. Coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. Ladies' Tuesday evening Zoom is studying "Proclaimed: Jesus the Messiah" a study of Mark
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to sit at the booth at the Rt. 13 flea market. See Thea.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Frankford Ladies' Day, Sept. 28 (Open Our Eyes), 9 am-1 pm.

Clothing giveaway Oct. 5, 10 am to 1 pm.

Laurel Ladies' Day, Oct. 26. Let Ginger know if you are available to help and she will match you up with a job.

Donna Sponseller's address: Harmony at Kent, 1435 E. Lebanon Rd., Apt. 205, Dover, DE 19901

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 9/8David; 9/15-Vinny Prayer; 9/8-Bobby; 9/15-Julio Table; 9/8-Dale; 9/15-Shawn Song Leader; 9/8-Christian; 9/15-David Announcements/Closing prayer; Joe-Sept.

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).