

Order of Worship		
8:00 AM: Song Leader: Mike Wilson 3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah Call to Worship: Wayne Dellinger 867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way 784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? (PFL) Bread: Byron Vaughan Fruit of the Vine: Palmer Young Giving: Charles Hamilton 583 Sing to Me of Heaven (PFL) Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:3-11 Connor Sullivan 412 Jesus, Hold My Hand Sermon: Ricky Cook S-85 Wonderful, Merciful Savior Prayer Requests/Announcements 756 When We All Get to Heaven (PFL) Closing Prayer: Charles Hamilton Usher 1: LeRoy Bell Usher 2: Reggie White Projectionist: Kevin Caldwell Our songs today are from Songs of Faith and Praise, Praise for the Lord and the Supplement.	10:30 AM: Song Leader: David Hopkins 824 I'll Fly Away 243 Home of the Soul Call to Worship: Michael Wilkins 12 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed 310 In Gethsemane Alone Bread: Mark Williamson Fruit of the Vine: Gwan Price Giving: Emagii Graves Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:3-11 Ethan Graves 297 I Want to Be a Worker Sermon: Ricky Cook 207 Hark the Gentle Voice Prayer Requests/Announcements 708 Heavenly Sunlight Closing Prayer: Emagii Graves Usher 1: Josiah Price Usher 2: John Birus Projectionist: Antoine Johnson Our songs today are from Praise for the Lord.	A Warm Welcome Guest Guide: - Nursery and Training room are upstairs. - Children's classes are downstairs. - Looking for a church home? We'd love to tell you about this congregation. - Please fill out a guest card and give it to one of the ushers. - Communion cups are available in the foyer. <u>The cups will be picked up by the ushers after communion.</u>
		That Settles It! I'm sure you've heard the old saying or read the bumper sticker that declares, "God Said It, I Believe It, and That Settles It!" In actuality, this concept was recorded in Scripture 1,000 years before Jesus was born – except it is given in a different (and more correct) order. In Ecclesiastes 3:14 we can read, "I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him." Notice that the writer of Ecclesiastes first declared that God did it. This would include dispensing His will to mankind. Thus "God Said It." Next, the Preacher reminds us that whatever God does is enduring and that there is nothing we can do to change it. Thus: "That Settles It." And finally, what should be the result is expressed: so that people would believe in and respect and honor God. Thus: "I Believe It." That should be good enough for us, also. If God said it and does it, then that settles it, and I'd better believe it and act upon it! Edd Sterchi via Bulletin Digest
LAUREL CHURCH OF CHRIST LIFE GROUPS Where Faith Meets Life! Life Groups Meet Today	We would like the men scheduled to serve in the worship service meet in the copier room at 7:45 and 10:15 to prepare for the service.	
	Wednesday, September 29th	
	Song Leader	Mike Wilson
	Devotional Leader	Palmer Young
	Closing Prayer	Kevin Nash
	Projectionist	Kevin Caldwell

Laurel church of Christ

September 27, 2026

Sunday:

Worship: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,
Spanish service 12:15 pm
Bible Classes: 9:30 am
Spanish Bible Classes: 11:00

Wednesday:

Bible Classes: 7 pm

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Caution!

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” *Romans 15:4*

The road sign with the word “Caution” is a warning. It alerts the driver that there is some condition ahead that is potentially dangerous and requires careful attention. On their journey to Canaan the Israelites received numerous “cautions” from God (e.g – *Deut 6:3; 8:11; 11:26-28*; et al). The Israelites showed a tendency to disregard these warnings and suffered many things for their negligence. It bears repeating that we are to learn from their example - *1 Corinthians 10:11* “Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”

As Christians, as did Israel, we have received numerous cautions from the Lord. For example, *Acts 14:22* “strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.” We should be grateful for heaven’s candor. Life is fraught with trials and temptations (for saint and sinner alike). God warns us as a matter of grace and mercy that we might fortify ourselves to face the inevitable.

A part of our preparation for life’s dilemmas requires a proactive mentality. We are exhorted by the apostle Paul, *Ephesians 6:11* “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” Surely this word is a call to be prepared before the battle begins. One of the great dangers every child of God must guard against is that of wandering lackadaisically along the road of life. While this may not be our conscious intent, if the bulk of our Christian experience consists of merely sitting in our assemblies, this is exactly what we are doing.

To be sure, we need to assemble (*Acts 2:46*). However, growth, maturity, and endurance are the byproducts of more than assembling. Sincere and earnest prayer, serious and deliberate contemplation of the word of God daily, fellowship with those of a like mind, etc. All these things working together say that we are heeding the caution of the Lord. To the extent that we heed the Lord’s warnings and obey His commands, it is to that extent that we will be successful on our sojourn. *Romans 8:37* “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” To God be the glory! Amen!

Because He lives,
Ricky Cook