

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Have you the patience of Job?
In a way, most of us do. When bad things happen to us, we whine and blame God.

That is precisely the "patience" Job exhibited.

Job chapters 4-31 contain three rounds of speeches made by Job and his friends. Job is in the position of criticizing God. Job's friends are in the position of defending God. But what both provide for us is an overview of how mankind thinks about God. Their views are far from accurate, as we can all tell because we are looking at the story as "observers" and we know what they don't.

In chapter eight, Job has blamed all his trouble on God, and in a way, Job is right. If the Lord and Satan hadn't gotten into a spitting contest, Job wouldn't be in this fix. Whether he knows it or not, Job is collateral damage. But since he doesn't know, he blames God directly: "IF I have sinned," he says to God, "what have I done to *you*? Why don't you just forgive me?"

Job's second friend, Bildad, is incensed. How dare Job speak to God that way! In Bildad's view, all this is plainly Job's fault. "Surely God wouldn't reject a *blameless* man" he says. But Job seems rejected, therefore, Job must not be blameless.

At least two things stand out about these conversations: First, no one knows what he is talking about. The writer doesn't have to make that point obvious. As readers, we get it. Let that be a lesson to us. Never presume to speak about what you do not know – especially if it is about God.

Second, no one is listening. Job's friends will attempt to summarize his thoughts, but they are far wide of the mark because they are not listening to Job – and Job isn't listening to them. To be a good communicator, we have to hear people's hearts, not just their words. Remember that when someone in pain is pouring out his heart. Listen to the heart. Because that's what God is listening to.

Love you all.
Mike



Thank you for a GREAT 2012!



**“Triple” Baby Shower
Coming Up Today at 4 pm**



There will be a Youth Ministry (g. 3-12)
Parents Meeting in R. 121
right after the service this morning.

**Congregational Prayer Requests
for January**

Falls Church members have been asked by the Elders to pray for specific requests each week during 2013. The Elders stated, “We thank you in confidence that you will do even more than we ask of you.”

The requests for January are below:

- January 6 Thanksgiving for God’s Word
- January 13 Thanksgiving for God’s Forgiveness
- January 20 Thanksgiving for God’s Mercy
- January 27 Thanksgiving for Salvation Through Jesus

Housing Needed

A member of the church from Tennessee is seeking temporary housing while serving an internship in the District during the spring. If you have or know of a room, please contact the church office.

**Attention to the Children in the
Daily Bible Reading Club.**

**Today, January 6, is
Recognition Sunday.
Be sure to see Mrs. Monica Tune this
morning to let her know that you
finished your readings for the year!**

**2nd Sunday Fellowship Potluck
Luncheon Set for January 13;
No Evening Assembly That Day**

The first official fellowship of 2013 will take place next Sunday, January 13, after the morning assembly.

After the luncheon, we will dismiss for the day.

**THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE ON
JANUARY 13.**

FELLOWSHIP

This event, our 2nd Sunday Fellowship for January, will be a traditional potluck.

Therefore, each family is asked to bring:

- ☘ A main dish

AND two of the following three items

- ☘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)

- ☘ a salad (leafy green, fruit, gelatin...)

OR

- ☘ a dessert (pies, cakes, etc.)



DINNER

As is our custom, our Agape groups will again this year take turns serving as duty groups. For this month, the **duty groups are Group 1** - Fairview Park Woods under leaders Ken & Lesya Yeatman and coordinators Brian & Melissa Collins - **and Group 4** - River Town Mews under leaders Caleb & Jenna Mayfield and coordinators Genia & Dick Deibler & Mulloy Robertson.



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

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.

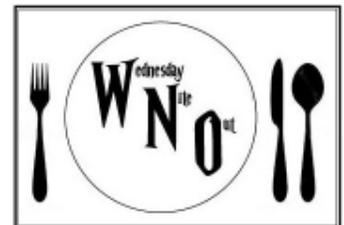
Wednesday Nite Out (WNO) Resumes Jan.16; Still Needs Helping Hands

Monica Tune, director/chef/organizer of **Wednesday Nite Out (WNO)** extends a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who made the program operate smoothly for the last few months. You added your name to the sign-up sheets or you emailed her or you signed up online. It REALLY helps her and **Yvonne May**, co-director/chef/organizer, in preparing meals.

After a Christmas break, WNO will resume on January 16, and a new supply of sign-up sheets will be available.

In addition, Monica notes that a few more helping hands would facilitate the program. During the fall, enough people volunteered that each worked just one Wednesday a month. But some more volunteers would ensure that the current system - which is working so well - will continue to operate smoothly.

Just talk to Monica about your availability!



Below are recent messages from Pedro Batres, whose relationship with this congregation dates back many years.

In these letters, Pedro highlights a special occasion at "Nueva Libia," one of the congregations in Managua, the capital city of Nicaragua. A photo of the building is below.

Each year, this group of Christians has a "New Year's Eve" meeting that affords fellowship for Christians from all over the area.



December 24, 2012

Dear Sister Mary Ann,

Greetings from Managua, Nicaragua. I ask our Lord for a rain of blessings for you, your family and for all my brotherhood there in Falls Church Church of Christ.

