

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

In our one of our daily Bible readings a couple of weeks ago we read Psalm 88. I call it "the psalm of the terminal man."

Yes, in a sense, we are all terminal. But sometimes, life ends long before normal, and it ends slowly. Such seems to be the case of the author, Heman the Ezrahite.

The psalm is a lament – a desperate cry to God. There are a lot of them in the Psalms. Heman is consumed with death. Whether this illness actually ended in death we do not know, but Heman thought it would. He tells us he has been sickly all his life (vs. 15) and it would appear that his infirmity has gotten the better of him at this point. God could rescue him if He would. But He hasn't and, because of that, the writer feels abandoned by God.

The psalm always reminds me of those I've watched die due to terminal illness. Friends come to call for a while, but after a bit, the sight, the smells, the helplessness, keep most of them away.

Who wants to watch that, right?

Heman felt alone. He felt much of his illness was God's fault. He didn't understand why he was suffering. But here's what he knew: God was there, listening. Why cry out to a God you really believe isn't around? If you find yourself going through similar illness, this psalm can be helpful.

But just as good, if you know someone going through a struggle like this, the psalm can be infinitely instructive. This is the way your helpless friend feels. Get over yourself. Help him or her feel the compassionate presence of God through your own presence. You don't have to say anything. Just be there.

You'll be in good company.
God's company.

Love you all
Mike



Worship

Our worship services feature elements or parts. These include prayer, singing, the Lord's Supper, a sermon and a time for our response. Some of these elements are individual but most are corporate.

The sermon and the response time after the sermon are individual elements. The sermon is a message we all listen to together. We process this in our own minds. We may discuss this with others later but during our worship service we are individually listening and processing. The response at the end of the sermon is also our individual reaction to what we have been hearing or what we have been discussing with others and the Holy Spirit working on us. This is also a traditional time for people to come forward and commit their lives to Jesus and receive forgiveness in baptism. We may have been discussing baptism earlier but our response is an individual choice.

Prayer, singing and the Lord's Supper are corporate activities that we do with each other together. In prayer we are being led in prayer together and praying together. Each of us may say a different prayer but we are doing it together.

Singing is the most obvious corporate part of worship. Together we make the music. Together we breathe. Together we rest. We do this together as one body to make one song.

For me the center of our worship service is the Lord's Supper. It is at this time that we as a community remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Each of us breaks a piece of bread and drinks fruit of the vine from the same table. We pass the same trays along to each other. We are all involved in making and taking the Lord's Supper.

Our gathered worship service has parts for us to do on our own and parts for us to do together. The focus of our worship is not on the parts but on who we do these parts for!

GRACE + PEACE
AHLB

Baby Shower for Kelly Shumate Set for Today

A **Baby Shower** is planned for today at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for **Kelly Shumate** and her newborn son **Owen Alexander Shumate**.



Ann Ford is the lead hostess and she and **Martha Ashley** will collect for the group gift. There is no particular registry, but they do need boy's clothes - all sizes and seasons - as well as the usual - wipes and diapers.

The other hostesses are **Genia Deibler, Marilyn McDermott, Denise Rachel, Lacy Tubbs, Peggy Williams** and **Lesya Yeatman**.

Wedding Shower Planned for Laura Gallagher June 3

Laura Gallagher will be honored with a **Wedding Shower** on Sunday, June 3, immediately following the morning assembly. This will be a luncheon, so all Falls Church members are invited.

Laura and her fiance **Frank Fisher** plan a July 21 wedding here at Falls Church. They are registered at Macy's, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

Candy Thie is lead hostess, with **Martha Ashley, Nicki Barrett, Sally Dasher, Mary Ann Kincaid, Yvonne May, Catherine McDaniel, Denise Rachel** and **Peggy Williams**. Yvonne and Martha will collect for the group gift.

During the shower, each family will be asked to sign a "quilt square" which later will be combined into a quilt for the new couple. Candy adds that those who cannot attend the shower but would like to include a square should contact her.

For the luncheon, each family is requested to bring a platter of sandwiches OR a plate of *hors d'oeuvres* or finger foods.



Two of our Elders are available after the morning assembly in room **221** on the main level to meet with anyone who would like prayer for special concerns.

