

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes



## Scout Sunday

In preparation for this year's Scout Sunday I found this reflection on the Boy Scout motto.

Be Prepared (Read Matthew 25: 1-13)

Though the winter air was crisp, an early sun warmed our faces as we prepared to start a twenty-mile hike. We were properly dressed for the weather. We had our boots laced tightly to protect our feet from the cold water in the streams we knew we would have to ford. Our packs held our lunch, rain gear, dry socks, and first-aid supplies. We were prepared.



However, the sun soon faded from view as unexpected storm clouds covered the sky. Soon it was raining and our pace was slowed. The water in the streams was now too deep to ford, so we lost time finding better crossings. The rain changed to driving snow, and our footing became treacherous. We were losing time, and the day was slipping away.

The storm passed, but now it was getting dark and we still had several miles to go. It was at this point that we realized we were not prepared—we had no flashlights in our packs, not one. We stumbled along in the dark and finally, with great difficulty, finished the hike.

Some of the best training we receive comes as a result of our own mistakes, failures, omission—not being prepared. If this is true, why must mankind persist in making the same mistakes over and over?

**Prayer:** Dear God, help us learn from our mistakes. Help us to be prepared to serve others as Christ has served us. Amen

GRACE+PEACE  
*John B. L.*

## Agape Group 3 to Host Game Night/ Chili Night on February 9

Agape Group 3 will hold a **Game Night/Chili Night** on Feb. 9 from 5 to 8 pm.

All Group 3 members are requested to bring:

1. Your favorite game(s)

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

LOWING:

2a. Chili

2b. Chili fixings (cheese, sour cream, corn chips,

etc.) AND a fruit platter

2c. Chili fixings AND a veggie platter

2d. Chili fixings AND a dessert

**RSVP** so that they will know how many tables to set up/chairs to have, etc. There will be time set aside for prayer requests. Group members who are unable to attend are invited to let them know of any prayer needs.



## Congregational Prayer Requests for February

Falls Church members have been asked by the Elders to pray for specific requests each week during 2013. The Elders stated, "We thank you in confidence that you will do even more than we ask of you."

The requests for February are below:

February 3	Thank God for His Church
February 10	Pray for Gove to give a stronger zeal for His Church
February 17	Pray for God to raise up strong leaders in His Kingdom
February 24	Prayer for the ability to Love one another as Jesus loves us
March 3	Pray for the ability to forgive one another as Jesus forgave us

## C.A.R.E. Committee to Meet Feb. 10

The **Quarterly Meeting of the C.A.R.E. Committee** [formerly benevolence] is scheduled for Feb. 10, according to **Wayne Doran**, the Elder contact for this program. Lunch will be served.

One major agenda item is the upcoming "Healthy Snacks" Collection which is scheduled to begin March 3.



## Finger Food Fellowship Set for February 10 After PM Service

The **2nd Sunday Fellowship** for February will feature a Valentine's Day Theme and will be held next Sunday, February 10, after the evening assembly.

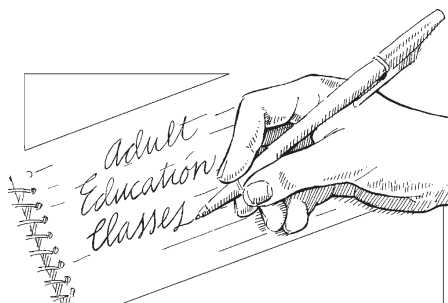
This will be a finger food dinner, so each family is asked to bring a tray of sandwiches AND one of the following:

1. A tray of *hors d'oeuvres*;

OR

2. a bite-size dessert

(emphasis on "bite-size")



The next **Adult Education Committee** meeting will take place on Feb. 17 at noon in the library. For further information, contact **John Waterston**, Deacon for the Adult Education Ministry.

**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.**

The next **Youth Ministry Parents Meeting** is set for next Sunday, Feb. 10, in R. 121, immediately following the morning assembly. For further details, talk to **Josh Byrd**, Youth Minister.

## Pedro Batres, Nicaragua

*Pedro Batres has served in the mission fields of Nicaragua and Guatemala since 1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. He and his wife, Mireya, who holds a degree in social service and is from Nicaragua, worked in Guatemala from 1985 to 2000, when they moved to Nicaragua. He is an evangelist in Managua and the surrounding areas, and is a popular guest speaker at special events.*



Greetings from Nicaragua to All the Brotherhood in Falls Church:

You can see in these photos the attendance to our meetings of the “Nueva Libia” Church of Christ. We



have over 150 each Sunday morning. In the afternoon it is about 70, and at night it is between 40 to 60.

As you know, we have three worship services each Sunday and my wife Mireya and I are present at all three. The photos in this report were taken on a recent morning.

You can see some brethren in the patio of “Nueva Libia,” because there was not room for them in the auditorium. It is very common when we have special programs



here. The auditorium is full with 230 and we have more people than in our business meetings or with our Christian agape meetings.

This local church is doing well and God is blessing it for which we praise Him. I invite all my brethren in Falls Church to share this joy with us because our Lord is blessing His church here. God bless you and all my brethren there in Falls Church.



Our Lord is adding more people to His Church in “Nueva Libia,” Managua. I’m attaching a photo of a Christian family who moved from another congregation in this city to “Nueva Libia” on Jan. 20.

Also, below are pictures of two baptisms at the end of 2012. More people are coming to this local church as visitors too and we give our time to them.

Please, pray for the Lord’s work in “Nueva Libia.”

Fraternally,

**Pedro Salvador Batres**







## 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

### February 3, 2013

**Morning** Agnes Jones  
**Evening** Levenie Hughes  
Kristine & Sydney Spraker

### February 10, 2013

**Morning** Lynda Eubank  
**Evening** Levenie Hughes  
Staci Shannon

## Children's Worship

### February 3, 2013

2/3 A. Venkatesan, Aketa Simmons  
P-K Misty Marshall, Denise Haukkala

### February 10, 2013

2/3 Heather Roelke, Abby Smith  
P-K Jessi Alvarez, K. T.

## Worship Today, February 3, 2013

<i>Hymn #715</i>	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>
<i>Hymn #700</i>	<i>More Love to Thee, O Christ</i>
Prayer	John Waterston
<i>Hymn #314</i>	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>
Communion/Collection	Tre Berry
<i>Hymn #890</i>	<i>In the Land of Fadeless Day</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading ( <i>Matthew 28:16-20</i> )	Gary Allmond
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #822</i>	<i>Sweet Will of God</i>
Announcements	Jim Lane
Introduction of Visitors	Mark Dawson
Prayer	Mark Dawson
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Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Matt Bensusky, Ken Yeatman

Habtu Zemech will present a report during the evening assembly about his most recent trip to Ethiopia.

John Waterston will lead singing, while Jose Arevalo & Bill Kincaid will lead prayers.

February servers: Joe Bohannon, Lee Cassetty, Joe Kobs, Curtis Madeley, Beni Venkatesan, Daniel Williams

## 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 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 27, 2013

Bible Study	229
Morning Assembly	330
Evening Assembly	112
Contribution	\$12,481
YTD Average	\$12,535
Budget Goal	\$12,597

### Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Classes & Online 82

### Wednesday, February 6

Prayer - John Reagan

Song Leading -  
Joseph Tucker