



THE DCHE DISPATCH
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WELCOME

DeKalb Christian Home Educators ("DCHE") is a group of like-minded families who have joined together to provide Christ-centered support to the entire homeschooling community. We believe "relationship" is the key to a quality education. We are a diverse and inclusive organization that is guided by the philosophy to "love your neighbor as yourself." This publication is our newsletter distributed monthly.

FALL IS HERE!

DCHE Activities for the 2018-2019 school year kicked off August 31, 2018! Now we are in October and while the temperatures are still in the 80s Fall is Here!

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OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Columbus Day is Monday, October 8, 2018. In recent decades, the day has been observed as Indigenous Peoples Day in various cities, counties, and states throughout the country (including South Fulton, GA).

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CURRENT EVENTS

Check out our listing of Current Events for details on clubs, teams, activities, support meetings, conferences, reading programs, and public events.

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FALL IS HERE!

Autumn, Astronomy, and Meteorology

(continued from page 1) **Where does fall occur in September?**

In the Northern Hemisphere of the Earth, which contains half of the Earth that is north the Equator, Fall began September 22. Fall, also referred to colloquially as Autumn, is one of the 4 seasons each of which contains an astronomical start (September 22) and a meteorological start (September 1). According to [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#), "The astronomical start date is based on the position of the Sun in relation to the Earth. The meteorological start date is based on the 12-month calendar and annual temperature." ([Almanac, 2018, para 3](#)).

So now that we know why fall occurs in September, what are characteristics of Fall? Fall is generally characterized with it's cooler weather, leaves turning brown/orange, leaves falling, and fall harvest (pumpkins, cranberries, squash, and sweet potatoes).

How does fall occur in September?

The Earth's rotation on it's axis began on Day 1 with God's establishment of earth as a sphere ([Proverbs 8:27](#), [Isaiah 40:22](#), [Job 26:10](#)) and the establishment of time with 24 hour cycle day according to [Genesis 1:1-6](#). Further, the Earth began to orbit around the Sun on Day 4 after God's creation of the sun according to [Genesis 1:14-19](#). This orbit around the Sun established seasons. Psalm 104:9 says "He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting." So when we think about each season God has provided, we can

