

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

In Psalm 86, Israel's king David writes: "a band of ruthless men seeks my life."

The psalm could have come from a number of times in David's life, but the interesting thing about the psalm is that he focuses not on his plight, but on God.

Although he addresses God as "you" throughout the prayer, there are six times he does so in a special way (only five of them appear in your English Bible). Read the psalm this way, putting the emphasis in these passages:

Verse 2 – **YOU** are my God . . .

Verse 5 – **YOU** are forgiving and good . . .

Verse 10 – **YOU** alone are God.

Verse 15 – **YOU**, O Lord are a compassionate and gracious God . . .

Verse 17 – **YOU**, O Lord, have helped me . . .

David wants God to hear that God is the focus of his life and prayer.

David has three motivations to appeal to God: First, God's nature. He is forgiving and good, abounding in love and faithfulness, compassionate, gracious, and slow to anger. He is unique: there is none like Him and He alone is God.

Second, he knows God *can* help him because He has helped him before.

Third, David is the Lord's servant. John Goldingay writes: "By definition servants are people who are weak and needy; they have no power and no resources of their own and have to trust their master. They are people who have only one master and serve that master wholeheartedly. But the master is someone with power and resources, and a servant can call on the master and expect to find support and help. The relationship is not merely a contractual one... It makes demands on the servant and takes away from the servant's freedom, but it also makes demands on the master and takes away from the master's freedom. It gives the servant something to appeal to. In earthly servant-master relationships, doubtless that often failed to work, and a servant might feel inhibited in appealing to it. Servants of the Lord need no such hesitation."¹

When the Lord is our *master*, and we are His *servant*, we can count on His faithfulness to answer when we call.

Love you all.

Mike

(Footnotes) ¹ John Goldingay, Psalms (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2007) II.630.



I Am - Not!

Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."

"You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"

"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

(John 8:54–59 NIV)

The end of this story is pretty shocking! I am not talking about the crowd's desire to kill Jesus. That is understandable. The shocking part is Jesus' declaration that He is God.

Many people want us to think about Jesus as a good teacher telling us the best way to live or as a miracle worker who healed people. Many want us to think about Jesus as a rebel out to change the world or as prophet calling us back to the LORD. Many of us want to play god by molding Jesus into their own image.

I want you to know that Jesus is GOD. When Jesus states that "... before Abraham was born, I am!" - he is declaring to all of us that He is GOD. The crowd that wanted to kill Him understood that was what he was saying.

I am not god. If I honestly read John's gospel I have no choice about Jesus' true identity. He is GOD and I am not. Like those early disciples I am to surrender to Him and allow Him to mold me into His image.

GRACE + PEACE
A. B. J.

Clothing Requested by May 19 for Habtu Zemech's Next Trip to Ethiopia

Clothing for children - all ages - and clothing for the young men in the Preaching School are requested for **Habtu Zemech's** next trip to Ethiopia. The men's clothing may include shirts/ties/jackets/slacks.

He requested that the garments be folded and placed in heavy-duty plastic bags. The bags should be brought in **NO LATER THAN MAY 19**.

At right is a photo from a previous trip. Notice the smile on the face of this beautiful child with her new clothes.



Habtu is making what has become a semi-annual visit to his homeland. After arriving in the capital city, Addis Ababa, he then travels around the country to visit the many congregations, orphanages, schools and other charitable works conducted by the Christians in that nation.

An article about his last trip, November 2012, was included in the *Family Life* issue of May 5.

Security Request

If you have a key to this facility, please remember the following:

- ◆ All classrooms on the second (auditorium) and third levels are to be kept locked when not in use.
- ◆ Teachers' workroom, the boiler room, baptistery area, offices, sound room, and nursery are to be kept locked when not in use. Last one out is responsible for locking.
- ◆ Do not loan your key to anyone who is not an adult – no matter what the purpose or how innocent the reason might be.
- ◆ Do not make copies of your key. Copies must be secured through the church office ("official keys" are coded).

Thanks for your help.
Mike Tune

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of May 12:

Pray for all those of this congregation who are ailing.

Camp WaMaVa Still Needs Staff for 2013; Special Collection Set for June 2

A few staff vacancies remain before the first session starts June 23 at **Camp WaMaVa**. Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, this is the only such youth facility of the Churches of Christ in the greater metropolitan area.

Long a special interest of this congregation, each year a **Special Collection** is taken to help defray the costs of the program. This year, that collection will be held on **June 2** during the morning assembly.

Members are requested to make out checks to "Camp WaMaVa" **NOT** to Falls Church.

An article about the Camp, its history and its close ties to Falls Church, will be included in the next issue of *Family Life*.

The staff vacancies are:

Week 2 - 1 teacher

Week 3 - 3 teachers AND 1 kitchen volunteer

Week 4 - 1 nurse

Week 5 - 4 kitchen volunteers

Please email **Lisa Bosley** [lisa@fxcc.org] if you can volunteer or if you know of someone who might be contacted.

The 2013 schedule is:

Week 1 - June 23 - June 29	Gr. 3, 4, 5
Week 2 - June 30 - July 6	Gr. 4, 5, 6
Week 3 - July 7 - July 13	Gr. 6 & 7
Week 4 - July 14 - July 20	Gr. 7, 8, 9
Week 5 - July 21 - July 27	Gr. 8 & 9
Week 6 - July 28 - August 3	Gr. 10, 11, 12 & 2013 graduates

The fee is \$225 per week per child and must be paid in full upon arrival at camp for registration.

