

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

James Longstreet was a southern general under Robert E. Lee during the civil war. Known to Lee as "Old War Horse," Longstreet is recognized by historians as the best corps commander on either side of the civil war.

You need to know this, but my point isn't about Longstreet.

He married Louisa Garland in 1848 and she died forty years later. Ten years after that (1896), he married Helen Dortch. He was 76. Helen was 34.

Helen was an amazing woman. She was active in politics in Georgia, and co-authored Lee and Longstreet at High Tide, Longstreet's account of the civil war. She was also active in conservationism in Georgia and even ran for governor of the state in 1950 (age 87).

But here's what I find fascinating.

In 1942, the United States was still trying to gear up for World War II. The earliest B-29 airplanes were in the preliminary stages of being built. Bell Aircraft built a facility in Marietta, Georgia, but they were woefully short of employees. The early ones worked long and grueling hours. Among them was an *80 year old woman* named Helen Longstreet (yep, the same). What did she do? She wielded a rivet gun, building airplanes. When the doors opened at the Marietta plant in 1943, she was the first employee to sign on. She worked the 8 am - 4:45 shift every day and never missed a day of work until the war ended.

Reading her story recently I was encouraged. As we age, we will all have different abilities. But it is important, no matter what the age, to find useful ways to contribute – to serve – perhaps in the community, perhaps in church, but always as a Christian. Let none of us long either for idleness nor leisure, but let us enjoy the work God has given us to do. Man or woman, the person who does this seldom has time to "reflect on the days of life, because God keeps them both occupied with gladness of heart" (Ecclesiastes 5:20).

Love you all.
Mike



Winterfest Coming Up

In about 4 weeks the Upper Room Teen Ministry will take its annual trip to Gatlinburg, TN, to participate in the Winterfest Youth Rally/Retreat. I could write a nice 300 word article about why this is such a great trip. I am not going to do that. Instead I am going to use the words of some of our teens to tell you about the impact of this trip.

"It was a spiritual experience, in my opinion. Winterfest every year helps me refocus my attention onto God, and also gives some tips, or disciplines, on how I can do that away from Winterfest. What Winterfest means to me is a weekend of bonding with the other members of the youth group, refocusing my attention on God, and learning new ways to do it."
Sarah Byrd

"The message that I will take home is that it is important to spiritually discipline oneself, and I plan to use all twelve spiritual disciplines, to show people God in my life."
Oliver Arevalo

"The message I took home is the many ways you can connect God to your whole life. Following the disciplines definitely helps you connect with God in a variety of ways but it also showed me how just reading your bible or taking time to pray connects you with God quickly and meaningfully."
Abby Bennis

Don't forget that the deadline for registration is **January 27th** but you can turn in your registration forms, medical releases and fee any time.

GRACE + PEACE
Shelby

Youth Involved in Daily Bible Reading to Have Party January 19

A party is scheduled for next Saturday, January 19, to honor the Falls Church youth who participated in the **Daily Bible Reading** during 2012.

The party will be held from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, according to **Monica Tune**, program directory. She noted, "Pizza will be served, so it is important for everyone to sign up on the sheet in the lobby."

**DAILY
BIBLE
READING**



The ever-popular **Wednesday Nite Out** (dinner at the church building) will resume January 16.

Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board; make sure you use them or sign up online. Monica Tune, director, thanks those who have volunteered to help with this special fellowship opportunity.



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

2nd Sunday Fellowship Potluck Luncheon Set for Today; No Assembly This Evening

The first official fellowship of 2013 will take place today after the morning assembly. After the luncheon, we will dismiss for the day. **THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.**

This event, our **2nd Sunday Fellowship** for January, will be a traditional potluck so each family is asked to bring:

- ⌘ A main dish **AND** two of the following three items
 - ⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)
 - ⌘ a salad (leafy green, fruit, gelatin...)
- OR
- ⌘ a dessert (pie, cake, etc.)

