Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Every generation sees it: children who grow up in the faith, then abandon it for something else (or, these days, for nothing at all) when they become adults.

Even God anticipated this would happen. In the early verses of

Deuteronomy chapter eleven, the Lord reminds Israel twice that their descendants (children) would not be the witnesses of all *they* had seen. Because the children had not been witnesses to the faith building works of God, the faith of Israel's future generations would be inevitably less than that of their forebears.

Unless.

Unless parents were intentional and persistent in passing on the faith to their children. In the middle of the chapter God advises: "Teach them [God's words] to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

There were serious reasons for such religious focus: "...so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days" (Deuteronomy 5:33), that God might keep you alive (6:24) and grant you "abundant prosperity" (28:11).

Well-being, your own and that of your children, was (and is) directly connected to obeying the requirements, decrees, laws, and commands (all words used in chapter eleven) of God. Obedience to God must be a hallmark of your life. Recognition for all God has done for you and expressed gratitude for each blessing must be two others. Visible trust in God, confidence in Him and dependence on Him are three more. These six characteristics must be a part of your life *for your own good*. They must be seen in your life by your children as their example. You must cultivate them in the lives of your children *for their own well-being*.

When we are genuinely convinced God means what He says in these verses, our lives will be different, our future will be different, and so will be the lives and future of our children, because we will give attention to making our lives different.

Love you all. Mike



"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12–20 (NIV)

A few years ago the Kids for Christ played a fun game of night tag with a twist. Each player went out into the dark auditorium and hid in the dark. I had closed the blinds and curtains to make it as dark as possible and it was pretty hard to find some of those kids.

The second round was different. I gave each of them a single glow band to wear. They all hid in new dark places but it was easier to find them.

The third round they each received 3 more glow bands to wear. Some turned them into earrings and others into bracelets or necklaces. This round was over pretty fast. Each student glowed out in the dark making it easy to see them.

We had a forth round with even more glow bands but as you can guess there was no more hiding. The students were clearly visible by their glow.

The light they gave off made them obvious in the darkness.

The application that night was that as followers or disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to be lights in the world. Shining with our actions and attitudes.

The light they gave off was not their own. Yes the glow bands were on their wrists, around their necks or dangling from their ears, but it was the band glowing not themselves.

Jesus is the light of the world. It is His light that we reflect. It is His light that we put on with our actions and attitudes. As we live out Jesus' teachings we reflect His light. We put on His light and shine in this dark world.



Agape Group Events



Deacon Nomination Forms Due Today

Please note that today, March 24, is the deadline for submission of nominations for new deacons. You may submit your form to any of the Elders. Please consult the man you nominate before submitting that form.

You may also review Mike Tune's article of March 10 about qualifications for this ministry.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of March 24

Pray that each member will use his or her talent to lift up a fellow member.

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.

"Healthy Snacks Collection" Continues Through Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 31, is the deadline for the "Healthy Snacks" Collection for the children at

Baileys Elementary
School for the Arts &
Sciences located a few
blocks from the Falls Church
building. This is part of the
outreach program of the
C.A.R.E. (formerly Benevolence) Committee. Please
bring in your contributions



and place them in the designated area in the lobby.

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 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 deposit your contributions in the specially marked boxes in the lobby.

Kellogg's: Corn Flakes, Crispix, Product 19,

Rice Krispies, Special K or

Wheaties

General Mills: Fiber One, Cheerios, Rice Chex,

Wheat Chex, Corn Chex, Multi Grain, Cheerios, Total, Kix or Life

Quaker Golean Cereal Kashi Grape Nuts

Post Shredded Wheat, Oatmeal Squares

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 Saturday, May 4

from 9 am to 5 pm.

All skill levels are welcome and appreciated! Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact



That message comes from the Camp Board of Directors. There are several projects to complete and lots of cleaning and maintenance to perform. That list includes repairs andmaintenance to the Mess Hall, drywall repair, painting, plumbing, cleaning, carpentry, electrical, grounds keeping, cabin preparation, Bible class building projects, tree limb removal, confidence course maintenance, pool repairs, and repairs to the Chapel in the Woods.

Spring Quarter Adult Class Schedule Is Announced

NOTE: The Adult EducationMinistry has established an anonymous online survey to obtain feedback from the church. Please click here.

Topic Teacher Room

Wednesday Class - Starts April 3

Titus and Timothy Mike Tune FH

Known as the "Pastorals," Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus are personal letters from Paul to fellow workers. Both Timothy and Titus are in danger of failing in their ministry. These letters not only encourage and give them direction, but also provide focus to all Church leaders and followers on the *most important things*.

Sunday Classes - Start April 7

Letter to the Romans Mark Dawson FH

This is an in-depth study (lecture & discussion) of the Apostle Paul's writings to the church in Rome. Mark will send a detailed outline and set of discussion questions upon request by email at: md99md@yahoo.com

Daily Bible Readers Mike Tune 120/Library

Join our weekly discussion of what you have read in your bible as you follow the annual reading schedule. This quarter we will be working mainly through the book of Psalms. Interested attendees contact Mike for discussion questions: miketune@miketune.com

Song Of Solomon John Waterston 121

God provides believers His model for loving relationships between men and women within the Song of Solomon. As we study the entire book, each class will start with a 25 minute DVD lesson from Tommy Nelson, followed by 15 minutes of discussion questions. Topics will include attraction, courtship, intimacy, conflict, romance and commitment. Both single and married individuals will find the material relevant to life. jwaterston@gmail.com

General Information

For Children:

An attended nursery and a nursing mother's room -- located adjacent to the Assembly Center -- are available during our assembly.

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.

❖ For ages 2 through pre-kindergarten year, Children's Worship is conducted in rooms 223 and 221. Children are dismissed after communion.

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

March 24, 2013
Morning
Evening

Sylvin Sortori

Tammy Cowart Sylvia Sartori Erica Walker-Chenevert

March 31, 2013 Morning Evening

Leah Durant Levenie Hughes

Fern Musteen

Children's Worship

March 24, 2013

2/3 TBA, Anna Souza

P-K Misty Marshall, Meaza Zemech

March 31, 2013

2/3 Laurie Atkinson, Tammy Cowart P-K Jessi Arevalo, TBA

Worship Today, March 24, 2013

Hymn #18 Faithful Love Hymn #155 Highest Place Prayer John Reagan Hymn #15 Step by Step Hymn#176 Lamb of God Communion Joseph Tucker Hymn #779 I Love You, Lord Collection Joseph Tucker You Are My All in All Hymn #484 Hymn#387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

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

Bible Lesson Mike Tune
Bible Reading (Isaiah 53:4-6) Robert Spiess
Hymn #287 There Is a Redeemer
Announcements Jim Lane
Introduction of Visitors Joshua McKay
Prayer Joshua McKay

Song Leader Clark Richardson Ushers Perry May, Scott Mills

Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening; Jonah Shumate and Barry Smith will lead prayers.

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

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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Saul Reyes Kevin Thie
John Waterston Ken Yeatman
Habtu Zemech

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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 17, 2013

Bible Study 224
Morning Assembly 318
Evening Assembly 132
Contribution \$12,637
YTD Average \$12,592
Budget Goal \$12,597

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Classes & Online 92

Wednesday, March 27
Prayer - Cornel Pendergrass
Song Leading - Clayton Tune