

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Our daily Bible readings this week brought us through 2 Samuel 21 – a simply awful story. But perhaps no single story in the Bible is filled with so many important lessons.

Regarding background, when Israel entered the land of Canaan, they were supposed to destroy the inhabitants of the land. But they were almost immediately deceived into making a treaty with a Canaanite people known as the Gibeonites. The Gibeonites pretended to come from outside Canaan, thus exempting them from God's prohibition against alliances. After the treaty was made, it was revealed the Gibeonites were really Canaanites.

Perhaps legally, the Israelites could have annulled the treaty because it was based on fraud. Israel doesn't because they have, in the name of the Lord, taken an oath. They have given their word and called God as a witness to the agreement.

The whole thing points out the difficulty people get themselves into when they give their word carelessly and are not careful to obey God or think things through. Sometimes, there is no good solution and you have to go the way that honors God best. Though the Gibeonites became slaves in Israel, at least they avoided extermination.

The story also points out how serious it is for God's people to give their word. Jesus said: "whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. [I]f two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." I know we use this passage often to refer to worship, but the context is really agreements involving the people of God. When God's people give their word, God too joins in the agreement. To waltz on a commitment not only breaks a covenant with God, but reflects poorly on Him because we are His people, and He is our father.

This is only one of the lessons from this chapter, but we are looking at lessons just like these in our Daily Bible Readers Class on Sunday morning. If you've not yet committed to a class, come join us in the library!

Love you all.
Mike



The purpose of our Youth Ministry is to equip our students to hear God's call to ministry, reach out to unbelieving students and bring them into a community that praises God's Holy name.

One of the purpose of our Youth Ministry is to equip our students and teens to live a holy life. We do this in a number of ways but primarily through our Sunday and Wednesday meetings. Starting this morning, our combined 7th - 12th grade calls began a new morning series!

"Preparing for Healthy Relationships"

This three-week Sunday morning study will help your students see how our earthly relationships can teach us about deepening our relationship with Jesus—and vice versa.

April 14th - Week 1: The Good, The Bad and Me (Hosea 1.2) - focuses on the life of Hosea and how he obeyed God—by marrying an adulterous woman. This crazy act was a living demonstration of God's love and willingness to forgive and restore us when we stray from the right path.

April 21th - Week 2: A Man's Place (Ephesians 5.25 - 33) - focuses on Paul's instructions to men in a marriage relationship. We'll see how husbands are called to love their wives selflessly, just as Christ loved us so much that he laid down his life.

April 28st - Week 3: A Woman's Place (Ephesians 5.22 - .24) - focuses on Paul's instructions to women in a marriage relationship. We'll see how the roles in marriage are similar to the relationship between Christ and the church.

Throughout this series, we'll see how Christ's love for us is the ultimate guide on how to make relationships work.

GRACE + PEACE
AHLB

Lads to Leaders to be Honored at 2nd Sunday Fellowship After the Service This Evening

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Finger Food Dinner** after the evening service on April 14. At that time, all the **Lads to Leaders** participants will be recognized for their achievements [see article on p. 4].



Each family is requested to bring the following:

- ❖ A tray of sandwiches
- AND**
- ❖ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres*/fruit or veggie tray with or without dip/chips and dip
- OR**
- ❖ A bite-sized dessert.

Please note that the emphasis is on “bite-sized.” The idea is that this meal won’t require utensils!

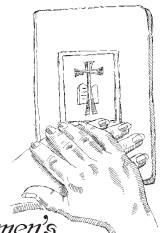
Agape Groups 1 (Fairview Park under **Ken & Lesya Yeatman**) and 4 (River Town Mews under **Caleb & Jenna Mayfield**) are the “duty groups” for this event. If you do not know your Agape group, consult the list on the Member’s Board in the lobby.





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

The **Ladies Bible Class** will have a potluck luncheon after its final class session on April 23. This is a change from the originally scheduled date that was listed on the April calendar.



*Women's
Bible Study*

SAVE THE DATE:
**The Prayer Sisters’ Revealing Tea
is planned for May 19 at 4:30 pm.**

**Congregational Prayer Request
for the week of April 14**
*Pray for all of the missionaries
that we support.*

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.

“Who’s networking with your kids?”: Social Media and Our Children, April 20, 8:30-noon

If you are a teen, a parent, the relative of a young person, a youth worker, a teacher - church or public school - or simply a concerned adult, a seminar is being offered at the church of Christ in Falls Church to learn about some of the hidden dangers of popular platforms like Facebook and Twitter. The event is free and is scheduled for **next Saturday, April 20 from 9 am to 12 pm.**

Registration - and coffee - are available at 8:30 am.

However, you are strongly urged to register online at fallschurchcoc.org or call 571-766-8615.

The three seminar topics and presenters are:


Find out how to protect your children from cyber bullies and online predators. Dr. Jim Miller, Director of the Mass Communications Program at Harding University.

Learn how gangs use social media platforms to identify potential members. Ed Ryan, Fairfax County Gang Prevention Coordinator.

Discover why potential employers consider how candidates use social media. Joy Hayes, Corporate Recruiter for the Gannett Corporation.



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The Bulletin Board
Please do not leave food - of any kind -
in the kitchen.
With all due respect to “church” mice,
we prefer that they NOT be in the kitchen.

Help Wanted: The nursery really needs some more workers. Please call Levenie Hughes to volunteer. It’s only once a quarter!



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

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Omar & Tana Palafox - Leon, Mexico
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Don & Esther Roarabaugh - Torrington, CT

Staff

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

Statistics

Sunday, April 7, 2013

Bible Study 225
Morning Assembly 347
Evening Assembly 133
Contribution \$15,153
YTD Average \$12,948
Budget Goal \$12,779

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Classes & Online 96

Nursery Attendants

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Morning

Ruth Amores
Leah Durant

Evening

Levenie Hughes

April 21, 2013

Morning

Lynda Eubank
Patty Woods

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

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2/3 Gayla Keller, Heather Musser

P-K Jessi Arevalo, Mandy Scandlen

April 21, 2013

2/3 Laurie Atkinson, Tammy Cowart

P-K Gayla Keller, K. T.

Worship Today, April 14, 2013

Hymn #193

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn #700

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Prayer

Jonah Shumate

Hymn #342

We Saw Thee Not

Communion/Collection

Daniel Williams

Hymn #1025

God of Our Fathers

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

Bible Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:4-11)

Jim Bates

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #479

Peace, Perfect Peace

Announcements

Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors

Mark Shannon

Prayer

Mark Shannon



Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Joshua McKay, Habtu Zemech

Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening; Jose Arevalo & Habtu Zemech will lead the prayers.

April servers: Gary Allmond, Jay Atkinson, Chantha Chea, Caleb Mayfield, Geosh Saxton, Mark Ward

Wednesday, April 17

Prayer - Joseph Tucker

Song Leading - Clayton Tune