

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

From the time they first arrived in the New World, Europeans attempted to “civilize” and evangelize those native to this land. It didn’t always go well. Indians correctly perceived their *inclusion* among the white people often meant their *subjugation* to white

people, but as much as that, it involved giving up the ways of their ancestors.

Sometimes, they could see the value. An Iroquois leader, seeing the depletion of game in his area, went into the lumber business, building one of the first sawmills in the Allegheny mountains. He sent his sons to Philadelphia to be educated.

At other times, the value of embracing the “white man’s ways” was seen as dubious at best. Another Iroquois leader, Red Jacket, acknowledged he would have gotten further in life if he had known how to read and write, but there *were* dangers. His friend, “Farmer’s Brother” had sent his grandsons to Philadelphia for an education. But their acclimation and education to the white man’s ways had led them to gambling, brothels and drunkenness. (These illustrations come from the 1790’s).

In 1805, a Christian missionary addressed the Buffalo Creek gathering of the Iroquois council. He told them he had come “to enlighten [their] minds and instruct [them] how to worship the Great Spirit according to his will. There is but one way to serve God,” he said, “and if you do not embrace the right way, you cannot be happy hereafter.”

Red Jacket replied: “We are told you have been preaching to white people in this place: these people are our neighbors, we are acquainted with them: we will wait a little while and see what effect it has on them. If we find it does them good, makes them honest, and less disposed to cheat Indians, we will then consider again what you have said” (Anthony F.C. Wallace, *The Death and Rebirth of the Seneca* (New York: Vintage Books, 1972) pp.204-205).

This challenge to our faith continues. We are called to lift up Jesus and draw the world to him. It is best, and most successfully accomplished when those who do the calling demonstrate they have become better people themselves because they follow Jesus. Otherwise . . . what’s the point?

Love you all  
Mike



“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man

runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.  
(John 10:11–15 NIV)

A good shepherd had a difficult job in the ancient world. The sheep need guidance from one good place to eat to another. It is the shepherd’s job to make sure the sheep have good grass and water. The shepherd had to know what was good for the sheep to eat and where drinkable water was.

At times the shepherd needed to be the veterinarian for the sheep. If one of the sheep was injured there was no one else around, so the shepherd had to help the injured sheep. If a sheep was about to give birth it was up to the shepherd to help out.

At times a good shepherd had to defend the flock. Once again with no one or very few around it was up to the shepherd to act. Sometimes the shepherd would have to fend off predators, ones which would not only like to eat the sheep but also the shepherd too. Other times the shepherd would have to protect the sheep from other people who want to steal the sheep.

If the shepherd wasn’t very good the sheep were likely to die. If the shepherd led them to bad water or didn’t provide good veterinarian care or if the shepherd didn’t defend the sheep, the sheep die!

BUT

As you can see from the verse above, the LORD Jesus Christ is the good shepherd! He defends the sheep! He knows the sheep and we know Him! If Jesus is your shepherd you don’t have to worry; He will take care of you.

GRACE + PEACE  
AHLB

## Lads to Leaders to be Honored at 2nd Sunday Fellowship After Evening Service April 14

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Finger Food Dinner** after the evening service on April 14. At that time, all the **Lads to Leaders** participants - those who attended the convention in Nashville or participated in some other way - will be recognized for their achievements.



Each family is requested to bring the following:

- ❖ A tray of sandwiches

**AND**

- ❖ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres*/fruit or veggie tray with or without dip/chips and dip

**OR**

- ❖ A bite-sized dessert.

Please note that the emphasis is on “bite-sized.” The idea is that this meal won’t require utensils!

Agape Groups 1 (Fairview Park under **Ken & Lesya Yeatman**) and 4 (River Town Mews under **Caleb & Jenna Mayfield**) are the “duty groups” for this event. If you do not know your Agape group, consult the list on the Member’s Board in the lobby.



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

**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.**

## “Who’s networking with your kids?”: Social Media and Our Children, April 20, 8:30-noon

Social Networking may be designed to bring us together, but in many instances it’s tearing families apart. Come discover some of the hidden dangers of popular platforms like Facebook and Twitter. Learn from experts how to protect your children and their future. The free seminar is geared toward teens, young adults and their parents, and to all adults concerned about this topic. It is so important that Falls Church Youth Minister Josh Byrd has made it the primary youth event for April.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 20 from 8:30 am – Noon. Coffee will be available during the registration period at 8:30 am, with the seminar from 9 am to 12 pm. You may also register online at [fallschurchcoc.org](http://fallschurchcoc.org) or call 571-766-8615.

**WHERE:** The Church of Christ in Falls Church, Virginia, 6149 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041

Coffee will be available during the registration at 8:30 am, with the seminar from 9 am-12 pm. **BUT you are strongly urged to pre-register. Go online at [fallschurchcoc.org](http://fallschurchcoc.org) or call 571-766-8615.**

Below are the three seminar topics.

**Find out how to protect your children from cyber bullies and online predators.**

**Dr. Jim Miller**, Director of the Mass Communications Program at Harding University, regularly speaks on the effects of social media on individuals and society as a whole. His ongoing research on the topic has been the focus of national academic conferences and church-sponsored events throughout the country.

**Learn how gangs use social media platforms to identify potential members.**

**Ed Ryan**, Fairfax County Gang Prevention Coordinator, works directly with the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force and serves as Director of the Juvenile Court’s Intensive Supervision Program. In overseeing numerous intervention and suppression programs, he has tremendous insights into gangs’ use of social media platforms.

