

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Writing a hundred and fifty years after Jesus' death, a Christian from northern Africa, chafing under the persecution and opposition Christianity faced, wrote the following to his persecutors: "Your hatred to the name of Christian is

unjust. . . For what is there more unfair than to hate a thing of which you know nothing?"

Defending his faith, he wrote these words about the Christian collection: "each person, of his own free will puts in a small donation; but only if it be his pleasure, and only if he be able: for there is no compulsion; all is voluntary. These gifts are not taken and spent on feasts, and drinking-bouts, and eating-houses, but to support and bury poor people, to supply the wants of boys and girls destitute of means and parents, and of old persons confined now to the house . . ."

That action separated Christians from everyone else. It was caring unheard of in the ancient world.

In the ancient world, the only value children possessed was the value their parents gave them, and like now, that wasn't always guaranteed. At the birth of a child, the father had the right to accept or reject it and rejection usually meant death. An orphan was all too often doomed to slavery, prostitution, or worse.

Christianity changed all that.

By the fourth century, Christians were building homes for orphan children as attachments to church buildings and by the thirteenth century, one group of Christians in Europe had built 800 such homes.

Today, there are 143 million orphans, and Christians still lead the way in caring for them. Our congregation makes a special effort this time each year to support one such organization – Orphans Lifeline International. On Sunday, November 11, the Elders will be glad to receive any contribution you would like to make to that organization. I'll tell you more about it in next week's column, but I want you to know it's coming up. I hope you will plan to be a part of this special effort that is so much a part of our Christian heritage, has contributed so much to changing our world, and has helped so many who cannot help themselves.

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.

As a follow up to the Ministry Fair I am reviewing the purpose of our Youth Ministry. A couple of weeks ago we saw the Biblical foundation for the purpose and the 5 components that make up the purpose (Equipping, Ministry, Reaching, Praise, Community). Last week we explored the purpose of praise. Today we are going to look at the purpose of reaching or evangelism.

Purpose Component Reaching (Evangelism)

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28.19)

Every Christian is to be evangelizing, but not everyone is to be an evangelist. As Christians we need to be sharing our faith whether through our behavior or words. In the youth ministry, we actively equip teens and students to reach out to their friends.

First, teens need to have the proper tools and knowledge to share their faith.

The tools and knowledge students need are:

Knowledge about the story of Jesus. We provide this tool by making the life of Jesus central to our Bible classes. Whether we are studying the Gospel of John on a Wednesday night or the Sermon on the Mount on Sunday mornings, Jesus' story is important

They also need to know their own story and how it connects to the story of Jesus. Why did I become a disciple of Jesus? Why was I baptized? What is my story of faith so far? Why do I believe in Jesus Christ? If students and teens can answer these questions for themselves, when friends or classmates have similar questions our teens have an answer.

In addition the Youth Ministry sets aside meeting time, specifically Sunday night, that is designed for inviting friends to see what our faith is about.

GRACE + PEACE
AHL

Benevolence Committee to Meet Oct. 28 After Morning Assembly

The Benevolence Committee Quarterly

Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 28, after the morning assembly. Luncheon will be provided, but members must RSVP to **Wayne or Jean Doran** in order to ensure sufficient food supplies.



This meeting will provide the opportunity to discuss and plan for several end-of-year events, including the annual Harvest Festival in November and the breakfast for Ladies from the Shelter in December.

All current members are urged to attend. Those who are interested in this work are cordially invited.

Collection Grows for Cliff Holladay

As of Oct.21, the special collection for **Cliff Holladay** had increased to \$15,469. These funds will be used to defray medical and related expenses for Cliff, the pulpit minister for the Westside Church of Christ in Baltimore. After his spinal cord was broken during an accident, he has been left a quadriplegic at the University of Maryland



Trunk or Treat Planned After the Assembly This Evening

The Annual Trunk or Treat event will take place in the parking lot after the evening service today. In the event of rain or other inclement weather, the event will be held inside.

This thoroughly delightful occasion gives children the chance to wear their costumes - and obtain treats - and for adults to see the finery!



Trunk or Treat

Children should bring their costumes, to be worn after the evening service, and should have a bag for the candy. They go from trunk to trunk with the traditional "Trick or Treat" greeting. The event will end within an hour.

Adults should purchase bags of suitable treats. **Please, bring individually wrapped candies only.** Empty the bags into a bowl and offer the candies to the children as they come by the trunk of your car. Seasonal decorations are appropriate, but limit yourself to the "mild" variety. Definitely avoid the gorey stuff of nightmares.

Dear Church Family,

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Thank you so much for your cards and prayers during my Mom's illness, especially for the support on Sept. 30 - my Mom's last day on Earth.

