

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Steve Hawley is an old friend, and middle-school basketball coach at Westbury Christian School in Houston. In 2011, he was named Teacher of the Year by the National Christian School Association.

One of his students, Simone, was in our area for inauguration day. As a result, she missed four days of school, and Steve, while he was glad for her to have the experience, cut her no slack when she returned. She had to take the scheduled test (yet still made an "A"). Steve wrote about her as follows:

When she finished her test, she asked if she could go to another classroom on another wing to retrieve some school supplies she'd inadvertently forgotten. I gave my blessing and she took a Honduras bottle which is what I send with my students as a pass. She returned several minutes later and asked, "Coach Hawley, may I go to the rest room?"

I answered her question with one of my own: "Simone, why didn't you just stop on the way to get your things?"

Her answer spoke volumes about Simone:

"You only gave me permission to go to get my pencil bag, not to go to the rest room."

I didn't make a big deal of it but I was taken aback. I would have never known she made a detour and truthfully, I would have understood completely but Simone operates on a higher ethical level than I did at sixteen and maybe even right now. It was important to her to be absolutely honest in her dealings with me, even if I was oblivious. You see, to Simone, we had a contract and she was not going to violate her end of the agreement. That's why I would trust her with anything that belongs to me. I remember this guy once said, "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities." Oh yeah, that was Jesus! (Luke 16:10)

Simone illustrates character and integrity.

The world needs more folks like her.

Love you all.

Mike



Winterfest 2013

GRACE + PEACE
John Bell



Prayer Sisters Resumes

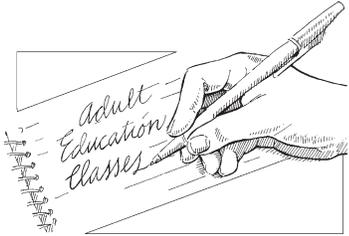
All women at Falls Church are invited to participate in the **Prayer Sisters** program, and the “Prayer Sister Table” is set up in the lobby



today, Feb. 17, to sign up. Just complete a personal information card and deposit it into the box **no later than Wednesday, Feb. 20.**

On Sunday, February 24, **AFTER** morning services ladies will draw the name of a

Prayer Sister, with this location to be announced. Participants are requested to keep names and information confidential. If you have any questions, please contact **Monica Tune or Diana Kuhn.**



The next **Adult Education Committee** meeting is set for today, Feb. 17, at noon in the library. For further information, contact **John Waterston**, Deacon for the Adult Education Ministry.

Teaching Opportunities



A few teaching opportunities remain available for Children’s Bible Study Classes on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am and Sunday nights at 6 pm for the Spring Quarter (March-April-May).

If you are interested in children having a better understanding of our Lord, please contact **Scott Mills.**

Congregational Prayer Requests for the week of February 17

Pray for God to raise up strong leaders in His Kingdom.

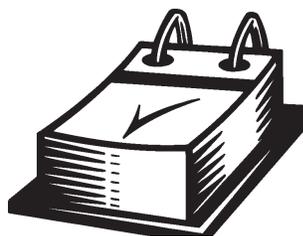
This is especially significant as we contemplate the request from the elders (see article at the top of p. 3) for suggestions of possible deacons, “...men who are qualified (1 Tim 3:8-13) and are prepared to serve the needs of the congregation.”

Around the Area...

The **Beltway Church of Christ Ladies** are sponsoring a bus trip to the **28th Annual Ladies Lectureship and Retreat** April 25-28 in North Charleston, SC.

The event will be held at the Charleston Area Convention Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr., North Charleston, SC 29418. It is sponsored by the Church of Christ at Country Club Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28301

The cost for the bus trip to the event is \$100. Hotel rooms at \$109 per night (maximum of 4 occupants) will be reserved for the riders. The bus will depart on April 25 at 4 am and return on April 28 about 1 pm. Registration for the lectureship is separate.



Mark Your Calendar And Save the Date

❖ A **Social Media Workshop** will be held on Saturday, April 20, at 9 am, according to **Janice McDaniel** who is organizing the event. Registration with coffee and refreshments will begin at 8:30 am.

❖ **Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for August 11 & 12. **Kelly Shumate** is directing the program this year.

Selection of Additional Deacons

Next month, the Elders will begin the process of installing additional deacons. Consistent with past instances, the congregation will participate in the selection process. You certainly will be asked to recommend those men who are qualified (1 Tim 3:8-13) and are prepared to serve the needs of the congregation. At this time, we ask that you begin thinking and praying about prospective deacons. We ask that you pray for God's guidance for everyone involved in the process and for the Elders as we consider additional leadership for the congregation.

