

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

Thanks to the many of you who called, sent cards, wrote letters, and otherwise offered so many expressions of kindness and sympathy to my whole family at the passing of my father. I am a blessed man, and my family is blessed to be a part of this wonderful spiritual family — “the Church.”

The cards started coming in within days after Dad died and, today, Thursday, they are still arriving. To be honest, I let the cards stack up until this past Monday. The burden of loss was just too overwhelming to open them until then.

But that was a mistake.

Though the time I spent with them Monday reminded me of my loss, with each card, the weight of grief was lessened. Never underestimate the encouraging value of kind and sympathetic thoughts and words. Grief is a malady too often suffered alone. But God never intended it to be that way. Its bitterness is lessened by the company and touch of loving friends – even strangers, and I have been blessed by an abundance of it. Thank you all. (Just before my father died, a dozen doctors had crowded in his room to tell me there was no hope. After he died over half of them – along with all the nurses – returned to express condolences and, surprisingly, to give me a hug. Their thoughtfulness was unforgettable. I knew my father had received the best of care.)

Thanks go to the Elders for every consideration they gave me during the past month, to Steve Dasher and Oliver McDaniel for preaching last Sunday, to Clayton for taking on the lion's share of the load for so many of my Wednesday classes, and to John Reagan for leading our Men's Class discussion last Sunday morning.

Love you all.

Mike



## I AM

Who are you?

This is an important question. If honestly answered, this question opens a door to what is at the core of your life. The core or foundation is that which is at the center of our lives. It is the thing we put our ultimate faith in. It is our identity.

Last week at Winterfest we figuratively asked this question of Jesus. We wanted to know who Jesus is. We didn't want what other people were saying about Jesus but what He said about himself.

To do this we explored the 7 “I AM” statements recorded in John's Gospel.

1. “Bread of Life” (John 6:35)
2. “Light of the World” (John 8:12)
3. “The Gate (Door)” (John 10:9)
4. “Good Shepherd” (John 10:11, 14)
5. “The Resurrection and The Life” (John 11:25–26)
6. “The Way, The Truth, And The Life” (John 14:6)
7. “The Vine” (John 15:1, 4–5)

Each of these is a metaphor that Jesus uses to communicate to us who or what He truly is. We are going to explore each of these “I AM” statements to discover what Jesus is saying about Himself.

It is important that we understand who Jesus truly is because we are surrounded by false information about Him. People want to shape and mold Jesus into their own image. To make Jesus easy to handle and less challenging to their lives.

BUT

When you look closely at Jesus, you discover something startling. We need to be shaped and molded into Jesus' image not the other way around. We discover that Jesus is not easy to handle and will challenge our lives in extreme ways.

Once we look at who Jesus says He is Himself we have to decide what we are going to do with that information. We have to ask ourselves “Who am I?” in the light of Jesus. John 8:58

GRACE + PEACE  
A. B. J.

## Prayer Sisters Drawing Is Today

The drawing for the **Prayer Sisters** program will be held TODAY, February 24, in Room 222. That is the last room on the right down the hall opposite the double doors into the auditorium. To participate, you should have completed and deposited your personal information card by last Wednesday, Feb. 20.



Participants are requested to keep names and information confidential. If you have any questions, please contact **Monica Tune** or **Diana Kuhn**.

## Congregational Prayer Request for the week of February 24

*Prayer for the ability to Love one another as Jesus loves us.*

## Suitland Rd. Plans 25th Anniversary Banquet and Gospel Meeting

The **Suitland Rd.** congregation is celebrating its **25th anniversary** this year with a banquet on April 13 and a **Gospel Meeting** on April 14-17.

The banquet will be held at Martin's Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway Center Dr., Greenbelt, MD 20770, and will include singing, speakers and fellowship in addition to the dinner.

The times are 1:30 to 5:30 pm, and the cost is \$40 per adult and \$25 for children 12 and under.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27; TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY MARCH 16.**

The gospel meeting will be held between Sunday April 14 and Wednesday April 17 at the Suitland building located at 4815 Suitland Rd., Suitland, MD 20746. The theme is "What God Has Revealed - Romans 1:17" presented by guest speaker Samuel Pounds, Minister of the Hilltop Church of Christ in Winter Haven, FL.

## Teaching Opportunities - STILL



**Scott Mills** still needs teachers for the 2s & 3s Bible Study Class on Sunday evening at 6 pm for the Spring Quarter (March-April-May).

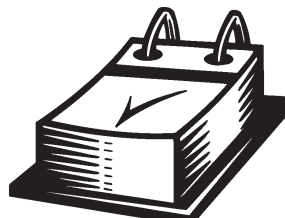
If you are interested in children having a better understanding of our Lord, please contact **Scott**.

## Men's Ministry Kick Off Breakfast Set for March 9



Gentlemen - plan now to attend the **Men's Ministry Kick Off Breakfast** which is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, from 8 to 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Breakfast will be prepared on site and all the standard accessories such as coffee & juice, will be provided, according to organizers **Jonah Shumate** and **Brandon Durant**.



## Mark Your Calendar And Save the Date

- ❖ The next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Potluck Luncheon** on March 10 after the morning assembly, with Groups 3 & 6 "on duty." The Missions Committee will meet after the luncheon but **THERE WILL BE NO EVENING ASSEMBLY.**
- ❖ The **Ladies Lock-In** is coming up April 12-13; there will be a "mystery" guest speaker. **NO**, you may not know the identity of the speaker; that's why it's called a "mystery" speaker. But if you want to give **Monica Tune** a hearty laugh, go ahead and ask!
- ❖ 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 9 & 10. **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*



### Ministry Leaders Meeting

All Deacons, Ministry Leaders and Ministers are requested to meet with the Elders on March 3 at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Each leader is requested to prepare and present a brief (not to exceed 5 minutes) summary of his or her ministry including progress so far this year and plans for the remainder of 2013. Any potential budget needs for 2014 are welcome as well.

