

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Our daily Bible readings for the past two weeks have brought us through the book of Numbers in the Old Testament. One of the readings *this* week was from chapter thirty and had to do with “vows.”

I heard about a man on an airplane in turbulent weather. Everyone was afraid. As you looked around the plane, people had their eyes closed, mouthing prayers. A minister heard the prayer of the man next to him: “Lord, if you will get me on the ground safe and sound, I will give you half of everything I own.”

The plane eventually landed safely and the minister turned to the man next to him, introduced himself and remarked that he had heard the man’s vow.

The man replied: “Perhaps you didn’t hear the follow-up prayer. I told God if I ever got on another plane he could have *everything*.”

I guess you could say he “doubled down,” but the short term effect was to nullify the first promise.

In moments of crisis, people make all kinds of commitments they might not otherwise make. In Numbers 30, God says: ‘I take vows *very* seriously. You make them, you must follow through. You will keep your word to me.’”

Anytime you bring God into the equation, you’d best do it with serious consideration. The “vows” law is an elaboration of the third commandment: “You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God” (Exodus 20:7). I think about this often when people pepper their conversations with the word “god” (particularly “oh god”).

It is a serious thing to call on the name of the Lord. It doesn’t pay to be casual in your respect and attitude toward Him.

Love you all
Mike



I am the Bread of Life

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All

those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.” - John 6:35–40 (NIV)

Inspired by Mike Cope’s Sunday morning Winterfest presentation I estimated the number of meals I have eaten over the last 40 years. The number comes out to be about 44,700. You could imagine that after eating this many meals I wouldn’t be hungry any more! I would have eaten all I needed for the rest of my life. This is not true I still get hungry and thirsty. (In fact as I type this little article I am beginning to get hungry for lunch!) Our bodies need repeated feedings or else we die.

Our souls also needs to be fed regularly. The eternal part of us is also hungry. We are not longing for mac & cheese or a steak. Nothing we try to eat here will satisfy that hunger. In my experience our attempts to nourish our souls only make us hungrier. The way drinking salt water makes us thirstier. No it is hungry for the kind of nourishment only the LORD can provide.

When the Israelites were traveling in the desert the LORD provided the physical food their bodies needed in the form of manna from heaven. As we travel through this life the LORD provides for our spiritual nourishment by sending HIS Son from Heaven. When we regularly eat and drink Jesus we find the nourishment our souls have needed all along.

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

Agape Group 1 (Fairview Park Woods) will host a **Neighbor Lunch** today 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.



To the Falls Church Family,

The family of Bertha Sullivan wishes to thank each of you for the cards, prayers, and expressions of sympathy during the passing of our mother. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

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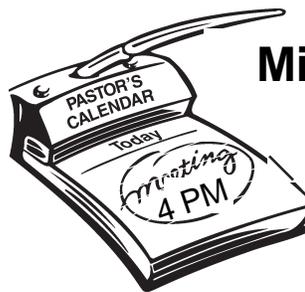
God bless you all,
Jean Doran and Family

"Healthy Snacks Collection" for Bailey's Elementary Kickoff is Today

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 drives 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



Ministry Leaders Meeting Today

All **Deacons, Ministry Leaders and Ministers** are requested to meet with the **Elders** today 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.

The Food Pantry REALLY Needs:

Milk (non-refrigerated)

Canned Fruit



The **Ladies Lock-In** is coming up April 12-13. Check with **Monica Tune** for details - like the identity of the "mystery" speaker.

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

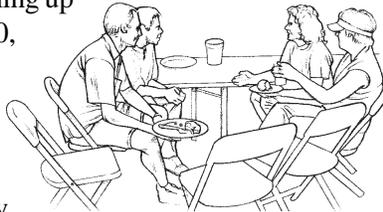
For that reason, the families of these students often struggle to provide nutritious meals at home, and sometimes they must choose between rent and food. The healthy snacks not only foster in children a taste for snacks that are not the usual junk food, but also help supplement the food supply at home.

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

2nd Sunday Fellowship Potluck Set for March 10; No Evening Assembly

The 2nd Sunday Fellowship for March is a traditional potluck coming up next Sunday, March 10, after the morning assembly.



As is our custom, after the luncheon we will dismiss for the day.

THERE WILL BE NO EVENING ASSEMBLY ON MARCH 10.