Oliver McDaniel for the Elders

Agape Group 1 Plans Neighbor Luncheon on March 3; Initiates "Adopt a Grandparent" Program

Agape Group 1 (Fairview Park Woods) will host a **Neighbor Lunch** on March 3 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning assembly. The group leaders are **Lesya & Ken Yeatman** and the coordinators are **Melissa & Brian Collins**.

One extremely important feature of this luncheon will be the launching of its "Adopt a Grandparent" program.

If you don't know what that is - talk to Lesya Yeatman or Melissa Collins. And feel free to sign up or to sign up your children for inclusion in this program.

As to the luncheon, each family is asked to bring a main dish AND a choice between a side dish, a salad or a dessert.



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.

Henry Gutierrez, Nicaragua

Henry Gutierrez has preached for the congregation in Juigalpa, Nicaragua (about 100 miles east of Managua) since 1989. In addition to his ministerial duties, he conducts evangelistic campaigns, and works with various other congregations in the area of Juigalpa. He and his wife, Rosa, have been married since 1991 and have three daughters (left to right) Kimberly, Eunice & Aurisol.



Dear brethren in Falls Church,

We wish you and your families many blessings and good health from our Lord. My wife Rosa Argentina and our daughters Eunice, Aurisol and Kimberly wish you blessings as well. Eunice and Kimberly have been ill, but we thank God that they are getting better with God's help. We continue our services to our Lord in this area of Chontales Nicaragua. We have started our program of 2013 and we hope God would grant us success this new year.

As mentioned in December, we have started the Juigalpa Bible Institute in conjunction with the



These are scenes from the newly opened Juigalpa Bible Institute. Henry Gutierrez (upper left) on the first day of classes with new students (above right). Below are students at tables (lower left) and in the newly donated desks (both photos lower right)



congregations of Santo Tomas, Bella Vista, Acoyapa and Boaco. Although these congregations have not yet sent students to be part of the program, we have twelve students participating from Juigalpa. Brother Lujan Cruz and I serve as teachers. We ask for your prayers for this new work. Classes started on January 12, 2013 and they will continue every Saturday from 8-12. We thank God for a generous donation of 20 student desks that we received from a local organization. I am enclosing some pictures with this report.

Another program we have this year is an evangelization service, which meets every Thursday from 2:30 pm until evening. Your servant continues to conduct the radio program every Sunday from 7-8 am.

I am sending you some pictures of the new Christians who were baptized in January. Finally, brothers, the church here in Juigalpa thank you for the monthly contribution it receives from Falls Church and which the church utilizes for benevolence purposes.

In Christ, your servant,
Henry Gutierrez



New brother in Christ, Alejandro Teodoro León (above and at right)



These three photos feature our new sisters in Christ. They were baptized in January 2013.

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 17, 2013

Morning

Fern Musteen
Calanthia Tucker

Evening

Levenie Hughes

February 24, 2013

Morning

Tammy Cowart
Marsha De La Cruz

Evening

Sylvia Sartori

Children's Worship

February 17, 2013

2/3 C. Waterston, L. Atkinson

P-K G. Keller, M. Scandlen

February 24, 2013

2/3 H. Musser, A. Souza

P-K W. Ward, M. Zemech

Worship Today, February 17, 2013

Hymn #2

We Praise Thee, O God

Hymn #3

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Hymn #4

To God Be the Glory

Prayer

Scott Mills

Hymn #324

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

Communion/Collection

Bob Sartori

Hymn #860

There Is a Habitation

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

Bible Reading (*Colossians 1:15-23*)

Ben Bohannon

Bible Lesson

Steve Dasher

Hymn #666

I Am Thine, O Lord

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors

Brandon Durant

Prayer

Brandon Durant



Song Leader

Marty Sims

Ushers

Barry Smith, Ken Yeatman

Oliver McDaniel will teach the lesson this evening, Clark Richardson will lead singing, while Hal Swetnam & Beni Venkatesan 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

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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, February 10, 2013

Bible Study 226
Morning Assembly 325
Evening Assembly 147
Contribution \$12,488
YTD Average \$12,830
Budget Goal \$12,597

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Classes & Online 89

Wednesday, February 20

Prayer - Hal Swetnam

Song Leading - Clayton Tune