I am very grateful, and my wife too, for the Christmas greetings sent to us from a good number of Christians there through your last bulletin.

This coming Sunday December 30, we will have a special program with our brethren and sisters in "Nueva Libia." There will be just only one worship at 3 p.m. and after this we will have our fraternal agape closing for 2012. We will have fun and also meals for everybody, and it will finish about 8 p.m.

We are expecting to meet over 200 including children. Last Thursday I went to pick up 60 boxes of toys for our children in this local church. The toys were donated from several churches of Christ in the USA through our brother Benny Baker, an American missionary living and working almost three hours from Managua. The toys are for male and female children. I pray to our Father in heaven for many blessings during the New Year, 2013, for all my beloved brethren and sisters in Falls Church.

With love in Jesus,
Pedro Salvador Batres

Pedro Salvador 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.



Mireya & Pedro Batres

December 31, 2012

Dear brethren in Falls Church Church of Christ,

Please, receive my regards from Managua, Nicaragua. I hope that our Lord may bless each one of my brethren and sisters there during the new year, 2013.

Yesterday, Sunday December 30, was a special day for us in "Nueva Libia." A large crowd including 80 children, were present in our meeting at 3 p.m.

In addition, there were visitors from other congregations in Managua, as they joined with us and with our Lord for the closing of the 2012 and the coming of the new year 2013. I had the opportunity to preach in this special program.

The children had their biblical classes and, furthermore, each one of them got the toys donated by American brethren donors through our brother Benny Baker, an American missionary working here in Nicaragua.

After our joyful worship we had meals for everybody and we ate all together. It was an opportunity for each person to develop Christian friendship with hospitality. We spent a little more than three hours there. The auditorium was not sufficient for the attendance and, so, we used the patio to seat a good number of persons.

Well, this is just a brief resumé about the Church of Christ in "Nueva Libia," Managua. I will write more news about the Lord's work in this Central American country.

Happy New Year 2013 to all the Christians in Falls Church! May God bless everyone there!

Fraternally,
Pedro Salvador Batres

Prayer Reminders:

Erin Adams & family, Blanca Alvarez, Haldon Arnold, Jason Bates, Lynn Barham, ValJean DeLong, Eloise Fishback, Winnie & Desiree Flint, Larry Goodrich and his family, Jami Harbin, Frances Harris, Sandy Johnson, Diana Kuhn, her sister Melinda Anderson, father David & nephew Jeff Kuhn, Marilyn McDermott, Joshua McKay & sister Rindy who needs work, Alma Milligan, Augustino Olango, Jim Petty, Bess Smith, Candice Spiess, Ellie & Don Thie, Barbara Thompson, Erica Walker-Chenevert, Roxie Weese, Susan Weese, Ken & Lesya Yeatman.



Prayer Requests:

Pedro Batres requests prayers for **William Sandoval**, a preacher for the Nueva Libia congregation (see recent report on p. 4). William sustained multiple injuries in a motorcycle accident, but was inadequately treated at a local hospital and will require private medical care. In addition, the congregation has lost a beloved brother **Jose Andres Oporta** who passed away Dec. 28 due to cancer.

Winnie Flint requests prayers for **Mark Neal**, a family friend who is hospitalized with a serious pulmonary infection, as well as for Mark's brother **Zane** and their mother **Virginia Newborn**, both dealing with the same kind of infection; for her brother **John Kline** as he copes with chemotherapy; for her daughter **Debbie Seal** who has disabling leg pain, and for Debbie's husband **Dave** who is to have knee surgery.

Ellen Horgan continues to battle an infection following surgery in November.

Joseph Marrero is home bound with a broken leg after being struck by a car Christmas Eve. He can use cards or calls. Check with his Agape Group leader **Lesya Yeatman** about other ways to help.

Joseph Tucker requests prayers for **Calvin Springfield** who underwent open heart surgery last week.

Continuing Concerns

NOTE: To keep this list current, names will be published for three weeks then removed unless office is requested to continue.

All who lost power, homes and especially loved ones due to recent storms; **Joseph Marrero's** daughter who lives in NJ.

Julie & Rene, dealing with cancer, and their families (cousins of **Recardo Reyes**, 1/6);

Sean, seriously ill (friend of **Richard Bowles**, 12/23);

Blayden, prayers that he will be placed in a loving, caring foster home and that his mother **Krista Pinta** will seek help (friends of **Renee Hoppis** & her son **Eric**, 1/6);

Joseph, dealing with stroke-related health issues (friend of **Habtu Zemech**, 12/23);

Sean, seriously ill (friend of **Richard Bowles**, 12/23);

Continuing Concerns (from first column)

Jared Bigman, struggling to find a successful cancer treatment (friend of **Abby & Grant Smith**, 12/30);

Shay Bingham, surgery for a broken ankle as well as struggling with Bell's Palsy (sister of **Tammy Cowart**, 12/30);