Congratulations



Carolina Alvarez (center) holds her citizenship certificate after swearing in ceremonies April 25 at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall. She is shown with her sister **Alma Alvarez** (left) and her aunt **Blanca Alvarez** (right).

Although the last 18 months [of Dot Arnold's last illness] have been very difficult of me and my family, it has also been a time when we have discovered just how much our Christian family at Falls Church really loved and cared for us.

You have shown your love in many ways, and I will always be grateful for it as would Dot if she were still with us.

Brotherly,
Haldon Arnold



M.S. Pledges Are Needed Today

Pledges for the 2012 **Multiple Sclerosis Walk**, held April 14, are by today, May 20, since a final tally of the proceeds are due to the Multiple Sclerosis headquarters this week.

Checks should be made to "N.M.S.S.," but cash is acceptable as well. N.M.S.S. stands for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, which sponsors the event to raise funds for research and treatment of M.S.

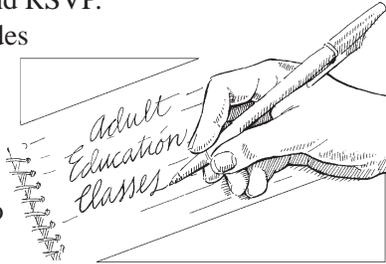


The M.S. Keteers captains are longtime veteran **Kevin Thie** - now in his 24th walk - and his daughter **Candace Thie**, who has walked for 18 years. **Dorothy Eckert** and **Jefferson Ford** were fellow walkers this year.

Adult Education Committee Sets Meeting for Today in R. 120

The **Adult Education Committee** will meet next Sunday, May 20, in R. 120 (Elders Conference Room). Lunch will be provided, according to **John Waterston**, deacon for the adult education ministry, but he asks that those planning to attend RSVP.

The agenda includes a review of the most recent class surveys. John also requests, "Please bring class ideas and comments to improve the ministry."



A new college class will start today. **Kevin Amores** will lead this class about the Parables. It will meet in Room 123, across from the office.

Agape Group 6 and the Missions Committee Will Host a Joint Luncheon May 27 with Special Guests

The **Missions Committee** will host a luncheon on May 27 in honor of special guests **Pedro and Mireya Batres**. The luncheon will be held in conjunction with **Agape Group 6** as well and will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Group 6 is Potomac Acres under the direction of **Vickie Witt**, with **Jose and Jackie Arevalo** as group coordinators.

This congregation has a very special relationship with Brother Batres and his wife, having supported him for 38 years, since 1974. A native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX, Pedro began mission work in Nicaragua in 1969. He and Mireya moved to Guatemala between 1985 and 2000, when they returned to Nicaragua.

Pedro works with multiple congregations, has taught at Bible institutes, has a radio program and is a popular guest speaker at seminars, lectures and special events both in Central America and in the United States.

In addition to various meetings with the Falls Church **Iglesia de Cristo**, Pedro will address a meeting of the **Adoracion en Espanol**, also known as "Spanish Worship Away," which will meet at Falls Church during the evening service.



Picnic Planning & Promotion Meeting Set for Today, R. 121

A **BRIEF** Picnic Planning & Promotion Meeting is planned for **all Agape Group Leaders** today in R. 121 immediately after the morning assembly. This announcement comes from **Susan Smith**, a principal coordinator for the 2012 Annual Church Picnic.

The meeting is designed to coordinate agape group participation in the planning of the event which is set for July 7 at Bluemont Park in Arlington.

Susan emphasized, "All Agape Group leaders should go directly from the service to the meeting. The sooner everyone is present, the sooner the meeting can begin and end."



New Adult Class Based on C. S. Lewis Book Mere Christianity to Start in July

A new adult class coming up in July will feature a discussion of *Mere Christianity*, a book by the 20th Century theologian C. S. Lewis. **Mark Dawson**, who will teach this class, urges those who wish to attend to purchase the book now and read ahead.

Mark added that the purpose of the class, as with the book, is to explore the most basic concepts of Christianity against the backdrop of modern culture. The book is available at the American Booksellers Exchange [www.abebooks.com].

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Meeting Scheduled for May 27

A meeting is set for May 27 for those who are involved with **Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes** and also for those who would like to become involved or to learn about the program.

