

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

A short while back, I conducted a funeral service at Arlington National Cemetery. We had a bit of time before the graveside was to begin and there was another graveside a short distance away.

My attention was drawn to the hymns being beautifully played by the honors band (not quite sure that's what you call them but you get my drift).

As I listened to just the music, my heart was stirred by the beauty of the hymns themselves. I could not help but add the words in my mind as I listened and I wondered: "If not for Christianity, precisely what would we play or sing at funerals? Nothing, absolutely nothing, moves the heart and speaks of hope like the magnificent hymns of our faith – a music that would not even exist without Christianity.

A week ago yesterday, at the Social Media Seminar, Dr. Miller ran a video for us that included music. The words were in a foreign language I could not understand but the music itself was so haunting I could hardly breathe (see the video and hear the music online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0EnhXn5boM>).

I had to get that song.

Janice McDaniel found it for me. Believe it or not, it was originally composed for a video game in 2005. The words, however, are the words to . . . are you ready for this . . . "The Lord's Prayer." The words just happen to be in Swahili (the name of the song is "Baba Yetu").

Music has wonderful power and is a distinctive characteristic of Christianity – more than any other religion. As we sing this morning, we remind each other in a way words alone cannot of who God is and why He is important and why it's so important to be who *we* are – his children.

Sing! Help remind us all of the preciousness of the Gospel, and the absolutely breathtaking glory that is the Lord's, and ours, because we belong to Him.

Love you all.

Mike



## I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Jesus said "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you. I am

going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." - John 14:1-8 (NIV)

If there is any place one should feel safe and secure, it is home. Home is where we have our space, our important people and our stuff. Home is where we welcome our closest family and friends.

Unfortunately in our broken world not everyone has an ideal home. Many homes are broken. Many have some of their stuff at one house and some at another. Many have no home at all, moving from place to place looking for some security.

Jesus comes along and tells us that He is the way to a true home. This is not a home we have built but one the FATHER builds. In the FATHER's house are many rooms. It is the FATHER's house that is our true HOME.

It is in our FATHER's house that we find our place. It is in our FATHER's house that we will truly feel safe and secure. It is in our FATHER's house that we will find rest.

It is only through the SON that we can find the way to our FATHER's house and what we have been looking for all along.

GRACE + PEACE  
A. B. J.

**2nd Sunday Fellowship for May  
Moved Up One Week to May 5;  
No Evening Assembly**

The **2nd Sunday Fellowship** for May is moved up a week to the first Sunday, **May 5**, due to the Mothers Day holiday on May 12.

This will be a traditional potluck meal which will take place in the fellowship hall following the morning assembly. As is our tradition, following the luncheon we will dismiss for the day.

**There will be no evening assembly, although the Missions Committee will meet after the luncheon.**

**Agape Groups 2 & 5** (Potomac Heights & Burke Springs Lakes) are the “duty” groups for this event. If you do not know/remember your Agape Group, please consult the list on the member board in the lobby.

Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring the following:

- ☘ 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 (no description necessary)



**M.S. Pledges Needed by May 5**

Pledges for the 2013 **Multiple Sclerosis Walk**, held April 13, are requested by Sunday, May 5. Checks should be made to “**N.M.S.S.**,” but cash is acceptable as well. N.M.S.S. stands for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, which sponsors the event to raise funds for research and treatment of M.S. The M.S.Keteers team includes captain and longtime verteran **Kevin Thie**; his daughter **Candace Thie**; and fellow walkers **Dorothy Eckert** and **James Biggle**.



## Prospective New Deacons Are Announced; Congregation Urged to Reflect About These Names and to Continue Praying

Several weeks ago, we began the process of selecting additional men to serve as deacons of the Falls Church congregation. The elders wish to express their appreciation to you for your participation in this important aspect of our church life. We are thankful for the many prayers that have been offered, both in our public assemblies and in your private devotions, for your many expressions of encouragement, and most of all, for the time many of you took to submit formally to the elders the names of those whom you believe are fitted for service as deacons.

The elders have prayerfully considered these recommendations. We are pleased to place before you today the names of six men whom we seek to appoint as deacons:

**Brian Collins**  
**Brandon Durant**  
**John Reagan**  
**Wilfredo Reyes**  
**Hal Swetnam**  
**Jonah Shumate**

Each of these men has indicated his willingness to serve as a deacon.

Beginning today and for the next two weeks, we ask that you continue to pray about the leadership needs of this church, especially about these six whose names we place before you as prospective deacons. Pray for them and their families. Talk with them about the task that lies before them. Encourage them. During this two-week period, you are also encouraged to share with the elders any special concerns you may have.

We as a congregation are truly blessed with opportunities to serve the Lord. We are likewise blessed to have among our members so many who possess servant hearts and stand ready to serve.

We pray that God will grant us wisdom as we proceed in our consideration in the days to come of these men and the important roles they will fulfill as leaders.

*Bill Kincaid, Elder*

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## Spanish Worship Away at Falls Church Draws Attendance of 142

The Spanish-speaking congregations from the greater Metropolitan area have a central meeting, usually the last Sunday of each month. This meeting rotates among the different congregations, and Falls Church was the host for the April session last Sunday.

Usually the attendance at Falls Church is quite high on these occasions and, on Sunday, 142 people crowded into the Fellowship Hall and swelled attendance in the children's classes.

Here are scenes from that event. At right is **David Rodriguez**, Falls Church member, speaking. Upper and lower right are photos of the group. Below is a group picture with **Wilfredo Reyes**, one of the prospective deacons here at Falls Church, in the front row.