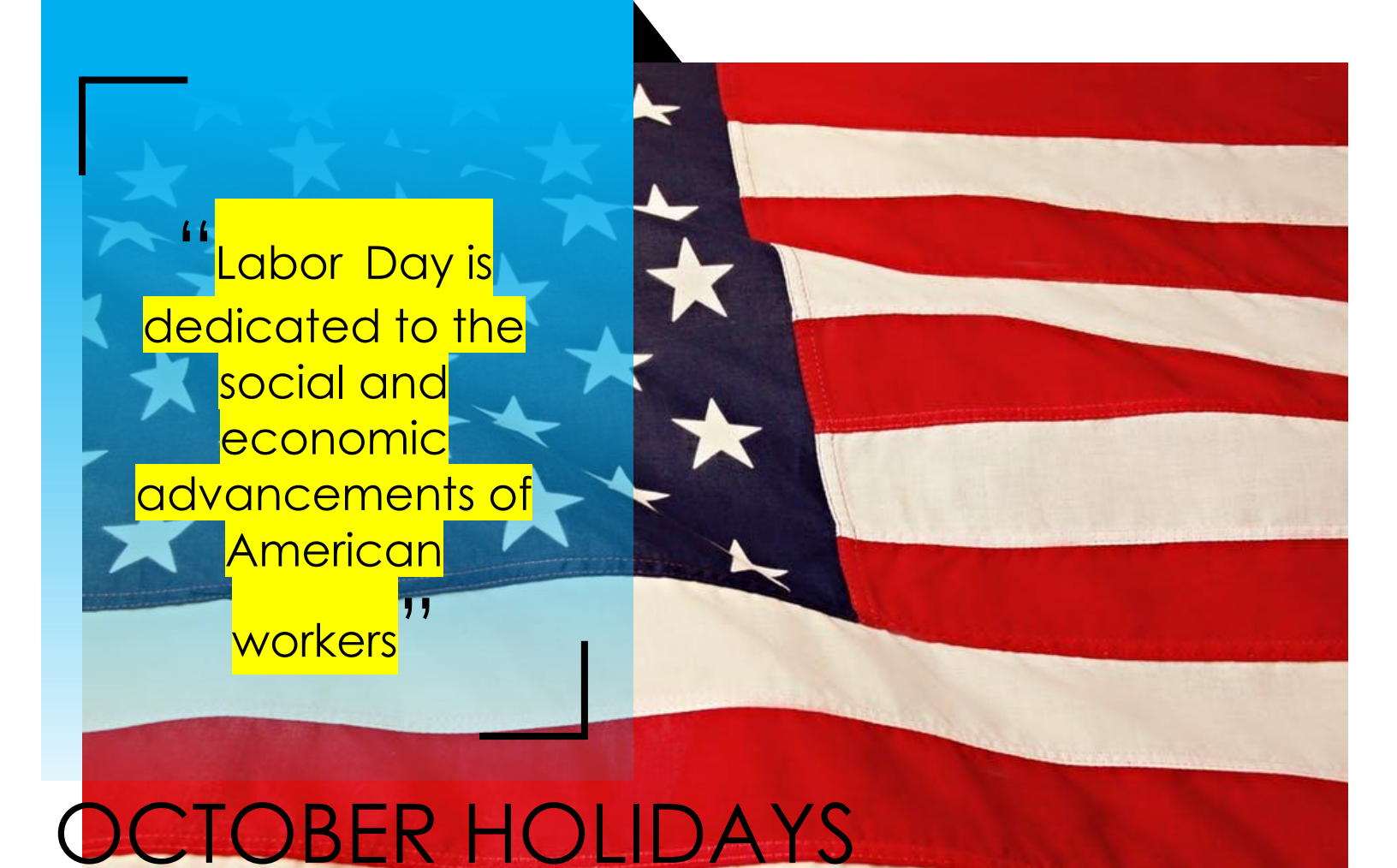
faithfully attest to His goodness in Creation. The first human to orbit into space, orbit the Earth, and confirm it's spherical shape and rotation through observational science occurred in 1961 with Yuri Gagarin. However, the Old Testament has affirmed these realities for centuries and was written in 1550 to 6th century B.C., thousands of years prior to modern space explorations.

Homeschool Resources

Take a look at the resources below:

- Video: [Answers in Genesis: Creation Week: Day One](#)
- Video: [Why do Leaves Change Colors in the Fall?](#)
- Video: [Fall Leaf Science Experiment](#)
- Video: [How do Pumpkins Grow?](#)
- Unit Study: [Apologia: The Science of Autumn](#)





“Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic advancements of American workers”

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day

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Columbus Day

Similar to Labor Day, Columbus Day's history is complex and has impacted all Americans. Columbus Day is a national holiday which commemorates the anniversary of Italian explorer Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Caribbean islands of Bahamas and Turks and Caicos on October 12, 1492. It is typically celebrated on the 2nd Monday of each October. His voyage was funded by Spanish royalty. For more information on Columbus Day see the resources below:

- Video: [Christopher Columbus: What Really Happened](#)
- Video: [Christopher Columbus Arrival 500 Nations Native Americans](#)
- Video: [When Worlds Collide](#)



Indigenous Peoples Day

Indigenous People refers to the original or native inhabitants of a specific region. In America, the Indigenous Peoples are often referred to as Native Americans. The patterns of migration suggest that Native Americans arrived in North America post-flood, thousands of years prior to Columbus' arrival in the Caribbean, during the Ice Age after crossing the Bering Strait from present day East Asia (Russia). In response to growing knowledge on the history of Columbus Day, many U.S. cities and states have changed the day to Indigenous Peoples Day to honor the original inhabitants of American soil.

- Article: [Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- Video: [Is it time to say goodbye to Columbus Day?](#)
- Video: [National Geographic: America Before Columbus](#)



REFORMATION DAY

October 31 is the anniversary of the day which Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenburg on October 31, 1517. It was during 1517 that Martin Luther also began [communion with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church](#). Some have speculated whether that pre-empted his changed perspective of Catholic Eurachrist as well as Papal Authority. Martin Luther's [95 Thesis](#) further defined the Protestant Reformation and the resultant Protestant Church as we now know it. John Calvin and Huldrych Zwingli, reformed contemporaries of Luther, refined their reformed theological distinctions further as spurred on by Luther's 95 Thesis. Martin Luther himself was Catholic in the Augustinian order, a student and practitioner of St. Augustine of Hippo's teachings on Biblical Theology heavily influenced by the Apostle Paul and foremost Jesus Christ our Lord. While Luther posted his 95 Thesis, many attribute the father of the Reformation to Augustine.

