

Laurel Church of Christ

Family Focus

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THE INCREDIBLE ANT

By David Bragg

Forgive me for getting too personal, but I have a math problem for you. Take your weight and multiply it times fifty. Now imagine being able to lift that amount of weight...with your mouth! According to some scholarly sources that is precisely what ants do every day. Especially industrious are the female worker ants. These workers labor diligently to provide food for their colony which can consist of millions of ants.

Worker ants can often be observed busily going about the thankless but necessary job of constant housekeeping, cleaning and expanding their colony, a business that usually involves them carrying burdens far heavier than themselves. This often requires feats of strength that would be equivalent to our being able to lift and walk off with an automobile.

Besides their great lifting ability, ants are also extremely fast for their size. If we could move as fast, in proportion to the size and speed of the ant, we could be competitive with the fastest racehorse in the Kentucky Derby!

Gifted with a divine helping of wisdom, King Solomon can be found carefully contemplating a colony of ants only to find in their industry an example worthy of our emulation (Prov. 8:6-11). He saw in these little creatures a drive to accomplish for the needs of today while wisely making preparations for tomorrow. Quite powerful lessons we can gain from such a tiny insect.

**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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Wednesday

Men's prayer (Shawn's)	7:15 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— Ladies' Bible study at Cathy's each Fri. morning. Coffee and fellowship 10:30, study at 11:00. Ladies' Tuesday Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

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, Saturday, Oct. 26. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker-Heather Jones "Who Am I?", a focus on Christian characteristics and how to work towards a life changed for Christ. Check out her weekly podcast with her husband Matt—WINSday Podcast.

Donna Sponseller's address: Harmony at Kent, 1435 E. Lebanon Rd., Apt. 205, Dover, DE 19901
Fred has been moved to Dover, near Donna.

POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL Sept. 22.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; 9/15-Vinny; 9/22-Philip Prayer; 9/15-Julio; 9/22-Shawn Table; 9/15-Shaw; 9/22-David Song Leader; 9/15-David; 9/22-Daniel 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).