Applications should be received at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the session. You may register online at: <http://www.wamava.com/>

Perry May and **Kevin Thie**, two of the deacons here, also serve with the Camp. You may consult them for further information.



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.

Ceremony Planned for May 19 for New Deacons

The inauguration ceremony for the six new deacons is scheduled for next Sunday morning during the worship assembly.

The six men are **Brian Collins, Brandon Durant, John Reagan, Wilfredo Reyes, Hal Swetnam** and **Jonah Shumate**.

Please continue to pray for them as they assume this new and increased level of responsibility, and also for the current deacons, ministers and Elders of this congregation.

While you're at it, you might let all our leaders know how much you appreciate the work, love, talents and commitment they bring to this critically important service in the name of our Lord.

Prayer Sisters Reveal Tea Set for May 19

A "Reveal Tea" in which you learn the identity of your **Prayer Sister** is planned:

Date: May 19, 2013
Time: 4 pm
Place: Fellowship Hall

Please bring a small gift for your Sister with HER NAME clearly marked on the OUTSIDE and YOUR NAME marked on the INSIDE. (Remember, cost should be under \$5.00).

This is the opportunity to open gifts and spend time with the Prayer Sister who has been praying for you over the last few months. Please plan to attend this wonderful and encouraging fellowship.

If you are unable to attend, please contact **Monica Tune** and give her your gift in advance so she can present it to your Prayer Sister.

M.S. Pledges Deadline Is Extended

While the pledges for the 2013 **Multiple Sclerosis Walk** were requested last week, it's not too late to turn in your contribution. 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 veteran **Kevin Thie**; his daughter **Candace Thie**; and fellow walkers **Dorothy Eckert** and **James Bickle**.

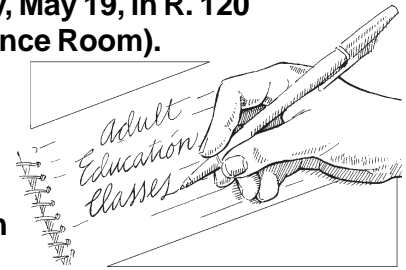


Agape Group Potomac Acres (Group 6) has changed its neighbor lunch on May 19 to a breakfast or brunch on **May 18**. Details will be communicated directly to Group members.



The Adult Education Ministry will meet at noon on Sunday, May 19, in R. 120 (Elders Conference Room).

Lunch will be provided. Questions should be directed to John Waterston.



VBS Volunteer Meeting Coming Up on May 19

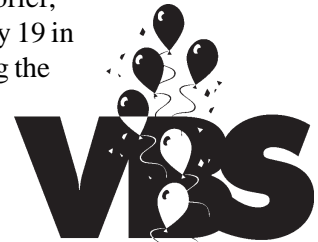
Anyone who is interested in helping with **Vacation Bible School** is invited to a brief, informational meeting on May 19 in R. 121, immediately following the morning assembly.

Kelly Shumate and **Jenna Mayfield** are directing this year's gala, scheduled for Aug. 9 & 10.

The theme for 2013 is "God's Backyard Bible Camp - Where Kids Have a Blast Serving Jesus!"

VBS is one activity which needs a lot of "hands on" help. "There are many jobs available," Kelly says, "so come and learn more about what you can do to help." A VBS table is set up in the lobby, so if you have any questions, stop by.

If you already know you'd like to help, but you can't attend this meeting, stop by the table or call Jenna or Kelly.



Room Needed

Kathy Bowden is issuing a request for a "...responsible Christian young man who needs to rent a room beginning June 2-August." She adds that he just earned a Masters degree in physics from Texas A & M and he has a job in the District, near the Dept. of Agriculture. He also has a car and will rent an apartment with other men after August. She concludes, "I can vouch for his character. Help!"

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

May 12, 2013

Morning

Fern Musteen

Kristine & Sydney Spraker

Evening

Levenie Hughes

May 19, 2013

Morning

Marsha De La Cruz

Wendy Ward

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

May 12, 2013

2/3 Heather Roelke, Abby Smith

P-K Misty Marshall, Mandy Scandlen

May 19, 2013

2/3 TBA

P-K Gayla Keller, K. T.

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 Bensky 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, May 5, 2013

Bible Study 228
Morning Assembly 349
Evening Assembly NOSERVICE
Contribution \$13,497
YTD Average \$12,713
Budget Goal \$12,597

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Classes & Online 87

Worship Today, May 12, 2013

Hymn #474

Thank You, Lord

Hymn #155

Highest Place

Hymn #791

On Bended Knee

Prayer

Joseph Tucker

Hymn #874

Walking Alone at Eve

Hymn #269

Thomas' Song

Communion/Collection

Matt Bensky

Hymn #979

I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Hymn #490

It Is Well with My Soul

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

Bible Reading (*Proverbs 2:1-8*)

Geosh Saxton

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #290

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Announcements

Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors

Beni Venkatesan

Prayer

Beni Venkatesan



Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

Jose Arevalo, John Waterston

John Waterston will lead singing this evening; Scott Mills and Hal Swetnam will lead prayers.

May servers: Jun Amores, Tre Berry, Brandon Durant, Joshua McKay, Grant Smith, Robert Spiess

Wednesday, May 15

Prayer - Brandon Durant

Song Leading - Clark

Richardson