Historically, the Protestant Reformation challenged Papal authority both ecclesiastically and politically. The Protestant Reformation reinforced the Authority of Scripture espoused in [John 14:6](#) "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."" and the Supremacy of Christ, and Christ alone, to redeem mankind as reflected in [Matthew 23:9](#) "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven."

CHURCH HISTORY FIGURES

Augustine of Hippo

- Article: [Augustine of Hippo](#)
- MiniBook: [St Augustine of Hippo MiniBook](#)

Martin Luther

- Article: [Martin Luther](#)
- Worksheet: [Protestant Reformation](#)

John Calvin

- Article: [John Calvin](#)
- Worksheet: [2nd Year History: Reformation John Calvin](#)

Huldrych Zwingli

- Article: [The Spread of the Zwingli Reformation](#)

REFORMATION DAY ACTIVITIES

- Video: [Martin Luther and Reformation Day](#)
- Article: [What is Reformation Day?](#)
- Lapbook: [Reformation Day](#)



CURRENT EVENTS

Below is a list of DCHE and community wide events occurring in September.

DCHE EVENTS:

1. [Co-op Days](#) – October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 9:30AM – 4:30PM
2. [Robotics Team Meetings](#) – October 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 2PM
3. [Support Meetings](#) – October 9 @ 7:00PM (@ Eastside Academic Classes)
4. [Community Service Club](#) – October 26 @ 12PM

Check www.dcheeducators.com regularly for updates

PUBLIC HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS:

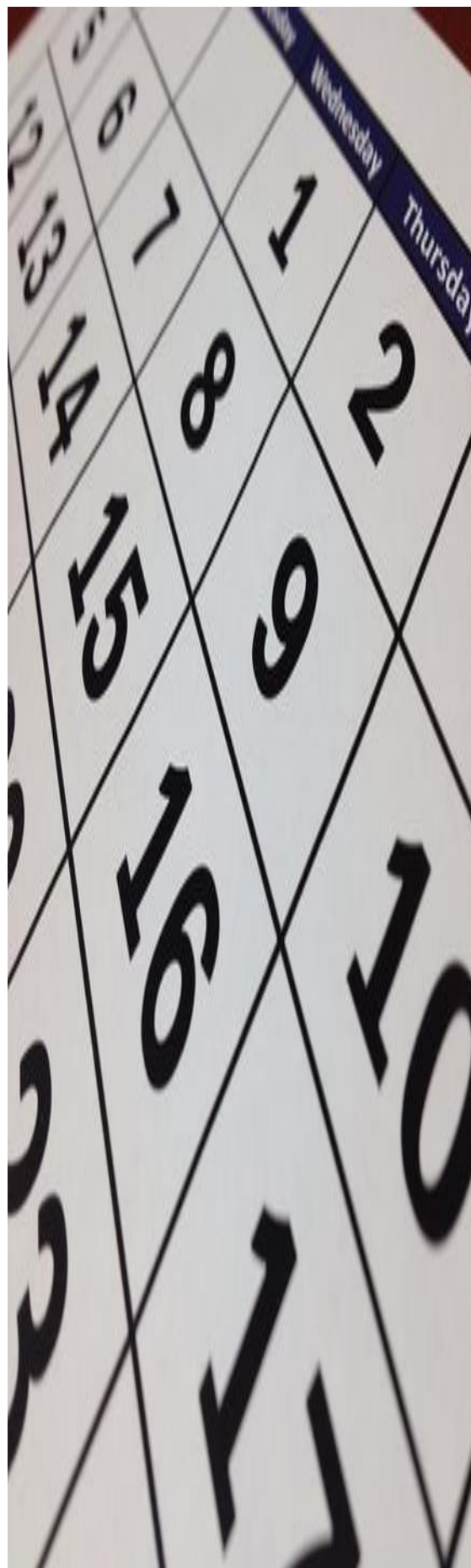
1. [Atlanta History Center: Homeschool Day](#) – October 2 @ 10:30AM
2. [Georgia Tech Science Showcase](#) – October 2 @ 4PM
3. [National Archives: Homeschool History**](#) – October 3 @ 10AM
4. [GCPL Centerville: Homeschool Bookclub \(Elementary\)](#) – October 3 @ 1:30PM
5. [GCPL Centerville: Homeschool Bookclub \(Middle\)](#) – October 3 @ 2:30PM
6. [GCPL Mountain Park: Hands-On Homeschool](#) – October 3 @ 2:30PM
7. [CCLS \(HQ\): Homeschool Spanish](#) – October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 10AM
8. [Southeastern Railway Museum: Homeschool Day](#) – October 4 @ 10AM
9. [XTremeHopp: Homeschool Day](#) – October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 11AM
10. [Georgia Aquarium: Homeschool Day](#) – October 9 @ 9AM
11. [GCPL Grayson: Hands-On Homeschool](#) – October 9 @ 1PM
12. [Atlanta Zoo: Homeschool Day](#) – October 10 @ 10AM
13. [MHHE: Homeschool Day*](#) – October 17 @ 9:30AM
14. [DCPL Tucker Library: Homeschool Fam Get Togethers](#) – October 17 @ 1PM
15. [DCPL Stonecrest Library: Homeschool Laboratory](#) – October 17 @ 2PM
16. [DCPL Stonecrest Library: Homeschool Café](#) – October 17 @ 2PM

