

# Family Life

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## Deacons and Their Ministry

When Paul wrote to the Christians in the city of Philippi, he began his letter with these words: “To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons.”

There were two main offices in the early Church: Elders (known in the Bible as “bishops”, “shepherds” or “overseers”) and deacons.

In our Bibles, the word for “deacon” is often translated “minister” or “servant,” but in the ancient world, a “deacon” was more than a slave. He was an intermediary or an agent. Often they were couriers who delivered messages or assistants to kings. As such, they carried the authority of those they represented.

It was in this sense that even Jesus was called a “deacon.” Paul wrote:

“Christ has become a deacon (servant) of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth . . . so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy . . . (Romans 15:8). He was sent by his heavenly father to speak a message and carry out the will of God.

The work of a deacon was to “serve,” and Jesus came to do precisely that. Service is a huge part of following Jesus: Jesus came to serve (Matthew 26:28). Greatness in the kingdom requires not only service (Matthew 26:26), but a servant attitude (Luke 22:27).

Though the word “deacon” occurs 29 times in the New Testament and usually means “minister” or “servant,” Whenever deacons are mentioned in connection with bishops however, this term becomes even more technical, referring to an official in the church. Deacons were considered assistants to the bishops, “intermediaries between them and the members of the congregation and in that work, they represented and mediated the servanthood of Christ.” This is the most important point we can make about deacons.

We are seeking the names of men to serve in the work here as deacons. Nomination forms are available today and can be found on the round table in the lobby. Please note that Falls Church members must complete, sign and return a paper version of this form. It may not be submitted electronically. You are encouraged to discuss your nominations with your nominees. The nominations may be given to any of the Elders.

## Diáconos y Su Ministerio

Cuando Pablo les escribió a los cristianos en la ciudad de Filipos, inició su carta con estas palabras: “a todos los santos en Cristo Jesús que están en Filipos, junto con los obispos y diáconos.”

Habían dos cargos principales en la iglesia primitiva: ancianos (conocidos en la Biblia como “obispos”, “pastor” o “supervisores”) y diáconos.

En nuestras Biblias, la palabra para “Diáconos” es frecuentemente traducida como “ministro” o “servidor”,

pero en el mundo antiguo, un “diácono” era más que un esclavo. El era un intermediario o un agente. Con frecuencia eran mensajeros que enviaban mensajes o asistían a reyes. Como tales, ellos llevaban la autoridad de aquellos a quienes representaban.

Fue en este sentido en el que incluso Jesús fue llamado “diácono”. Pablo escribió: “Cristo se hizo servidor de los judíos para demostrar la fidelidad de Dios... y para que los gentiles glorifiquen a Dios por su compasión...” (Romanos 15:8). El fue enviado por su Padre Celestial para dar un mensaje y cumplir la voluntad de Dios.

El trabajo de un diácono era “servir” y Jesús vino a hacer precisamente eso. El servicio es una enorme parte del seguir a Jesús: Jesús vino a servir (Mateo 26:28). La grandeza en el reino requiere, no sólo de servicio (Mateo 26:26), sino una actitud de servicio (Lucas 22:27).

Aunque la palabra “diácono” aparece 29 veces en el Nuevo Testamento y usualmente significa “ministro” o “siervo”, sin embargo cada vez que se menciona a los diáconos en relación con los obispos, este término se vuelve aún más técnico, refiriéndose a un cargo formal en la iglesia. Los diáconos fueron considerados asistentes de los obispos, “intermediarios entre ellos y los miembros de la congregación, y en ese trabajo ellos

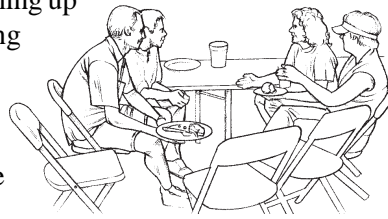
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## 2nd Sunday Fellowship Potluck Set for Today; No Evening Assembly

The 2nd Sunday Fellowship for March is a traditional potluck coming up today, after the morning assembly.

