

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

During Hurricane Sandy, the first floor Connecticut home of Roger Kimball was flooded with a foot of sea water. They moved into a rental home and, when the water abated, began to salvage and rebuild.

They hired a contractor and workmen and began ripping out the floor, sub-floor, wiring and plumbing – anything touched by salt water. At that point, they hit a brick wall: any construction on the house meant that it would have to be brought up to local building codes not in place when the house was built. That code specified the house had to be higher off the ground than the original one was.

Not a problem if you have money and time. Inconvenient, but doable.

The real problem was that by raising the foundation of the home, the house itself exceeded the height limit of homes in his community.

How high was too high?

If the authorities knew, they weren't telling, but everyone said it would be "too high" (he recounts the whole sordid mess on page A15 of January 15th Wall Street Journal). Construction stopped.

How difficult life becomes when the rules seem unknowable.

I was reminded again how fortunate we are in having the Bible. We don't have to guess where we stand with God, or what His requirements are. He plainly lays them out.

Three hundred years ago, John Wesley wrote: "I am a spirit come from God and returning to God. . . I want to know one thing, the way to heaven – how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end He came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price give me the book of God! I have it. Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be *homo unius libri*" [a man of one book"]!

Above all things, may we be known by our words and works as the "people of the Book."

Love you all.
Mike



Scout Sunday

On Sunday February 3 we want to honor everyone who participates in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts, either as a scout or as a leader with Scout Sunday. We

are asking all scouts and scout leaders to come in uniform for the morning worship service.

Last year the Girl Scouts of America celebrated their centennial and Boy Scouts are now 103 years old. For just over a 100 years of Scouting, God and faith have been central as you can see by the promises of each organization.

Cub Scout Promise

I promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

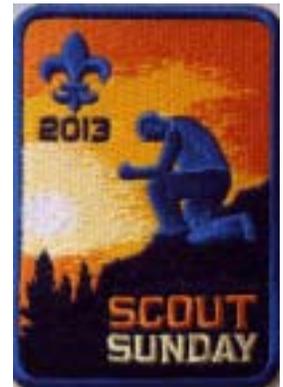
Boy Scout Promise

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and
to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake
and morally straight.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

While the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America are not religious organizations, they both realize the centrality of God and faith in becoming the best people we can be. We recognize the dedication of all scouts to make the world a better place.



GRACE + PEACE
AHL

Thank You Notes

Dear Falls Church Family,

Happy New Year! I pray for the richest blessings for all of you in 2013. I also want to thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent me here at Manor Care and for the food and visits and cards. Thank you to the group who came here to sing Christmas carols. Three of my neighbors came to tell me how much they enjoyed it, and I was happy to let them know that the group was from my church. So again, thank you for your love and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Eloise Fishback

To the Falls Church Family,

Candice, Cambrie, baby John and I would like to thank everyone for throwing an amazing triple baby shower. All of the hostesses did a great job planning, decorating, and partying! Cambrie really enjoyed the "Big Sister" tea party. We would like to thank everyone for such wonderful gifts. Baby John will be off to a great start! Our family is so blessed to be a part of such a generous and loving church family.

Thank you,
*Robert, Candice, Cambrie &
John Spiess*

Dear Church Family,

We would like to THANK YOU for the amazing baby shower & Big Sister tea party last Sunday! We had a great time and are truly blessed to be surrounded by an amazing Church Family! Thank you!

Love,
*The Tapper Family
(Dino, Rachael, Sophia & Baby)*

The **C.A.R.E. Committee**
[formerly benevolence] Quarterly
Meeting has been postponed until Feb. 10,
according to **Wayne Doran**, the Elder
contact for this program.

Help Wanted

The church office has received a request from a young woman who lives across Rio Dr. in the Lafayette Park complex. She has a roommate coming soon and would simply like some help organizing her apartment. This probably would involve a couple of hours on Saturday or Sunday. Please contact the church office if you can help in this outreach to the community around us.

Thank You Note Received From Orphans Lifeline of Hope

Orphans Lifeline International sent a card this week thanking the congregation for its recent contributions.