The meeting will review the recent L2L experience, to plan for the future and improve the program for Falls Church students.

The group will join the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall with the Missions Committee and Group 6, and then adjourn to Room 123 for their meeting.



Camp WaMaVa Special Collection Set for Today

The annual collection to benefit **Camp WaMaVa** is set for today, during the morning worship assembly. Members are requested to make out checks to "Camp WaMaVa" **NOT** to Falls Church.

All area Christians also are invited to the Camp's annual Memorial Day Picnic scheduled for Saturday May 26 from 11 am to about 4 pm, with a BBQ lunch - free of course - served around noon.

The picnic also features children's activities and other events.

In order to defray costs for the camping season, the camp requests donations of essential items, listed below. Please bring these to the church building and leave them in the specially marked boxes. PLEASE NOTE: To save you some trouble, the boxes are located on the lower level in the hallway outside the kitchen! That will facilitate unloading the items here at the building and also loading the items for transportation to the camp.

Of course, you could bring these to the picnic!

500 thick 55-gallon trash bags

100 cans of Dr. Pepper

100 cans of Mt. Dew

400 bottles of water

200 pouches of Capri Sun

250 individual packets of fruit snacks

200 individual packets of Ritz Bitz

Cheese Cracker Sandwiches

150 jars of spaghetti sauce

20 bottles of ketchup

20 bottles of syrup

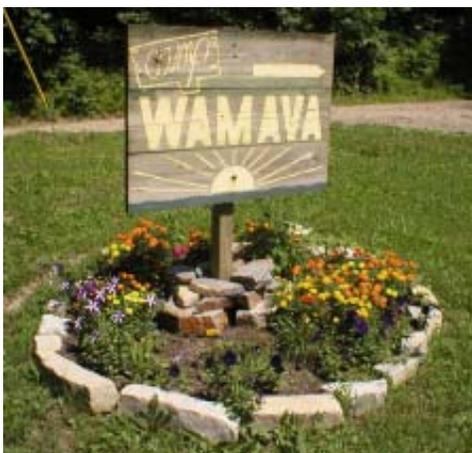
Camp WaMaVa is the only such Church of Christ facility in the greater Metropolitan area. This annual collection represents a continuing commitment to Christian education and reflects the long relationship between the Camp and Falls Church, beginning with the first days of the camp's existence. Falls Church members **Gene and Barbara May** were instrumental in acquiring the land, preparing the facilities and providing sheer manpower to the fledging effort.

Their son **Perry** and his wife **Yvonne** also are longtime camp supporters. Perry has served on the Board of Directors since 1988, right after he and Yvonne finished college and he has served as President for over 10 years. Their three daughters, **Megan, Becki** and **Tatum** have been campers or counselors.

Falls Church member **Kevin Thie** also has put in countless hours serving in every possible capacity, including as a Board member.

Camp WaMaVa is the legacy of people who loved children and wanted them to experience Bible study and a Christian environment in God's beautiful world.

Week One is from Sunday June 24 through Saturday morning June 30 for grades 3, 4 & 5 - as of fall 2012. Week Six runs from Sunday, July 29 through Saturday, Aug. 4 for grades 9, 10, 11, 12. The cost is \$225 per child per week.



Prayer Reminders:

Blanca Alvarez, Haldon Arnold, Jason Bates, Donna Barham, Kathy Bowden, Tammy Cowart, Vi Crosby (temp address on board), Eloise Fishback, Winnie & Desiree Flint, The Garrett Family, Joanie Goetzing, Larry Goodrich and his family, Frances & Ed Harris, Diana Kuhn, Joshua McKay, his mother Dawn & sister Molly, Alma Milligan, Augustino Olango, Jim Petty, Lee, Mariko & Elena Price, Sylvia Sartori, Jeremy Sims, Bess Smith, Candice Spiess, Ellie & Don Thie, Barbara & Harry Thompson, Erica Walker-Chenevert, Roxie Weese, Susan Weese, Charles Welch, Ken & Lesya Yeatman.