Mary Boyce, not doing well; **Thomas Garlon**, cancer; **Carolyn Horton**, pancreatic cancer; **Dottie Waffer**, second battle with breast cancer; **Darlene Walker**, improving but unable to live alone; **Angela Watson**, improving; **Brenda Woolridge**, improving from stroke; **Bobbi Jean Pegues**, recovering from stroke & **Will Pegues**, recovering (friends or relatives of **Erica Walker-Chenevert**, 12/30);

Clarence Buchanan, on hospice care, and his wife **Inez** and daughter **Tina Bell** as they care for him [address on board] (friends of **Kevin Thie**, 12/23);

Terri Connor, serious health problems (mother of **Joshua Scott**, 12/23);

Francis Dasher, recuperating at home after a stroke [address on board] (brother of **Steve Dasher**, 1/6);

Linda Burrow, cancer has spread; **Darshay**, 5-year-old 2nd cousin who was assaulted; **Adina Parsons**, recovering at home (friends or relatives of **Adria Owens**, 12/30);

Coe Davis and his son, recovering from accident; **Dana Davis**, coping with their needs (brother and family of **Dana Hatcher**, 1/6);

Claudia Lopez Espinoza, chemotherapy for returned cancer (niece of **Ignacio Espinoza**, 1/6);

Deloris Freeman, dialysis (friend of **Vickie Witt**, 1/6);

Carol Golden, regaining strength after cancer treatment (former member, 12/23);

Nadine Grigsby, stroke (mother of **Susan Smith**, 1/6);

Robert Guess, several health issues; **Randy Ellenberg**, continued chemotherapy; Christie, bone marrow transplant (Father and relatives of **Marsha De La Cruz**, 1/6);

Helen Harris, repeated health issues (mother of **Benita Harris**, 1/6);

Christine Henderson, health declining (friend of **Heather Jones**, 12/23);

Le Ann Lester, recovering from cancer surgery (mother of **Caleb Shoenhard**, 1/6);

Tony Lumpkins, recovering from stroke, and his wife **Alexis** as she cares for him (friend of **Jose Arevalo**, 1/6);

James McCallum, slowly recovering from multiple health issues (wife of **Stephanie McCallum**, friend of **Mary Jo Almond**, 1/6);

Steve Pigg, dealing with liver failure and related complications (son of **Bob Pigg**, 12/23);

Dinah Redding, serious health issues (mother of **Jennifer Estes**, 1/6);

Rhoda Rosen, on hospice care (mother of **Scott Rosen**) & **Laurie Whiteman**, recovering (friend of **Scott & Susan**, 12/30);

Bertha Sullivan, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 1/6);

Marie Truehart, medication treatment (mother of **Christal Pendergrass**, 12/23);

Tom Tune, recovering from heart catheterization (father of **Mike Tune**, 1/6);

Linda Weatherly, scheduled for tests at M. D. Anderson, hopeful that they can find further treatment; her husband **Joe Ramirez** to have more knee surgery before dealing with a shoulder problem (friends of **Anna Souza**, 12/30);

John Whalen, declining health (father of a co-worker of **Dorothy Eckert**, 12/23);

Belinda Wynkoop, serious health problems, and her mother **Ilean** (former members, 12/30).

We pray for the safety of loved ones serving in dangerous locations: Jeremy Sims (Afghanistan), Shevon Boykins-Saide & Justin Cauthen.

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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

January 6, 2013

Morning	Evening
Billie Bohannon	Lynn Johanson
Joanne Carter	

January 13, 2013

Morning	Evening
Ruth Amores	NO EVENING
Jackie Arevalo	SERVICE

Children's Worship

January 6, 2013

2/3 A. Venkatesan, Aketa Simmons
P-K Misty Marshall, Denise Haukkala

January 13, 2013

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

Worship Today, January 6, 2013

<i>Hymn #66</i>	<i>Doxology</i>
<i>Hymn #67</i>	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>
<i>Hymn #287</i>	<i>There Is a Redeemer</i>
Prayer	Jerry Williams
<i>Hymn #924</i>	<i>Just As I Am</i>
Communion/Collection	Cornel Pendergrass
<i>Hymn #528</i>	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Deut. 4:1-8; 6:20-25</i>)	Grant Smith
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #837</i>	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>
Announcements	Joseph Tucker
Introduction of Visitors	Kevin Amores
Prayer	Kevin Amores
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Song Leader	Marty Sims
Ushers	Kevin Thie, John Waterston

Andre McMillian will lead singing this evening;
Mark Shannon & Jonah Shumate will lead prayers.
January servers: Mark Dawson, Bill Furr, Calvin Lockhart,
John Reagan, Clark Richardson, Jay Truitt

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 Bensusky	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 - Cuemavaca, Mex.
Don & Esther Roarabaugh - Torrington, CT

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, December 30, 2012

Bible Study	221
Morning Assembly	310
Evening Assembly	116
Contribution	\$15,308
YTD Average	\$12,193
Budget Goal	\$12,597

Wednesday, January 2, 2013

Classes & Online 79

Wednesday, January 9
Prayer - Andrew Brown
Song Leading - Clark Richardson