

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

I hope you had a joyous and memorable Thanksgiving, though I would suggest that *whether* you remember it, and *how* you remember it depends a lot not on what happened, but on your mindset *while* it happened.

Let me illustrate with a passage from a blog by Bob Russell:

"Could you give thanks if you had prayed for a smooth journey and barely survived? Could you praise God for His goodness if half of your loved ones had died? Could you shout for joy if you were one of fifty people scraping to survive in a terrifying territory with no electricity, no cell phone, no television, no internet, no running water, no health insurance, no police protection and no guarantee you'd live through the next winter?"

No?

But our Pilgrim forefathers *did exactly that!*

Russell goes on to observe: *"What made them so spiritually strong and mentally tough? They considered themselves **stepping stones**. With our consumer mentality we consider ourselves **keystones**. We assume we're the center of the universe. It's all about us – our needs, our comfort, our desires. But the pilgrims knew it wasn't about them, it was about God's will and it was about the welfare of their descendants.*

*That's why they were thankful. Their sacrifice had paid off. There was hope for their children, their grandchildren and future generations."***

See what I mean about "mindset?"

Being different begins with thinking different. The gods of our age (which include the god "self") blind us to the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4), but the *real* God calls us to a new way of thinking (Romans 12:2), found in adopting the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). Then, every day can be one of thanksgiving no matter what happens, and the future can always be positive and assured.

Love you all

Mike

**Bob's whole article can be found at www.BobRussell.org



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God,

which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you

- Phillipian 4.4 - .9

Just a few days ago our country celebrated two holidays back to back. One is an official holiday, the other unofficial. We know the official holiday as Thanksgiving Day, a day when friends and family gather to be thankful for all the people and things we have. The unofficial holiday is Black Friday, a day when we get more as long as the sale is good, and no matter who stands in our way!

Does this pairing of holidays bother anyone else? Does it bother you that one day we spend being thankful for what we have while the next day we spend being unhappy with what we have?

As followers of Jesus it should bother us. We have been called to be thankful and content with what the LORD has given us. We are to be good stewards of what we have and not be wasteful. We are not to put things ahead of people. We are to be the light of the world by showing courtesy to friends, family, co-workers and strangers.

With these thoughts in mind, I hope you use every day as a day of thanksgiving and not as a black day.

GRACE + PEACE
AHLB

Christmas Events Coming Up

NOTE: These events are the ones within the first two weeks of December. A complete listing through the end of December can be found in the calendar on p. 4. Details will follow in the next bulletin.

Breakfast With Santa, December 1, 9 to 11 am, Fellowship Hall



This includes pancakes for breakfast, a chance to talk to *Santa Claus*, plus photo opportunities and crafts, all to benefit Camp WaMaVa. This is \$20 per family.



Senior Saints Annual Holiday Program Set for Dec. 6

The Annual Holiday Program for Senior Saints is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. **Agnes Jones and Jim Shoenhard** (who DOES plan to be back in town by then) are in charge of this gala event. **RSVP to Agnes**, so they will have sufficient food for everyone.

A special breakfast will be held December 8 for the ladies of the Bailey's Shelter.

This is part of an ongoing program of fellowship, Bible study and esteem building that is under the auspices of the C.A.R.E. Committee and is directed by

Lynda Eubank, retired
Arlington County Social Worker.

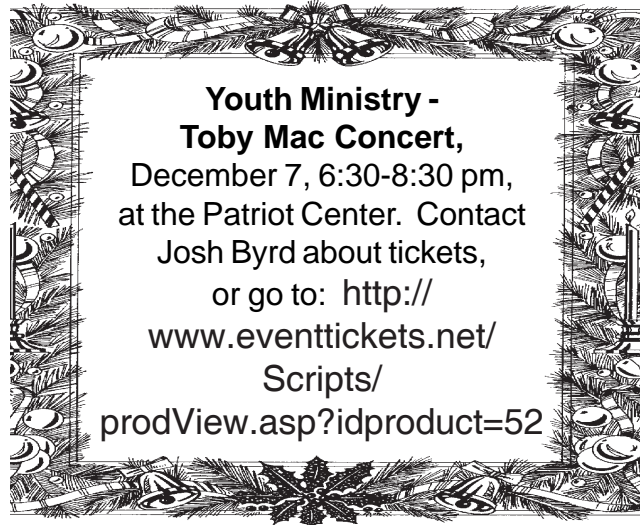
It has become a special annual event.

Agape Group 4 Party, December 1, 5 to 8 pm, Fellowship Hall



This is River Town Mews under **Caleb & Jenna Mayfield** and coordinators **Dick & Genia Deibler** and **Mulloy Robertson**.

Each family should bring a main dish and one dessert or side dish.



**Youth Ministry -
Toby Mac Concert,**
December 7, 6:30-8:30 pm,
at the Patriot Center. Contact
Josh Byrd about tickets,
or go to: [http://
www.eventtickets.net/
Scripts/
prodView.asp?idproduct=52](http://www.eventtickets.net/Scripts/prodView.asp?idproduct=52)

The entire Falls Church congregation is cordially invited to the annual **Christmas Open House** at the home of **Ann Ford**.

