

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

Before hurricane Sandy was even over, Church of Christ disaster relief groups were mobilizing to relieve the suffering in the northeast. One of the groups is the Disaster Assistance Mission from Lake Jackson, Texas. Mike Baumgartner, who works with

that organization sent us the following brief report just this past week:

*Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. The Disaster Assistance Mission along with several area Churches handed out 685 meals on Thanksgiving Day. The totals now are 11,610 meals and many-many loads of other food and supplies. We are working closely with Long Island, Far Rockaway and Mid-Hudson Churches of Christ. Just some of the areas we have helped are Hoboken NJ, Far Rockaway, NY, Coney Island, NY, Island Park, NY and Lindenhurst, NY.*

*This week we will be doing our normal meals here at the Mobile Headquarters and sending out meals with Long Island and Far Rockaway Churches of Christ. [In another related effort], we are going to be FEEDING THE KIDS. The high school where we are setup is closed because of Hurricane Sandy damage, so the kids are being bused to other schools. When they are bused back here in the afternoon we are going to give them a meal before they get on another bus to be taken home. Like normal kids some of them grab the meal and run, but others stop and thank you. One boy last week thanked us and said we had made a difference in his life. We will hand out between 250-300 meals between 3 and 4 PM weekdays. Wish all of you could see this.*

As I said, there are a number of disaster relief agencies run by our brethren who are involved in this effort, and it is likely that help will be needed for some time yet. That means, of course, that the agencies who administer this relief will need *our* help. More detailed information is coming soon.

This coming Saturday evening is our all-church Christmas party at the home of Ann Ford. It's always a wonderful occasion. I hope to see you there. Thanks to Ann for her gracious hospitality.

Love you all  
Mike



I am going to return to my Ministry Fair follow up series by writing about the Sunday and Wednesday meetings of our Youth Ministry.

To start with, I want you to think of our Youth Ministry as a pyramid. At the bottom is a wide foundation.

This foundation supports the rest of the structure and without it the entire pyramid would collapse. You can't have the very narrow top of a pyramid without the wide foundation. Our weekly meetings act as that wide foundation. They are the most important programmed part of our Youth Ministry.

We use our Sunday morning meeting as a more traditional Bible Class time. We use a combination of self written curriculum and the Live Curriculum from Youth Specialties during this class. This is the best attended class and a time when we focus on fulfilling the purpose of discipleship.

On Sunday nights we have Sunday Night Live for the 7th - 12th grade and Kids for Christ for the 3rd - 6th grade. During Sunday Night Live we do a number of things. We spend some time fellowshiping together. Then we will have some devotional time and usually a short teaching time. The goal is to use this as a less formal or non-formal teaching environment. There are small groups and lots of discussion

Finally on Wednesdays we spend time getting a deeper perspective. This is the smallest meeting we have and it enables us to spend more time talking about deeper issues.

You may have noticed that we run a fairly non-traditional Youth Ministry. We do many things on Sundays and Wednesdays that other youth ministries might do on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Most of our community and fellowship building is done during our regular meetings.

This has just been a brief - less than 300 word - overview. If you would like more info, a longer form handout is available.

GRACE + PEACE  
AHLB

# Christmas Events Coming Up



## 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 IS back in town) are in charge of this gala event. **RSVP to either of them** so they will have sufficient food for everyone.

## Christmas Open House Planned for December 8 at Ford Residence

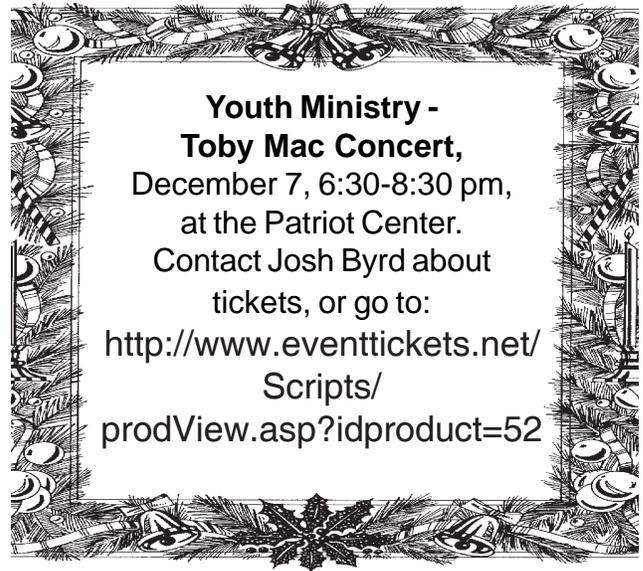
The entire Falls Church congregation is cordially invited to the annual **Christmas Open House** set for Saturday, December 8, at the home of **Ann Ford**. The event will be held from 6 to 8 pm.

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**

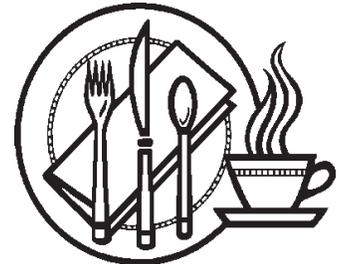


## 2nd Sunday Fellowship Scheduled for Sunday Evening, Dec. 9; Agape Groups 3 & 6 Are On Duty

The **2nd Sunday Fellowship** for this month is scheduled for Sunday evening, Dec. 9. This will be a **Finger Food** event, with a Christmas theme.

Each family is asked to bring a tray of sandwiches/wraps PLUS one of the following:

- ◆ a plate of veggies or fruit, with or without dip
- ◆ a tray of *hors d'oeuvres*
- ◆ a dessert, cut into bite-size pieces



Agape Groups 3 and 6 are the "duty groups" for this event. **Group 3** is **Westfield Woods** under **Richard & Rachel Bowles**, with coordinators **Ann Ford** and **Amanda & Beni Venkatesan**. **Group 6** is **Potomac Acres** under **Vickie Writt**, with coordinators **Jackie & Jose Arevalo**. If you don't remember your Agape Group, see the list on the member board in the lobby.