As is our custom, after the luncheon we will dismiss for the day. **THERE WILL BE NO EVENING ASSEMBLY TODAY!**



Agape Groups 3 and 6 are the “duty” groups. Group 3 is Westfield Woods under Rachel & Richard Bowles with coordinators Ann Ford, Linda & John Reagan & Amanda & Beni Venkatesan. Group 6 is Potomac Acres under Vickie Writt with coordinators Jackie & Jose Arevalo.

Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring 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



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

## “Healthy Snacks Collection” for Bailey’s Elementary Continues

The C.A.R.E. (formerly Benevolence) Committee is conducting a healthy snack food collection for the children at **Baileys Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences** located a few blocks from the Falls Church building.

This is the second drive for health snacks, and it complements the school supplies collections at the start of school for the last two years. The service to Bailey’s is part of the committee’s community out-reach program.

According to the school’s website, the elementary magnet school this year has about 1,000 students representing 40 countries of origin and over 20 languages spoken at home. However, for the 2011-12





# Daylight Savings Time starts TODAY.

## Spring Forward!

**Congregational Prayer Request for the week of March 10**

*Pray that each member will be strengthened spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally, individually as well as collectively.*

The **Ladies Bible Class** has decided to move its luncheon from Tuesday, March 12, to Tuesday, March 19.

**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.**

school year, nearly 800 students - roughly 65% - qualified for the free or reduced fee lunch program.

For that reason, the families of these students often struggle to provide nutritious meals at home, and sometimes they must choose between rent and food. The healthy snacks not only foster in children a taste for snacks that are not the usual junk food, but also help supplement the food supply at home.

Below is a list of recommended snacks. Please bring your items to this building and deposit in the specially marked boxes in the lobby.

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| <b>Kellogg’s:</b>     | Corn Flakes, Crispix, Product 19, Rice Krispies, Special K or Wheaties                          |
| <b>General Mills:</b> | Fiber One, Cheerios, Rice Chex, Wheat Chex, Corn Chex, Multi Grain Cheerios, Total, Kix or Life |
| <b>Quaker</b>         | Golean Cereal   |
| <b>Kashi</b>          | Grape Nuts  |
| <b>Post</b>           | Shredded Wheat, Oatmeal Squares   |



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## Deacons and Their Ministry

Elders follow Jesus in that they shepherd the congregation, just as Jesus was described as the “good shepherd.” Their concern for the church is so great that they are willing to lay down their lives for the members. Deacons follow Jesus in that they serve. This is not an honorary office or title. Deacons expend themselves for the good of the congregation as Jesus expended himself for the Church.

Everyone in the church is called to find a place in the body of Christ and contribute to the display of Jesus in the world. The work of deacons is different only in that they are leaders responsible for getting Christ’s work in the Church done. In early Church history, they took care of the needy, visited the sick, administered church property, and assisted at worship. Their work is so important, that in listing the qualifications for deacon, Paul wrote that only those who had *already demonstrated* a proficiency in spiritual leadership and accomplishment should be appointed to this special office (1 Timothy 3:10).

There were additional qualifications:

The candidate for deacon should be a family man, known for his faithfulness to his wife and his ability to manage his children and household. He and his wife should be respected and trusted by the congregation, a couple known for their ability to keep confidences. His ability to manage work in the family of God should be determined by his ability to manage his own home and family life.

The deacon should be a good Bible student. He is acquainted with the “deep truths of scripture” and his dedication to the word is evidenced by the way he lives his life.

He should be a person of self-control, not known to be influenced by worldly temptations (see all these qualifications in 1 Timothy 3:8-13).

A perfect man?

No, but a good man.

The kind of man who is the example, leader, and servant the church needs.

I hope as you think about this office, and think about people to fill it, you will keep these qualifications and the importance of the work in mind.