Check respective hyperlinked websites regularly for updates

**Contact joel.walker@nara.gov for more information on the National Archives:
Homeschool History class*

PUBLIC COMMUNITY EVENTS (FREE):

1. [Apple: How to Get Started with Coding \(Various\)](#) - Various
2. [Lego Store: Monthly Mini Model Build](#) – October 2-3 @ Various Times
3. [Home Depot: Kids Workshop - Fireboat](#) – October 6 @ 9AM
4. [Newman Wetlands Center: Wetlands & Watershed Festival](#) – October 6 @ 10AM
5. [Microsoft: STEM Saturdays \(Perimeter Mall\)](#) – October 6, 27 @ 10AM
6. [Microsoft: STEM Saturdays \(Lenox Square Mall\)](#) – October 6, 13 @ 10:30AM
7. [Microsoft: Beginner's Coding in HTML](#) – October 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 10:30AM
8. [MathFest: Atlanta](#) – October 13 @ 8:00AM
9. [Arabia Mountain: Junior Ranger Rally](#) – October 13 @ 10AM
10. [High Museum of Art: Second Sunday](#) – October 14 @ 1PM
11. [NorthEast Georgia History Center: Family Day](#) – October 14 @ 1PM
12. [EAA: Young Eagles Rally](#) – October 20 @ 8:30AM
13. [Pikes Nursery: Fall Container Gardening](#) – October 20 @ 9AM
14. [Michael C. Carlos Museum: Free Admission Day](#) – October 21 @ 1PM



LIBRARY EVENTS (FREE):

- [DeKalb County Public Library](#) – October @ Various
- [Clayton County Public Library](#) – October @ Various
- [Atlanta Fulton County Public Library](#) – October @ Various
- [Gwinnett County Public Library](#) – October @ Various

HOME EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FREE):

- [NASA: Educator Professional Development](#) – October @ Various
- [IEW: Experience Excellence in Writing](#) – October 22 @ 8:30PM

SCHOOL YEAR READING PROGRAMS:

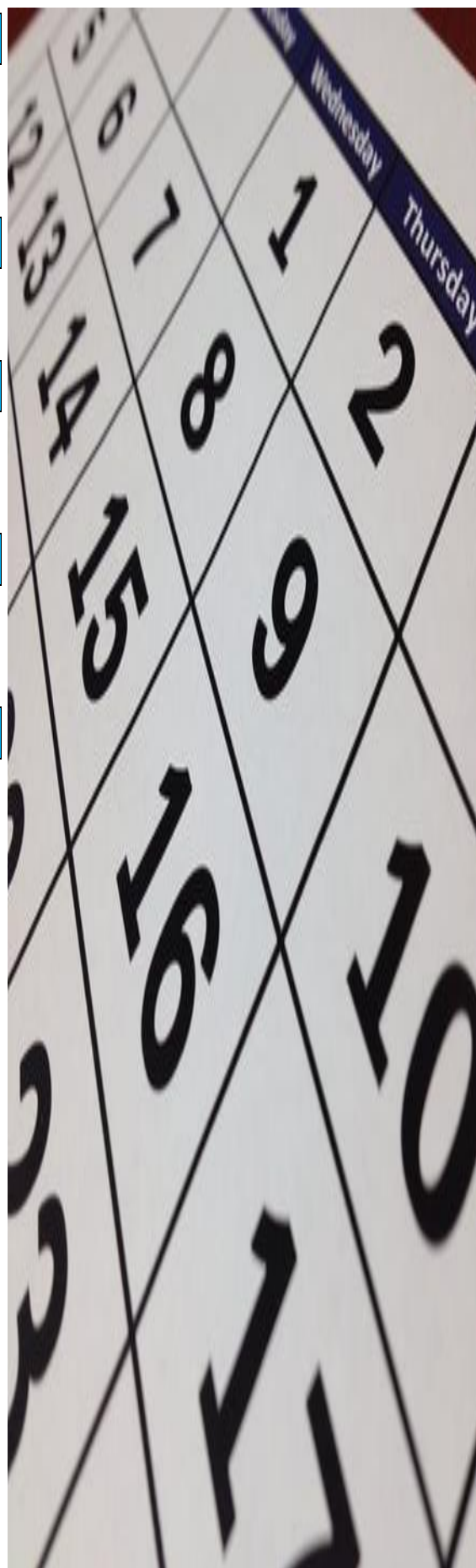
- [Atlanta Braves Student Achievers](#)
- [Pizza Hut BookIt](#)
- [Six Flags Read to Succeed](#) (Registration Opens in October)

EVENTS TO BOOKMARK FOR OCTOBER:

1. [Woodruff Arts Center: Family Fun Festival](#) – November 11 @ 1PM
2. [DCHE Fieldtrip: Magic School Bus](#) – November 16 @ TBD (RSVP by 9/27)
3. [DCHE Fieldtrip: Burton 4-H Homeschool](#) – TBD

YEAR-ROUND FIELDTRIPS (FREE):

- [CDC Museum](#)
- [Zoo Atlanta: Library Pass Program](#)
- [Southeastern Railway Museum: Library Pass Program](#)
- [National Parks: Every Kid in a Park](#)
- [Bear Hollow Zoo](#)
- [State Botanical Gardens of Georgia](#)
- [Noah's Ark](#)
- [Georgia Tech Museum of Papermaking](#)
- [The King Center](#)
- [Heritage Park Veterans Museum](#)
- [Georgia Museum of Natural History](#)
- [Georgia State Capital](#)
- [Governor's Mansion](#)
- [Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum](#)
- [McDaniel Farm Park](#)
- [Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield](#)
- [Museum of History and Holocaust Education](#)
- [Marietta Fire Museum](#)
- [National Archives of Atlanta](#)
- [Anne Frank Exhibit](#)
- [Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta](#)
- [Atlanta Contemporary](#)
- [Georgia Museum of Art](#)
- [Hudgens Center for the Art](#)



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Thank you for reading this month's Newsletter. May your summer be filled with lots of rest.

VERSES OF THE MONTH: (From the Bible Quiz Bowl Team Study Schedule)

"Many more believed because of His word;
and they were saying to the woman,
"It is no longer because of what you said that we believe,
for we have heard for ourselves
and know that this One
is indeed the Savior of the world." "
~ John 4: 41-42

"Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him,
"Behold, you have become well;
do not sin anymore,
so that nothing worse happens to you."

~

"For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life,
even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes."

~

"Truly, truly, I say to you,
he who hears My word,
and believes Him who sent Me,
has eternal life,
and does not come into judgment,
but has passed out of death into life.

~

"I can do nothing on My own initiative.
As I hear, I judge;
and My judgment is just,
because I do not seek My own will,
but the will of Him who sent Me.
~ John 5: 14, 21, 24, 30

RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN CURRY



(The Lemon Bowl, 2018, para 1)