The card read: "We may never fully know how these orphan children will serve God, how far they will go or what they will achieve. But we do know what would have happened to them if we had done nothing. Thank you for your love and support. From all the staff"

The President sent a more extensive letter describing the significance and importance of your contributions. One of his more poignant statements is: "When we all made the decision to serve God we became His workman on this earth, pledging to do His will and bring glory to His name. These thousands of orphans whose lives you are responsible for saving are a living thriving testimony to your love, compassion and service to Him." President Dave Board.

*Oliver McDaniel
on behalf of the Elders*

"Homeland Security" Is Theme of Marriage Enrichment Retreat Sponsored by Silver Spring

Benjamin Roberts, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, will direct the the Marriage Enrichment Retreat sponsored by the Silver Spring congregation March 22-24 at the Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD. This location is about 30 miles north of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

"Homeland Security," based on Ephesians 5, is the theme for the seminar which includes topics such as conflict resolution, communication, anger management and marriage unity. A flyer is located on the bulletin board in the lobby.

The cost is \$300 per couple and includes lodging for Friday and Saturday nights; a snack on Friday; breakfast, lunch and a snack on Saturday; and breakfast on Sunday. **A deposit of \$100 - by check made payable to Silver Spring Church of Christ - is due by next Sunday, January 27, with the balance due March 3.**

Mr. Roberts is a professional counselor. He also works with military members and their families, has a radio program, is a minister at the West Eastland Church of Christ in Gallatin, TN, and conducts seminars and organizational/group programs in mental health. His educational background includes Lipscomb University, Harding University Graduate School of Religion, and Bethany Theological Seminary.

Talent Show and Chili/Soup Dinner Set for Saturday, February 2

The annual **Talent Show and Chili/Soup Dinner** is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for ALL ages - young children to senior citizens and everyone in between.

The **FIRST** thing you should do - after of course deciding which talent you will display at the show - is to sign up on the sheet which **Janice McDaniel** has thoughtfully provided on the bulletin board in the lobby. Janice has also agreed to serve as coordinator again this year!

The **SECOND** thing you should do is practice and polish your guitar playing or drum skills or singing or poetry reciting or athletic demonstration or - well, you get the point!



Now, if you simply can't bring yourself to doing any of the above, then **YOUR** contribution will include food, namely a pot of chili or soup, since we'll eat before the show. Don't forget the "fixins" which include - but are not limited to - bread, cornbread, oyster crackers, regular crackers, croutons, shredded cheese, black olives, minced onions, chopped tomatoes, etc., etc.,

Naturally, these events don't simply happen due to an alignment of the stars. They actually require some effort - like setting up tables and setting out bowls and preparing/serving drinks and cleaning up and putting away. So, make sure you advise Janice of your availability to help.

**Congregational Prayer Request
for week of January 20:
*Thanksgiving for God's Mercy***

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.

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 20, 2013

Morning

Jenna Mayfield
Patty Woods

Evening

Levenie Hughes

January 27, 2013

Morning

Lynda Eubank
Jennifer Smith

Evening

Sylvia Sartori

Children's Worship

January 20, 2013

2/3 C. Waterston, L. Atkinson
P-K Gayla Keller, K. T.

January 27, 2013

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

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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Elders

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Bill Kincaid Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

Deacons

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

Staff

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

Statistics

Sunday, January 13, 2013

Bible Study 219
Morning Assembly 341
Evening Assembly No Service
Contribution \$11,762
YTD Average \$11,875
Budget Goal \$12,597

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Classes & Online 98

Worship Today, January 20, 2013

Hymn #3 *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

Hymn #452 *Standing on the Promises*

Hymn #599 *On and On We Walk Together*

Prayer Habtu Zemech

Hymn #221 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Communion/Collection Gordon Rampy

Hymn #611 *Heavenly Sunlight*

Hymn #716 *Sing to Me of Heaven*

Bible Reading (*Matthew 28:16-20*) Matt Benschky

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

Bible Lesson Mike Tune

Hymn #860 *There Is a Habitation*

Announcements Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors Joe Bohannon

Prayer Joe Bohannon



Song Leader Clayton Tune

Ushers Kevin Thie, John Waterston

Josh Byrd will bring the lesson this evening; John Waterston will lead singing; Brian Collins & Brandon Durant will lead prayers.

January servers: Mark Dawson, Bill Furr, Calvin Lockhart, Clark Richardson, Jay Truitt, Ken Yeatman

Wednesday, January 23

Prayer - Jonah Shumate

Song Leading - Clark

Richardson