**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.**

### 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.



### "Healthy Snacks Collection" for Bailey's Elementary Kickoff is March 3

The **C.A.R.E. (formerly Benevolence) Committee** is conducting a healthy snack food collection for the children at **Baileys Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences** located a few blocks from the Falls Church building.

This is the second drive for health snacks, and it complements the school supplies drive at the start of school for the last two years. The outreach to Bailey's is part of the committee's community outreach program.

According to the school's website, the elementary magnet school this year has about 1,000 students representing 40 countries of origin and over 20 languages spoken at home. However, for the 2011-12

school year, nearly 800 students - roughly 65% - qualified for the free or reduced fee lunch program.

For that reason, the families of these students often struggle to provide nutritious meals at home, and sometimes they must choose between rent and food. The healthy snacks not only foster in children a taste for snacks that are not the usual junk food, but also help supplement the food supply at home.

Below is a list of recommended snacks. Please bring your items to this building **by this evening** and deposit in the specially marked boxes in the lobby.

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| <b>Kellogg's:</b>     | Corn Flakes, Crispix, Product 19, Rice Krispies, Special K or Wheaties                          |
| <b>General Mills:</b> | Fiber One, Cheerios, Rice Chex, Wheat Chex, Corn Chex, Multi Grain Cheerios, Total, Kix or Life |
| <b>Quaker</b>         | Golean Cereal   |
| <b>Kashi</b>          | Grape Nuts  |
| <b>Post</b>           | Shredded Wheat, Oatmeal Squares   |



# March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Numbers 26; Deuteronomy 1-2	<b>2</b> Deut. 3-6  <i>Spanish Worship, 7—8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>3</b> Deut. 7-10 <i>“Healthy Treats” Collection Starts Agape G. 1 Neighbor Lunch, ~ 11:45 am Elders, Deacons &amp; Ministry Leaders Meeting, 4 pm.</i>	<b>4</b> Deut. 11-13	<b>5</b> Deut. 14-16  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	<b>6</b> Deut. 17-19	<b>7</b> Deut. 20-22	<b>8</b> Deut. 23-25	<b>9</b> Deut. 26-29  <i>Spanish Worship, 7—8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>10</b> Deut. 30-33  <i>2nd Sunday Potluck Luncheon; G. 3 &amp; 6 on duty; NO PM SERVICE Missions Cmte. meets.</i>	<b>11</b> Deut. 34; Psalm 90	<b>12</b> Joshua 1-3  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am &amp; Lunch</i>	<b>13</b> Joshua 4-7	<b>14</b> Joshua 7-9	<b>15</b> Joshua 10-12	<b>16</b> Joshua 13-16  <i>Kids for Christ Bowling Night, 6:30-8:30 pm  Spanish Worship, 7—8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>17</b> Joshua 17-20  <i>Agape G. 5 Neighbor Lunch, ~ 11:45 am</i>	<b>18</b> Joshua 21-23	<b>19</b> Joshua 24; Judges 1-2  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	<b>20</b> Judges 3-5	<b>21</b> Judges 6-8	<b>22</b> Judges 9-11	<b>23</b> Judges 12-15  <i>Upper Room Teen Ministry Bowling Night, 7-9 pm  Spanish Worship, 7—8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>24</b> Judges 16-19  <i>Agape G. 4 Neighbor Lunch, ~ 11:45 am</i>	<b>25</b> Judges 20; Ruth 1  <i>Fairfax</i>	<b>26</b> Ruth 2-4  <i>County</i>	<b>27</b> 1 Samuel 1-3  <i>Schools</i>	<b>28</b> 1 Samuel 4-6  <i>Spring</i>	<b>29</b> 1 Samuel 7-9  <i>Break</i>	<b>30</b> 1 Samuel 10-13  <i>Agape G. 4 Game Night &amp; Dinner  Spanish Worship &amp; Dinner, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>31</b> 1 Samuel 14-17  <i>Easter Sunday</i>						



## 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 24, 2013

#### Morning

Tammy Cowart

Marsha De La Cruz

#### Evening

Sylvia Sartori

### March 3, 2013

#### Morning

Tek Chea

K. T.

#### Evening

Sylvia Sartori

## Children's Worship

### February 24, 2013

2/3 H. Musser, A. Souza

P-K W. Ward, M. Zemech

### March 3, 2013

2/3 A. Venkatesan, A. Simmons

P-K M. Marshall, TBA

## Worship Today, February 24, 2013

Hymn #867

*To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way*

Hymn #957

*This World Is Not My Home*

Hymn #490

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Prayer

John Hilboldt

Hymn #578

*We Will Glorify*

Communion/Collection

Jonah Shumate

Hymn #63

*I Will Call upon the Lord*

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

Bible Reading (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

John Reagan

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #903

*There Is Power in the Blood*

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors

Grant Smith

Prayer

Grant Smith



Song Leader

Andre McMillian

Ushers

Matt Benskys, Ken Yeatman

Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening, while Kevin Amores & John Waterston will lead prayers.

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

## 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

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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 - Cuemavaca, Mex.

Don & Esther Roarabaugh - Torrington, CT

### Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*

Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*

Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*

## Statistics

### Sunday, February 17, 2013

Bible Study 174

Morning Assembly No Count

Evening Assembly No Count

Contribution \$11,929

YTD Average \$12,701

Budget Goal \$12,597

### Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Classes & Online 85

### Wednesday, February 27

Prayer - Joe Bohannon

Song Leading - Marty Sims