The **Missions Committee** will meet after the fellowship dinner.

## Funds for Gifts & Food for Breakfast Needed for Dec. 8 Event With Ladies at Bailey's Shelter

Donations of funds AND food are requested for the upcoming breakfast for **Ladies at the Bailey's Shelter**, Dec. 8, 9 to 11 am, in the Fellowship Hall.

Funds are requested to purchase hats, gloves and blankets for the ladies who are required to leave the shelter during the day. The clothing items are essential since it can get cold spending a whole day outside.

The food items are essential for the breakfast! Please bring a breakfast item, such as an egg dish or bacon/sausage/ham or potatoes or grits or sweet rolls



Scene from a recent breakfast.

or coffee cake, etc. Bring enough to share and then stay to visit with the ladies in the shelter program.

The average cost of the gift items is \$20/person, or \$400 for all the ladies. Give your donation to **Lynda Eubank**, the director of the Shelter Project. Lynda will be delighted to accept cash or checks (made out to **her**) but regrets that she can not accept credit cards.

The breakfast and the gifts are part of a program started in March 2006, when members of the Ladies Bible Class collected gift bags for 14 women at the shelter located at 3525 Moncure Ave., Falls Church. The Falls Church women also started a "Life Skills" class for the women at the shelter. The class has developed in recent years into Bible study as well.

In addition to giving money or food, please consider giving of your time to this program. The class meets on Monday from 7 to 9 pm.

The Youth Ministry (grades 3-12) will have a "Pirates" Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 15, 6 to 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

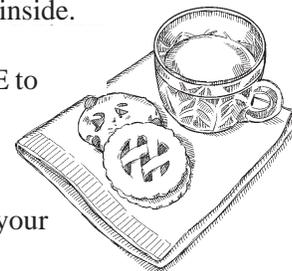
The Annual Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins will be held Sunday December 23, from 2 to 4 pm. The more singers we get, the more people whom we can visit. See Bill or Mary Ann Kincaid for further details.

## Prayer Sister Reveal Tea Set for December 16

All **Prayer Sisters** are invited to a **Cookie and Reveal Tea** on Sunday December 16, 4 to 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a small Christmas gift (not over \$5 value; may be homemade) for your Prayer Sister. Clearly put your Prayer Sister's name on the outside of the gift, and your name on the inside.

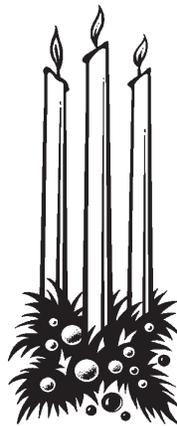
Cookies and drinks will be provided (but if you just LOVE to bake you may bring your own cookies to share). Enjoy face-to-face conversation and encouragement as you reveal your identity!



NOTE: If you cannot attend, please contact Monica Tune (tomitune@cox.net or 703-204-0956) and give her your gift for your Prayer Sister so she can deliver it at the tea.

## Annual Rainbow "Christmas Card" Collection Begins Today

Greeting cards have become an integral part of holiday celebrations, as we let our friends, old and new, know we're thinking of them.



We at Falls Church have a special way to send greetings while also directing those funds to a worthy goal, and that is through our annual group "Christmas Card" which is published in *Family Life* the last Sunday before Christmas. This year that will be on Dec. 23.

To participate, simply calculate the cost of sending individual greeting cards and contribute that amount to a "Christmas Card" Collection that begins today. You may give cash or checks, made out to "Rainbow Christian Services." **Sally Dasher** and **Lynda Eubank** have graciously agreed to collect these contributions, which will benefit **Rainbow Christian Services**, a Church of Christ organization which provides counseling to families in distress.

**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.**





## 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

### December 2, 2012

#### Morning

Tek Chea  
K. T.

#### Evening

Sylvia Sartori

### December 9, 2012

#### Morning

Amy Saxton  
Lisa Swetnam

#### Evening

Levenie Hughes

## Children's Worship

### December 2, 2012

2/3 Heather Musser, Aketa Simmons  
P-K Misty Marshall, Denise Haukkala

### December 9, 2012

2/3 Heather Roelke, Abby Smith  
P-K Jessi Arevalo, Mandy Scandlen

## 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

### Contact Information

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### Elders

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

### Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo  
Matt Benskys 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 25, 2012

Bible Study 200  
Morning Assembly 246  
Evening Assembly 98  
Contribution \$15,876  
YTD Average \$11,956  
Budget Goal \$11,764

### Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Classes & Online 89

### Wednesday, December 5

**Prayer - Scott Mills**  
**Song Leading - Joseph Tucker**

## Worship Today, December 2, 2012

<i>Hymn #162</i>	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>
<i>Hymn #163</i>	<i>His Name Is Wonderful</i>
Prayer	Oliver McDaniel
<i>Hymn #524</i>	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>
Communion/Collection	Jim Lane
<i>Hymn #47</i>	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading ( <i>Galatians 5:1-6</i> )	Richard Bowles
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #389</i>	<i>I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say</i>
Announcements	Steve Dasher
Introduction of Visitors	Robert Spiess
Prayer	Robert Spiess
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Song Leader	Marty Sims
Ushers	Joshua McKay, Habtu Zemech

Andre McMillian will lead singing this evening.  
Hal Swetnam & John Waterston will lead prayers.

December servers: Matt Benskys, Brian Collins,  
Frank Estes, Richard Gunselman, Cornel Pendergrass  
& Ken Smith.