FELLOWSHIP



DINNER

As is our custom, our Agape groups will again this year take turns serving as duty groups. For this month, the **duty groups are Group 1** - Fairview Park Woods under leaders Ken & Lesya Yeatman and coordinators Brian & Melissa Collins - **and Group 4** - River Town Mews under leaders Caleb & Jenna Mayfield and coordinators Genia & Dick Deibler & Mulloy Robertson.

Talent Show and Chili/Soup Dinner Set for Saturday, February 2

The annual **Talent Show and Chili/Soup Dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The **FIRST** thing you should do - after of course deciding which talent you will display at the show - is to sign up on the sheet which **Janice McDaniel** has thoughtfully provided on the bulletin board in the lobby. Janice has also agreed to serve as coordinator again this year!

The **SECOND** thing you should do is practice and polish your guitar playing or drum skills or singing or poetry reciting or athletic demonstration or - well, you get the point!



Now, if you simply can't bring yourself to doing any of the above, then **YOUR** contribution will include food

- namely a pot of chili or soup, since we'll eat first. Don't forget the "fixins" which include - but are not limited to - bread, cornbread, oyster crackers, regular crackers, croutons, shredded cheese, black olives, minced onions, chopped tomatoes, etc., etc., etc.

Naturally, these events don't simply happen due to an alignment of the right stars or something. They actually require some effort - like setting up tables and setting out bowls and preparing/serving drinks and cleaning up and putting away. So, make sure you advise Janice of your availability for kitchen duty!

Lads to Leaders Registration Deadline Is Today; Some Interest Categories Offer Recognition Without Competition

Today is the registration deadline for the Lads to Leaders Convention in Nashville, March 28-31. The theme for the 2013 event is Proverbs 3:5-6 and the students already involved in this program are using this scripture during Wednesday night class as they build and strengthen leadership skills.

Lads to Leaders is open to all youth, boys and girls, and is designed to encourage and develop skills and interests. Young people have talents and interests as do adults, and it is important to help them develop those interests and skills in the church setting. A youth who learn how to use those skills for the church will become the leaders of the future.

Of course, it isn't feasible for all young people to be able to attend the convention. However, that doesn't preclude their participation. Lads to Leaders has many categories that do not require that students travel to Nashville for competition. Some of them are open to adults. An adult who demonstrates excellence is the best example for our youth.

These non-competitive categories are:

Know the Books: Memorize and recite the books of the Bible. Many of our youth know these already or can easily learn them in upcoming weeks. Challenge your child to a memory match and see who learns them first.

Level One – Children through 2nd grade: recite or sing the books of the Bible in order.

Level Two – 3rd grade - Adult: recite the books of the Bible in order

Level Three – 3rd grade - Adult: recite the books of the Bible, along with their theme (a list of suggested themes is available)

Centurion of Scripture: Memorize and recite verbatim 100 verses from a standard translation in any number of sittings. Many of our children have learned

memory verses in their Bible classes, and those count if the youth recite them. You may be surprised at how many verses our children have hidden in their hearts!

Melissa Collins and Lesya Yeatman will be available after every service to hear and document the children's recitations.

Art: Open to all grades, there are two events, one competitive and one non-competitive (display only).

Specific requirements are set for each event and for each medium and can be provided upon request. Ask Lesya or Melissa for copies. Children can submit one piece of art in any of the following mediums: collage, sculpture, painting,

photography, posters, or drawing/sketching. The kindergarten-2nd grade youth also may design a greeting card. The artwork must be centered on the theme and will be displayed at the convention.

Reading the Bible: To qualify, the student or adult must read either the entire New Testament OR entire Old Testament from any standard translation NOT a paraphrase. If a person reads the entire Bible – Old and New Testaments –he/she will receive two medals. Individuals may listen to audio tapes, CDs or electronic devices to qualify. If your child completed the daily Bible readings from any standard translation in the last year, he's already achieved this one, so we'd like to reward his efforts.