Agape Groups 3 and 6 are the “duty” groups. Group 3 is Westfield Woods under **Rachel & Richard Bowles** with coordinators **Ann Ford, Linda & John Reagan & Amanda & Beni Venkatesan.** Group 6 is Potomac Acres under **Vickie Writh** with coordinators **Jackie & Jose Arevalo.**

Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring a main dish PLUS two of the following three items:

- ☘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)
 - ☘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta or veggie or fruit tray with or without dips)
- OR**
- ☘ a dessert (key lime pie, strawberry shortcake, chocolate moose (just kidding))

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of March 3

Pray for the ability to forgive one another as Jesus forgave us

Men’s Ministry Kick Off Breakfast Set for March 9



MEN’S BREAKFAST

“You know that feeling you get when you JUST missed something. For instance, you wanted that one last piece of key lime pie but you delayed a little too long and just as you started for it, someone else - like Brandon Durant - comes along and gets it?”

That was the question posed by **Jonah Shumate** in announcing the **Men’s Ministry Kick Off Breakfast** which is scheduled for next Saturday, March 9, at 8 am, in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast should conclude no later than 9:30 am.

His question vividly illustrates that Falls Church men should make sure they don’t miss this event!!! **Jonah and Brandon Durant** are co-organizers.

They add that breakfast will be prepared on site and all the standard accessories such as coffee & juice will be provided.

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.

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

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.



This report is addressed to Jose Arevalo, Falls Church deacon and Contact for Foreign Missions with the Missions Committee.

Dear Brother Jose,

Here I am again with another newsletter related with the mission field in Nicaragua for you and for the brethren in Falls Church.

A young girl Milena Esperanza Velazquez Rodriguez was baptized on Feb. 8. Four of her relatives are members of the church in Nueva Libia. We were glad to help her in that important decision for her personal salvation.

On the next day, Feb. 9, I drove to Masatepe, a city located an hour from Managua, where I had been invited to talk about the collection of the weekly contribution during the worship service. It is not a wealthy congregation and the economy is weak, so the brethren were raising funds by selling meals at the building for everybody after the worship service each Sunday.

I examined the Biblical basis for the collection, and the brethren recognized the Biblical resolution to the problem. They also decided to discontinue the meal sales. Praise God, it was a very calm and orderly event which lasted from 2 to 5 pm.

The local church in "Nueva Libia" is proceeding with several programs and I am included in many of them.

The sad news is about the radio program which has been cancelled. The owner of the station is worried about several problems. Remember, this was free air time he had given us weekly for almost 10 years. To pay for this time would cost \$300 a week and our budget won't allow that. The owner will let us know in the future if our program can go back on, but in the meantime, we have no program.

This (photo at right) is a general view of the attendance of our brethren and sisters in "Nueva Libia,"



This report is from just one of eight domestic or foreign mission programs which receive regular support from Falls Church in addition to many short-term mission efforts. If you would like to learn more about Falls Church missions, or if you would like to become involved in this vital ministry, you are welcome to join the Missions Committee in its meeting next Sunday, March 10, after the fellowship luncheon.

Sunday morning. This local church is working now for our XII anniversary as Church of Christ in this area of Managua. We will have a special program at the end of March, God willing. As you remember, I began this local church after my return from Quetzaltenango, Guatemala twelve years ago, in March 4th, 2001. On the other hand, we maintain here our teaching regarding



View of Sunday morning worship service at Nueva Libia which is preparing to celebrate its 12th anniversary with a special program this month.

the eldership, deacons, teachers and evangelists and we have now three years working looking our goal to get the biblical organization and there are some prospects between the brotherhood.

Dear brother, it is all for now. Please, give my greetings to all my brethren and sisters in Falls Church Church of Christ.

Fraternally,
Pedro S. Batres

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matt. 28:19, NIV

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

March 3, 2013

Morning

Tek Chea
K. T.

Evening

Sylvia Sartori

March 10, 2013

Morning

Amy Saxton
Lisa Swetnam

Evening

NO EVENING
SERVICE

Children's Worship

March 3, 2013

2/3 A. Venkatesan, A. Simmons
P-K M. Marshall, C. Waterston

March 10, 2013

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

Worship Today, March 3, 2013

Hymn #140

Love Divine

Hymn #67

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer

Mark Dawson

Hymn #350

When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

Communion/Collection

Habtu Zemech

Hymn #1022

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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

Bible Reading (Acts 2:29-39)

Cornel Pendergrass

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #501

Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet

Announcements

Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors

Curtis Madeley

Prayer

Curtis Madeley



Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Perry May, Scott Mills

John Waterston will lead singing this evening, while

Bob Sartori & Geosh Saxton will lead prayers.

March servers: Kevin Amores, Jose Arevalo,
Frank Estes, Peter Franco, Dave Miller, Mark Shannon

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 Benschky 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, February 24, 2013

Bible Study 205
Morning Assembly 326
Evening Assembly 101
Contribution \$12,763
YTD Average \$12,709
Budget Goal \$12,597

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Classes & Online 98

Wednesday, March 6

Prayer - Kelvin Hatcher

Song Leading - Joseph Tucker