## 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.*



Henry with Nelson Acuña (above) and with Reynaldo Blandón Masis (at right)



February and March, 2013

Dear brethren at Falls Church,

I wish God, our father, showers you with many blessings and good health in company of your individual families, peace and prosperity to all. We thank God for our good health in company of my wife Rosa Argentina and our daughters Eunice; Aurisol and Kimberly. We continue to serve our Lord and His church here in Juigalpa and the area of Chontales, Nicaragua.

Our bible program at the Bible Institute of Juigalpa continues, but only with a limited number of students most of whom are from our local church here in Juigalpa. Currently we have just 10 students. The members of the congregations of Santo Tomas, Bella Vista, Acoyapa and Boaco have not been able to enroll members of their congregations in this program yet.

I am including some pictures of the conversions our congregation had in February and March, these new Christians are brother Reynaldo Blandón Masis, and Nelson Acuña. We continue with the program of

evangelization, which is a church-wide event that takes place every Thursdays after 2:30 pm, and every last Sunday of every month. Also we continued with our radio program every Sunday from 7 to 8 in the morning. Our current topic is "Let's see what the Bible says"

The church of the Lord here in Juigalpa thanks you for the \$25 monthly contribution it receives from the congregation in Falls Church. We use these funds to aid the poor and the sick in our congregation.

Average attendance was as follows:

	Sundays	Wednesdays	Fridays
February	52	31	24
March	63	49	23

This is all for now.

*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
Henry Gutierrez  
Juigalpa, Nicaragua*



Falls Church is privileged to help support eight domestic or foreign mission programs in addition to many short-term mission efforts. If you would like to learn more about these missions, or if you would like to become involved in this vital

ministry, you are welcome to join the Missions Committee in its meeting May 5 after the fellowship luncheon.

### 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 next 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.

**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.**

### Congregational Prayer Request for the week of April 28

*Pray that each of us will work hard to welcome all who come to our assembly.*

# May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Psalms 61-63  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>	<b>2</b> Psalms 64-66	<b>3</b> Psalms 67-69	<b>4</b> Psalms 70, 71, 73, 74  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>5</b> Psalms 75-78  <i>Youth Ministry Parents Mtg., 11:30 am, R. 121 2nd Sunday Potluck after am service; Missions Cmte. Meets; NO PM ASSEMBLY</i>	<b>6</b> Psalms 79-81	<b>7</b> Psalms 82-84	<b>8</b> Psalms 85-87	<b>9</b> Psalms 88, 89, 91	<b>10</b> Psalms 92-94	<b>11</b> Psalms 95-98  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>12</b> Psalms 99-102  <i>Mothers Day</i>	<b>13</b> Psalms 103- 105	<b>14</b> Psalms 106- 108	<b>15</b> Psalms 109- 111	<b>16</b> Psalms 112- 114	<b>17</b> Psalms 115- 117	<b>18</b> Psalms 118- 121  <i>Spanish Worship, 7—8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>19</b> Psalms 122-125  <i>VBS Volunteer Mtg., R. 121 Adult Edu. Ministry Lunch Mtg., R. 120 Agape G. 6 Neighbor Lunch</i>	<b>20</b> Psalms 126, 128, 129	<b>21</b> Psalms 130- 132	<b>22</b> Psalms 133- 135	<b>23</b> Psalms 136- 138	<b>24</b> Psalms 139- 141	<b>25</b> Psalms 142- 145  <i>Kids for Christ Devotional, 6:30-8:30 pm             Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>26</b> Psalms 146-149	<b>27</b> Psalms 150, 1 Kings 1-2  <i>Memorial Day Holiday—Office Closed</i>	<b>28</b> 1 Kings 3-5	<b>29</b> 1 Kings 6-8	<b>30</b> 1 Kings 9-11	<b>31</b> 1 Kings 72, 127	

## 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

**April 28, 2013**

**Morning**

Joanne Carter

Agnes Jones

**Evening**

Levenie Hughes

**May 5, 2013**

**Morning**

Staci Shannon

Kristine Spraker, Sydney Spraker

**Evening**

**NO SERVICE**

## Children's Worship

**April 28, 2013**

2/3 Heather Musser, Anna Souza

P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

**May 5, 2013**

2/3 A. Venkatesan, A. Simmons

P-K M. Marshall, C. Waterston

## Worship Today, April 28, 2013

*Hymn #535*

*Hymn #882*

*Hymn #484*

Prayer

*Hymn #578*

Communion/Collection

*Hymn #376*

*Hymn #650*

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

Bible Reading (2 Peter 1:5-11)

Bible Lesson

*Hymn #781*

Announcements

Introduction of Visitors

Prayer

Song Leader

Ushers

*The Glory-Land Way*

*No Tears in Heaven*

*You Are My All in All*

Hal Swetnam

*We Will Glorify*

Ben Scandlen

*He Paid a Debt*

*Send the Light*

Sam Gregory

Mike Tune

*Thank You, Lord!*

Oliver McDaniel

Dave Miller

Dave Miller



Andre McMillian

Joshua McKay, Habtu Zemech

Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening;

Curtis Madeley & Jeff Malcolm will lead prayers.

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

## 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

Oliver McDaniel

Wayne Doran

Jim Lane

Joseph Tucker

### Deacons

Roberto Alvarez

Matt Benschky

Ignacio Espinoza

Joshua McKay

Saul Reyes

John Waterston

Habtu Zemech

Jose Arevalo

Ben Bohannon

Perry May

Scott Mills

Kevin Thie

Ken Yeatman

### 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, April 21, 2013

Bible Study 244

Morning Assembly 340

Evening Assembly 271 (SWA)

Contribution \$12,200

YTD Average \$12,769

Budget Goal \$12,779

### Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Classes & Online 87

**Wednesday, May 1**

**Prayer - Caleb Mayfield**

**Song Leading -**

**Joseph Tucker**