If your child's interest is sparked by any of these, please see Scott Mills for the forms. **The child has until mid-March to finish any events, but again, the deadline for registration is today.**

Please let Ken and Lesya Yeatman OR Brian and Melissa Collins OR Scott Mills know if your child will be working on any of these events. The Yeatmans and the Collins are also available if you have questions or need more information.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.[a]
Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV

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.

Personal Visit Strengthens Bonds with Nicaragua Missionaries

Falls Church has enjoyed a long friendship with fellow Christians in Nicaragua, but that tie was strengthened by a visit of two deacons, **Ignacio Espinoza** and **Saul Reyes** to the congregation in Juigalpa as they celebrated their 25th Anniversary in November. Ignacio & Saul reported on this trip during the evening service of Nov. 25.

They were met on Nov. 8 at the airport in Managua, the capital city, by **Pedro & Mireya Batres**, missionaries with whom Falls Church also has



Pedro Batres (l) with Ignacio Espinoza & Saul Reyes (at right) with member from Nueva Libia



Mireya & Pedro Batres with Saul Reyes at Lago de Apoyo

a long friendship. After lunch and a trip to Lago de Apoyo, they returned to Pedro's congregation of Nueva Libia. Ignacio and Saul shared a lesson about church organizations with the members, and spent the night with Pedro & Mireya. The next day Pedro drove them to Juigalpa which is 90 miles east.



Henry Gutierrez addressing the anniversary celebration (left); his wife Rosa with Saul & Ignacio (below)



Ignacio describes the area as beautiful, with lakes, Rivers, mountains and parks, plus a large beef and dairy industry.

The minister for the congregation in Juigalpa is Henry Gutierrez. In addition to Juigalpa, Henry serves the congregations of Santo Tomas, Nueva Ginea, Bella Vista, Boaco & Acoyapa. Over the last 25 years, Henry has helped train ministers and leaders who then establish new congregations. Thus, the word and work have spread, but Juigalpa keeps losing its own leaders - a good problem to have.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, between 250 and 300 people crowded into an auditorium for the anniversary celebration. During the ceremony, Ignacio & Saul (below left)



presented a letter of congratulations to Juigalpa from Falls Church.

Below is a photograph of the late **John & Harriet Johnson**, Falls Church members who made the first contacts that led to the long and close working relationship with Pedro and Henry.



The trip by Ignacio and Saul is one more link in a chain that began 25 years ago.



(Above) The Juigalpa congregation today.

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

January 13, 2013

Morning	Evening
Ruth Amores	NOEVENING
Jackie Arevalo	SERVICE

January 20, 2013

Morning	Evening
Jenna Mayfield	Sylvia Sartori
Patty Woods	

Children's Worship

January 13, 2013

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

January 20, 2013

2/3 C. Waterston, L. Atkinson
P-K Gayla Keller, K. T.

Worship Today, January 13, 2013

<i>Hymn #140</i>	<i>Love Divine</i>
<i>Hymn #681</i>	<i>More Holiness Give Me</i>
Prayer	Joseph Tucker
<i>Hymn #318</i>	<i>O Sacred Head</i>
Communion/Collection	Clark Richardson
<i>Hymn #139</i>	<i>In Heavenly Love Abiding</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Deuteronomy 6:20-25</i>)	Jim Bates
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #501</i>	<i>Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet</i>
Announcements	Steve Dasher
Introduction of Visitors	Jun Amores
Prayer	Jun Amores
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Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Kevin Thie, John Waterston

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.

January servers: Mark Dawson, Bill Furr, Calvin Lockhart,
John Reagan, Jay Truitt, Ken Yeatman

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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Elders

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

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez	Jose Arevalo
Matt Bensusky	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 - Cuemavaca, Mex.
Don & Esther Roarabaugh - Torrington, CT

Staff

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

Statistics

Sunday, January 6, 2013

Bible Study	235
Morning Assembly	341
Evening Assembly	147
Contribution	\$11,988
YTD Average	\$11,988
Budget Goal	\$12,597

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

Classes & Online 98

Wednesday, January 16
Prayer - Daniel Williams
Song Leading - Clayton Tune