

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

As we moved through the story of David in our daily Bible readings a week or so ago, I was once again reminded of one of my favorite Bible verses.

It is found in the story of the conflict between Absalom, his brother Amnon, and his father David, and you can find it in 2 Samuel 14. Absalom has murdered Amnon and run for his life to escape the king's (David's) justice. David, probably because he knew Amnon deserved to die, and also because Absalom was also his son, was content to let Absalom live in exile.

But really. How does it look for a king to live estranged from his son? What kind of example does that set for others?

So David's nephew Joab hired a wise woman to talk to David, and here's what she said: "Like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be recovered, so we must die. But God does not take away life; instead, he devises ways so that a banished person may not remain estranged from him."

I very much believe in discipline for children. Parents are responsible for teaching children how to live and that involves learning that actions have consequences – sometimes grave consequences. And yet, no parent should take positions so harsh that a child feels there can be no readmittance into parental grace. No child should ever feel a hopeless inability to please a parent. Parents are responsible for devising ways that estrangement might be ended. Even the prodigal son knew that with repentance, he could go home. And when he did, his father ran to meet him.

This sentiment should also characterize the family of God. No one estranged from the Church should feel as if they can never come back. Instead, we should be devising ways to bring back the wanderer, not by excusing poor behavior, or turning a blind eye to it, but by making the joy and comfort of family so central to the lives of all, that its absence encourages repentance and a longing for restoration.

Love you all.
Mike



I AM the Resurrection and the Life

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."
- John 11:21-27 (NIV)

Martha's statement to Jesus has been asked in various ways for centuries.

"How could God let this happen?"

"Where is God when a bad thing happens?"

"LORD if you had been here why didn't you do something?"

Sometimes this question is asked on a personal level. A family member dies unexpectedly. Someone loses a job. An unexpected accident or medical problem create financial problems. People want to know where the LORD is in their own lives when difficulties or problems happen.

Sometimes this question is asked about big events in the news. The shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School or Virginia Tech caused people to ask this question. The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, caused the whole country to ask this question. Recently people have been asking this question following the bombing of the Boston Marathon.

One of the answers is the same as the one Martha received. The LORD was there. The LORD is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in the LORD even though they die they will never die.

If you choose to put your faith in the LORD Jesus Christ you will have an eternal life with the LORD no matter what happens here and now.

The **Ladies Bible Class** will have a potluck luncheon after its final class session on April 23. This is a change from the originally scheduled date listed on the April calendar.



*Women's
Bible Study*

Thank You!

Welcome to Deanna Meredith

Deanna Meredith, whose missionary work in Chile is sponsored by this congregation, will be present with us this morning. She is now on extended leave while she and her fiance, Falls Church member **Kevin Amores** plan their wedding which is scheduled for June 22 in Houston, TX. They will meet with the **Missions Committee** for a luncheon after the morning service.

Kevin will join her in the work in Chile, and will train for mission work this summer. They have much of their support, but still need one-time expenses or additional working funds. If you would like to contribute, talk with either of them or the committee.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of April 21

Pray that we, the Falls Church congregation, will commit to spreading the word to our neighbors.

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.

**Pitch In to Rebuild a House in
Northwest Washington April 27**

**Camp WaMaVa Work Day
Set for May 4**

The annual work day at Camp WaMaVa - to patch and fix and prep for the upcoming camper season - is set for Saturday, May 4 from 9 am to 5 pm.

**All skill levels are welcome and appreciated!
Lunch will be provided.**

The list of projects includes cleaning, grounds work, plumbing, electrical & carpentry, for camp facilities, Bible classes, the pool and the Chapel in the Woods.

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

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Don & Esther Roarabaugh - Torrington, CT

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
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Statistics

Sunday, April 14, 2013

Bible Study 222
Morning Assembly 344
Evening Assembly 141
Contribution \$10,824
YTD Average \$12,807
Budget Goal \$12,779

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Classes & Online 91

Nursery Attendants

April 21, 2013

Morning

Lynda Eubank
Patty Woods

Evening

Levenie Hughes

April 28, 2013

Morning

Joanne Carter
Agnes Jones

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

April 21, 2013

2/3 Jackie Arevalo, Laurie Atkinson
P-K Gayla Keller, K. T.

April 28, 2013

2/3 Heather Musser, Anna Souza
P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

Worship Today, April 21, 2013

Hymn #242 *Sing Hallelujah to the Lord*

Hymn #867 *To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way*

Hymn #221 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Prayer Barry Smith

Hymn #138 *Our Heavenly Father Understands*

Communion/Collection John Waterston

Hymn #587 *Sing and Be Happy*

Bible Reading (Galatians 5:22-26) Richard Bowles

Hymn #853 *When We All Get to Heaven*

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

Bible Lesson Mike Tune

Hymn #555 *Seek Ye First*

Announcements Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors Brian Collins

Prayer Brian Collins



Song Leader Clayton Tune

Ushers Joshua McKay, Habtu Zemech

John Waterston will lead singing this evening;

Jonah Shumate and Caleb Mayfield will lead prayers.

April servers: Gary Allmond, Jay Atkinson, Chantha Chea,

Caleb Mayfield, Geosh Saxton, Mark Ward

Wednesday, April 24

Prayer - Geosh Saxton

Song Leading - Clark

Richardson