Other hosts/hostesses are: **Martha Ashley, Sally & Steve Dasher, Genia & Dick Deibler, Jefferson Ford, John Hilboldt, Agnes Jones, Mary Ann & Bill Kincaid, Janet & Jim Lane, Yvonne & Perry May, Linda & John Reagan, Calanthia & Joseph Tucker, Monica & Mike Tune and Peggy & Jerry Williams.**



Holiday
OPEN HOUSE



There is one class that remains to be filled for the Winter Quarter which will begin Dec. 2. This is the Sunday evening 1st and 2nd grade class, and it needs two teachers. A second teacher is still needed for the 4 and 5 year old class, also on Sunday evening. If you love working with children and want to help in their spiritual development, please contact **Scott Mills** to volunteer.

Scenes from the 22nd Annual Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival last Sunday evening was an abundant display of thankfulness and love for our neighbors. The organizers of this event are part of the C.A.R.E. (formerly Benevolence) Committee. **Wayne Doran**, Elder contact for that ministry, expressed his appreciation to his wife **Jean Doran** and to **Marsha De La Cruz** for developing the list of items for purchase. He expressed thanks to **Candy Thie & Kevin Thie** who have so efficiently managed the influx of food into the pantry for the last several years, to **Wendy Ward** who maintains communication with Bailey's Elementary School, and to all the Falls Church members who bought, toted, passed and sorted the food and personal hygiene items. And a special "Thank you" goes to **Dorothy Eckert** for the photos on this page!



(Far upper right) A Fall Harvest decorates the Fellowship Hall. Below the Harvest sign are the bags of food and other items to be distributed. The 3 photos (above & left) show the children unpacking the bags so the items can be passed to the line of waiting adults (upper right). Eventually, the crew in R. 121 (lower right) takes it in, sorts it out, and whisks it away in a dazzling display of organization and efficiency (at right)



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.

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTE: <i>The Iglesia de Cristo meets every Saturday, 7 to 8:30 pm @ the Building</i>						1 Hebrews 10-13 Breakfast with Santa, FH, 9-11 am Gr. 4 Party, FH, 5-8 pm
2 Matthew 1-4 Gr. 1 Party Youth Ministry (3-12 grades) parents meeting	3 Matt. 5-7	4 Matt. 8-10 Ladies Bible Class @ 10:15 am	5 Matt. 11-13	6 Matt. 14-16 Senior Saints Holiday Program, 11:30 am, FH	7 Matt. 17-19 Youth Ministry - Toby Mac Concert, 6:30 pm at Patriot Center	8 Matt. 20-23 Breakfast for Ladies @ Bailey's Shelter Open House at Ford residence, 6-8 pm
9 Matt. 24-27 2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner after pm service; Missions Committee to meet	10 Matt. 28 James 1-2	11 James 3-5 Ladies Bible Class @ 10:15 am, luncheon follows	12 James 6, 1 Peter 1-2	13 1 Peter 3-5	14 2 Peter	15 1 John 1-4 Ladies Holiday Brunch Youth Ministry (gr. 3-12) PIRATE Christmas Party, 6-8 pm, FH
16 1 John 5, 2 John, 3 John Prayer Sister "Cookie/Reveal/Tea" 4-5:30 pm, FH	17 John 1-3	18 John 4-6 Ladies Bible Class will not meet today	19 John 7-9	20 John 10-12	21 John 13-15	22 John 16-19
23 John 20 & 21; Revelation 1-2 Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins	24 Rev. 3-5	25 Rev. 6-8 Christmas Day, Office Closed	26 Rev. 9-11	27 Rev. 12-14	28 Rev. 16-18	29 Rev. 19-22
30	31	January 1, 2013 New Year's Day, Office Closed				

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.

Nursery Attendants

November 25, 2012

Morning

Rachel Bowles

Marsha De La Cruz

Evening

Levenie Hughes

December 2, 2012

Morning

Tek Chea

K. T.

Evening

Sylvia Sartori

Children's Worship

November 25, 2012

2/3 Casey Waterston, Abby Smith

P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

December 2, 2012

2/3 TBA

P-K TBA

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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Bill Kincaid Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
Matt Bennis 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
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, November 18, 2012

Bible Study 233
Morning Assembly 356
Evening Assembly 115
Contribution \$11,729
YTD Average \$11,872
Budget Goal \$11,764

Wednesday, November 21, 2012

Classes & Online Not yet counted

Wednesday, November 28

Prayer - Ken Yeatman
Song Leading - Clark
Richardson

Worship Today, November 25, 2012

Hymn #144

O Worship the King

Hymn #230

Worthy Art Thou

Prayer

John Hilboldt

Hymn #96

I Stand in Awe

Communion/Collection

Joshua McKay

Hymn #47

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)

Bible Reading (Luke 4:42-44)

Joe Bohannon

Bible Lesson

Josh Byrd

Hymn #389

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors

Greg Spraker

Prayer

Greg Spraker



Song Leader

Marty Sims

Ushers

Jose Arevalo, Matt Bennis

Ignacio Espinoza & Saul Reyes will report this evening about their recent trip to Nicaragua.

Joseph Tucker will lead singing;

Jonah Shumate & Grant Smith will lead prayers.

November servers: Jun Amores, Tre Berry, Brandon Durant, Grant Smith, Robert Spiess