We express our deepest sympathy to family of **Jency Evelyn Taliaferro** who passed away May 16 after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer. Jency, born Dec. 25, 1931, was 80. She and her husband **Archer**, who survives, were members here for many years and Archer served as an Elder. Funeral services will be held May 24 at 11 am at the MacArthur Park Church of Christ, 1907 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78217, followed by burial in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio.



We extend our sympathy to **Adria Owens** and her family on the passing of her grandmother **Anne Patterson** on Tuesday. She was 90. She will be buried with her husband in Calverton National Cemetery in New York.

Good News:

Gerri Lilly's father **Norman Hale** continues to improve slowly but steadily, for which we are very grateful.

Erin Peirce's father **Charles Fletcher** is doing well after heart surgery Tuesday. The surgery went well and he is now in a private room with most of the tubes and monitors disconnected.

Prayer Requests:

Henry Gutierrez requests that we pray for his mother who is quite ill. We don't have her name, but she resides in Masaya, Nicaragua.

Mel Kibler is home after being hospitalized last week with heart problems. Due to the serious condition of his heart, he is unable to undergo any more surgery. He is being treated with a 24-hour time release nitrate to control angina pain. The family requests continued prayers.

Adria Owens' cousin, **Adina Parsons**, has made sufficient progress to be sent to rehab. She still can't talk but is alert and responsive.

Continuing Concerns

NOTE: To keep this list current, names will be published for three weeks then removed unless office is requested to continue.

Sue Adams, on maintenance medication (mother of **Erin Adams**, 5/13);
Anneliese Alderman, dementia (mother of **Rob Alderman**, 5/13);
Sandra Arevalo, chemotherapy, & **Doris Williams**, radiation treatment (sister & friend of **Jose Arevalo**, 5/6);
Donnie Barham, recovering from accident (grandson of **Donna Barham**, address on bulletin board, 5/6);
Sean, struggling with pain and side effects from treatment (friend of **Richard & Rachel Bowles**, 5/6);
Mary Boyce, not doing well; **Darlene Walker**, improving but unable to live alone; **Angela Watson**, improving after recent surgery;
Vanessa Lovejoy, continuing radiation for breast cancer; **Will Pegeus**, now able to walk with walker, and his wife **Bobbie** as she cares for him; **Ed Davis**, cancer; **Thomas Garlon**, cancer (friends or relatives of **Erica Walker-Chenevert**, 5/13);
Kimmy Campbell, in remission (friend of **Patti French**, 5/6);
John Coffey, cancer (friend of **Joyce Grigsby**, 5/13);
Bridget & John Cooney, young couple dealing with cancer (friends of **Becky Bates**, 5/6);
Tom Cooney, recovering from surgery & infection (friend of **Crystal Berry**, 5/13);
T. J. Daniel, 12-year-old dealing with Hodgkin's Disease -has required a blood transfusion (son of **Sonya Matthew**, a friend of **Adria Owens**, address on bulletin board, 5/13);
Claudia Lopez Espinoza, chemotherapy (niece of **Ignacio Espinoza**, 5/6);
Malcolm Fentress, seriously ill (brother-in-law of **Paul Smith**, 5/13);
Deloris Freeman, on dialysis (friend of **Vickie Witt**, 5/13);
Joe Gantt, cancer treatment (brother of **Martha Ashley**, 5/13);
Nadine Grigsby, stroke (mother of **Susan Smith**, 5/13);
Helen Harris, additional foot problems associated with diabetes (mother of **Benita Harris**, 5/20);
Christine Henderson, cancer treatment, and **Rodger Jones**, recovering (friend & father of **Heather Jones**, 5/6);
Lynn Huff, major health issues (mother of **Billie Bohannon & Sylvia Sartori**, 5/6);
Megan Jarrell, concluding cancer treatment (cousin of **Jon Hessling**, 5/20);
Heidi Jenkins, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (friend of **Wendy Alderman**, 5/13);
Joseph, health problems (friend of **Habtu Zemech**, 5/13);
John Kline, discontinued chemotherapy (brother of **Winnie Flint**, 5/6);
Doretha Kreidler & John Whalen, both in declining health (requests from **Dorothy Eckert**, 5/6);
James McCollum, repeated hospitalizations, and for his wife **Stephanie** as she cares for him; also **Claire Packer**, facing surgery (friends of **Mary Jo Allmond**, 5/20);
Olinda Sarabia, ill (grandmother of **Omar Fuentes**, 5/6);
Mary Stevenson, recovering from bypass surgery (aunt of **Janet Thie**, 5/20);
Bertha Sullivan, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 5/13);
Marie Truehart, treatment for cancer (mother of **Christal Pendergrass**, 5/6, address on board);
Frank Tutterow, heart attack, and **Adam Arthur, 8**, stomach pains (requests from **Alma Milligan**, 5/20);
Amy Wassenberg, cancer (friend of **Jose & Jackie Arevalo**, 5/20);
Linda Weatherby, continuing chemo; her husband **Joe Ramirez**, lymphoma in remission (friends of **Anna Souza**, 5/13);
Laurie Whiteman, recovering (friend of **Scott & Susan Rosen**, 5/20);
Belinda Wynkoop, serious health problems, and her mother **Ilean** (former members, 5/13).