**Discover why potential employers consider how candidates use social media.**

**Joy Hayes**, Corporate Recruiter for the Gannett Corporation, a major media and marketing solutions company, understands how the use of social media has become a critical consideration factor. In her current role, she sees how specific actions and behaviors online may have a negative impact on a candidate’s ability to obtain a position within a corporation.



*Artwork courtesy of Hal Swetnam*

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### Pitch In to Rebuild a House in Northwest Washington

Have you ever wanted to do something that will really help another person in a really significant way?

Here is your opportunity.

**Kara Hughes**, Falls Church member, works for Booz Allen Hamilton which is sponsoring a “Rebuilding Together” on April 27 from 8 am to 4 pm to rebuild a house in Northeast Washington. The house is owned by Ms. Marion.

Between 20 to 25 volunteers are being recruited, mostly to clean and paint. Other jobs requiring greater skills will be done by another organization.

Lunch will be served and it is hoped that there will be enough volunteers so that they can work in shifts rather than 8 hours straight.

For further information - or to volunteer - consult Kara. Her address and phone are in the directory.

#### Congregational Prayer Request for the week of April 7

*Pray for all of the missionaries throughout  
the world in the body of Christ.*

## 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.*



Dear Brother José Arevalo,

I flew to Guatemala City March 21 at an invitation to speak about unity of the church. Attendance was good with over 300 persons Sunday morning, including our Brother and Sister Joe & Theresa Bryan. Both of them are in good condition and their Spanish language is better now. We got only a brief visit because there were so many activities. It was interesting to be in Guatemala for just four days. I returned here safely on March 25, the birthday of our oldest son Roberto.

On March 31, the Nueva Livia church celebrated its **12th Anniversary**. Over 160 people plus a good number of children attended a program that lasted for over three hours. I preached about Christian unity for this event as well. We finished with a delicious dinner...¡carne asada! And the program was blessed when two women were baptized. A good number of Christians, including a few sisters, are active in this important evangelism ministry. We also had special participation from the children's, the kids's class and also the women's class.

God has blessed us in these 12 years! And I want to take this opportunity to say "Thanks so much" to all the brotherhood in Falls Church for their support in every sense during these years. The brethren here do not forget their brethren and sisters in Falls Church. The church in VA has had an important relationship with "Nueva Libia" ever since 2001 when we were in "Villa Progreso." So we are very grateful to all of you, and God bless each one of you.

Currently we are still trying to finish our building after two years of construction. There has been a lack of funds. In spite of that, the attendance each Sunday has grown, thanks be to God. Our different programs are alive and a good number of brethren and sisters are enrolled in them.

I want to report about our co-worker William Sandoval. You will remember that he was involved in a serious motorcycle accident in January. He recovered enough to go home, but is still bed-ridden or in a



**Nueva Libia** has been blessed with several recent baptisms. (clockwise from upper left) **Handal Salazar Lopez** was baptized Feb. 20 by Rommel Aragon. **Milena Velasquez** was baptized Feb. 8 by Silvio Abraham Lopez. Her parents, sister

and grandma are members of this local congregation. **Gabriela Bonilla Santos** was baptized Feb. 16 and is shown with Pedro and Silvio Felix Guadamuz. After studying with Daniel Aragon, **Byron Ernesto Gala Garza** (lower left) & **Jose Ramon Soto** were baptized March 3, also by Brother Lopez.

wheelchair. In addition, two weeks ago he developed a clot in his knee and was hospitalized again. He also has problems in his nose. He is one of our native preachers here and I ask for continued prayers for him.

My wife Rosa accompanied me to a marriage seminar for 14 couples at the barrio **Jose Dolores Estrada**. I receive frequent invitations like this and rarely decline.

The XXIX Latin American Preachers Encounter is just 7 months away, on October 22-26. We expect to have brethren from Central America, North and South America, God willing. Before that, we will have our XIII Nicaraguan Preachers Encounter, on Sept. 14. Our coservants and I am working seriously for these two important activities.

Personally, I am very grateful for the opportunity to be associated with you in the mission field in Central America. Praise be our Lord, the Owner of the vineyard. May our Lord bless all my brethren and sisters there.

With fraternal love,  
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.

## 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

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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, March 31, 2013

Bible Study 197  
Morning Assembly No Count  
Evening Assembly No Count  
Contribution \$ 9,502  
YTD Average \$12,335  
Budget Goal \$12,597

### Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Classes & Online 94

## Nursery Attendants

### April 7, 2013

#### Morning

Jackie Arevalo

John Arevalo

#### Evening

Lynn Johanson

### April 14, 2013

#### Morning

Ruth Amores

Leah Durant

#### Evening

Levenie Hughes

## Children's Worship

### April 7, 2013

2/3 Abby Smith, Aketa Simmons

P-K Wendy Ward, Casey Waterston

### April 14, 2013

2/3 Heather Roelke, A. Venkatesan

P-K Jessi Arevalo, Mandy Scandlen

## Worship Today, April 7, 2013

Hymn #514

*Redeemed*

Hymn #144

*O Worship the King*

Prayer

Jeff Malcolm

Hymn #504

*In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came*

Communion/Collection

Jay Truitt

Hymn #547

*Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

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

Bible Reading (Colossians 3:1-17)

Grant Smith

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #869

*We're Marching to Zion*

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors

Clark Richardson

Prayer

Clark Richardson



Song Leader

Marty Sims

Ushers

Joshua McKay, Habtu Zemech

Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening; Brian Collins and Brandon Durant will lead the prayers.

April servers: Gary Allmond, Jay Atkinson, Chantha Chea, Caleb Mayfield, Geosh Saxton, Mark Ward

**Wednesday, April 10**

**Prayer - John Reagan**

**Song Leading - Bill Kincaid**