Mike

**The deadline to submit nominations is March 24.**

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## Diáconos y Su Ministerio

representaban y mediaban la servidumbre de Cristo.” Este es el punto más importante que podemos enfatizar acerca de los diáconos. Los ancianos siguen a Jesús en eso, ellos pastorean la congregación justo a como Jesús fue descrito “el buen pastor”. Su interés por la iglesia es tan grande que desean ofrendar sus vidas por los miembros. Los diáconos siguen a Jesús en el servicio. Esto no es un oficio o título honorario. Los diáconos se gastan a ellos mismos para el bienestar de la congregación a como Jesús se gastó a él mismo por la iglesia.

Todos en la iglesia están llamados a encontrar un lugar en el cuerpo de Cristo y contribuir a la demostración de Jesús en el mundo. El trabajo de los diáconos es diferente sólo porque son líderes responsables de que el trabajo de Cristo en la iglesia se lleve a cabo. En la historia de la iglesia primitiva, ellos cuidaron de los necesitados, visitaron a los enfermos, administraron la propiedad de la iglesia y apoyaban en la adoración. Su trabajo es tan importante, que al enlistar los requisitos para diácono, Pablo escribió que solamente aquellos que *ya han demostrado* una habilidad y logro en liderazgo espiritual deberían ser nombrados para este cargo especial (I Timoteo 3:10).

Había más requisitos:

El candidato a diácono debería ser un hombre de familia, conocido por su fidelidad a su esposa y su habilidad en manejar a sus hijos y hogar. El y su esposa deberían ser respetados y confiables para la congregación, una pareja conocida por su habilidad en guardar confidencias. Su habilidad en manejar el trabajo en la familia de Dios debería estar determinada por su habilidad en manejar su propio hogar y la vida familiar.

El diácono debería ser un buen estudiante de la Biblia. El está familiarizado con las “verdades profundas de las Escrituras y su dedicación a la Palabra es evidenciado por la manera en que vive su vida.

Debería ser una persona de dominio propio, no conocido por ser influenciado por las tentaciones mundanas (vea estos requisitos en I Timoteo 3:8-13).

¿Un hombre perfecto? No, pero sí un buen hombre. Una clase de hombre que sea ejemplo y lidere las necesidades de la iglesia.

Espero que conforme piensa en este cargo y en personas que lo llene, usted mantendrá en su mente estos requisitos y la importancia de este trabajo.

Mike Tune



## 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

### Contact Information

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### Elders

Steve Dasher Wayne Doran  
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 - Cuernavaca, Mex.  
Don & Esther Roarabaugh - Torrington, CT

### Staff

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

## Statistics

### Sunday, March 3, 2013

Bible Study 224  
Morning Assembly 318  
Evening Assembly 132  
Contribution \$13,856  
YTD Average \$12,837  
Budget Goal \$12,597

### Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Classes & Online Snow Date

## Nursery Attendants

### March 10, 2013

**Morning** Amy Saxton  
**Evening** NO EVENING  
Lisa Swetnam SERVICE

### March 17, 2013

**Morning** A. Venkatesan  
**Evening** Levenie Hughes  
M. Zemech

## Children's Worship

### March 10, 2013

2/3 Abby Smith, TBA  
P-K Jessi Arevalo, K. T.

### March 17, 2013

2/3 Laurie Atkinson, Tammy Cowart  
P-K Gayla Keller, Mandy Scandlen

## Worship Today, March 10, 2013

Hymn #779 *I Love You, Lord*

Hymn #23 *Our God, He Is Alive*

Hymn #768 *Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You*

Prayer Brian Collins

Hymn #794 *Unto Thee, O Lord*

Communion/Collection Bob Pigg

Hymn #870 *Beyond This Land of Parting*

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

Bible Reading (Genesis 1:26-28) Jay Atkinson

Bible Lesson Mike Tune

Hymn #286 *Wonderful Story of Love*

Announcements Jim Lane

Introduction of Visitors Curtis Madeley

Prayer Curtis Madeley



Song Leader Andre McMillian

Ushers Perry May, Scott Mills

**THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.**

March servers: Kevin Amores, Jose Arevalo,  
Frank Estes, Peter Franco, Dave Miller, Mark Shannon

**Wednesday, March 13**

**Prayer - Wayne Doran**

**Song Leading - Clayton Tune**