We pray for the safety of loved ones serving in



General Information

For Children:

❖ An attended nursery and a nursing mother's room -- located adjacent to the Assembly Center -- are available during our assembly.

❖ For ages 2 through pre-kindergarten year, Children's Worship is conducted in rooms 223 and 221. Children are dismissed after communion.

Recordings: Recordings of sermons at Falls Church are available for no charge on our web site after about four days. Recordings also are available in CD format for \$5.00 and may be ordered by completing a CD order envelope located in the foyer.

Assistive Listening System:

Personal sound receivers are available for hearing enhancement in our Assembly Center. Our ushers will be happy to supply one of these aids for your convenience upon request.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:30 am
Morning Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Assembly 6:00 pm

Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class 10:15 am
(October through April)

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:15 pm

Office Hours 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Nursery Attendants

May 20, 2012

Morning Rachel Bowles
Evening Levenie Hughes
Marsha De La Cruz

May 27, 2012

Morning Tek Chea
Evening Sylvia Sartori
K. T.

Children's Worship

May 20, 2012

2/3 Karen Beck, Laurie Atkinson
P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

May 27, 2012

2/3 Heather Musser, Heather Roelke
P-K A. Venkatesan, K. Dowdy

Worship Today, May 20, 2012

<i>Hymn #74</i>	<i>Praise the Lord</i>
<i>Hymn #287</i>	<i>There Is a Redeemer</i>
Prayer	Habtu Zemech
<i>Hymn #808</i>	<i>Abide with Me</i>
Communion/Collection	John Reagan
<i>Hymn #648</i>	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (1 Thess. 5:12-15)	Dave Miller
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #909</i>	<i>There's a Fountain Free</i>
Announcements	Kevin Rachel
Introduction of Visitors	Joe Bohannon
Prayer	Joe Bohannon



Song Leader	Marty Sims
Ushers	Joshua McKay, John Waterston

Steve Dasher will give a presentation this evening about his recent trip to Chile. Robert Spiess will lead singing; Bill Kincaid & James Shoenhard will lead prayers.

May servers: Brandon Durant, David Lilly, Perry May, Grant Smith, Robert Spiess, Kevin Thie

Elders

Steve Dasher	Wayne Doran
Bill Kincaid	Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel	Kevin Rachel
Joseph Tucker	

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez	Jose Arevalo
Matt Benskny	Ben Bohannon
Ignacio Espinoza	Perry May
Joshua McKay	Scott Mills
Saul Reyes	Kevin Thie
John Waterston	Ken Yeatman

Habtu Zemech

Missionaries

Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI
Pedro & Mireya Batres - Nicaragua
Clarence & Pam Campbell - South County, RI
Henry & Rosa Gutierrez - Nicaragua
Gene & Janice Luna - WBI/Guatemala
Deanna Meredith - Concepcion, Chile
Omar & Tana Palafox - Leon, Mexico
Recardo & Monica Reyes - Cuernavaca, Mex.
Don & Esther Roarabaugh - Torrington, CT

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, May 13, 2012

Bible Study	208
Morning Assembly	321
Evening Assembly	126
Contribution	\$11,887
YTD Average	\$11,223
Budget Goal	\$11,764

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Classes & Online	98
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Wednesday, May 23
Prayer - Geosh Saxton
Song Leader - Clark Richardson