Rob & Wendy Alderman

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.



The Annual **Men's Retreat** is set for next weekend, Friday, November 2 (arrival beginning at 6:30 pm, events begin at 8:15 pm) through Saturday, November 3 at 3 pm at Camp WAMAVA in Linden, VA (just off I-66 at exit 13; directions at: <http://www.wamava.com/directions.htm>).

Come for the fun, the food, the fellowship, and the fundamentals of service, in a mountain setting that will help bring you closer to our heavenly father. This year's theme is "Service to God and to Others." This retreat will help you look at your life as

a son, husband, father and as a servant to God differently.

As always, we LOVE to get delicious snacks and munchies. Please check the lobby for this year's schedule, and be sure to sign-up this week on the bulletin board. Registration is \$20, payable at the retreat.

Fellowship Dinner



Our 2nd Sunday Fellowship of November will be held Nov. 11 immediately following the morning assembly. This will be a traditional potluck dinner, so each family is requested to bring a main dish plus a side dish OR a salad (green leafy, potato, macaroni, gelatin, etc.) OR a dessert.

The "duty groups" for this event will be Group 2 - Potomac Heights under Jerry & Peggy Williams with coordinators Mark & Staci Shannon, and Group 5 - Burke Springs Lake under Heather Jones and coordinator Jennifer Krause.

As is our tradition, there will be NO EVENING SERVICE that day. However, the Missions Committee WILL meet after the luncheon.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Set for Nov. 18, Followed by Adult Education Committee Meeting

The Education Committee will host and provide all food and drink for a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, November 18 in the Fellowship Hall

immediately following morning worship service. This is not a pot-luck dinner.

We want all of our teachers to come and enjoy lunch, in appreciation for all they do throughout the year. All

teachers (children's, youth and adult classes), assistants, nursery and cradle roll volunteers, children's worship volunteers, Lads to Leaders adult mentors, youth chaperones, women's bible study teachers and all others who assist in the spiritual development of our church as teachers are invited to this luncheon in their honor.



Deacons, Ministry Leaders Budget Meeting Scheduled for Nov. 17

The 2013 Budget Meeting is set for Nov. 17, from 8:30 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall, according to **Matt Bensky**, Deacon who is in charge of this year's meeting.

Each Deacon and Ministry Leader should receive a YTD budget report for his or her particular ministry.

Those leaders are requested to review the reports, talk to other members of their



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teams, and begin proposing their 2013 budget.

Those forms should be returned to **Ben Bohannon**, Treasurer, by Sunday, Nov. 4. Leaders should give those completed reports to Ben in person or place them in his folder in the main office.

There is a list on the members bulletin board for Memorial Donations. The list includes the name of the deceased, the name & address of the organization, and the name of those who should be notified. This list also includes addresses for extended family members who could use cards and notes.

November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Romans 13-15	2 Romans 16-1 1 Corinthians 1-2 <i>Men's Retreat— Camp WaMaVa @ 6:30 pm</i> →	3 1 Cor. 3-6 <i>Men's Retreat Ends</i> <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
4 1 Cor. 7-10 <i>Youth Ministry (g. 3-12) Parent Mtg. after am service</i>	5 1 Cor. 11-13	6 1 Cor. 14-16 <i>Election Day— Ladies Bible Class will not meet</i>	7 2 Cor. 1-3	8 2 Cor. 4-6	9 2 Cor. 7-9	10 2 Cor. 10-12 <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
11 2 Cor. 13; Acts 20-21 <i>2nd Sunday Potluck Lunch after am service; NO PM ASSEMBLY</i> <i>Missions Cmte.</i>	12 Acts 22-24 <i>Veterans Day Holiday— Office Closed</i>	13 Acts 25-27 <i>Ladies Bible Class @ 10:15 am</i>	14 Acts 28; Ephesians 1-2	15 Eph. 3-5	16 Eph. 6; Philippians 1-2	17 Phil. 3-4; Colossians 1-2 <i>Budget Meeting, 8:30 am—12 pm, FH</i> <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
18 Col. 3-4; Philemon <i>Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 11:45 am</i> <i>Adult Education Cmte., 12:30/1 pm</i> <i>Harvest Festival during PM Service</i>	19 1 Timothy 1-3	20 1 Tim. 4-6 <i>Ladies Bible Class will not meet today</i>	21 Titus 1-3	22 2 Timothy 1-3 <i>Thanksgiving Day Holiday—Office Closed</i>	23 2 Tim. 4; Mark 1-2	24 Mark 3-6 <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
25 Mark 7-10	26 Mark 11-13	27 Mark 14-16 <i>Ladies Bible Class @ 10:15 am</i>	28 Hebrews 1-3	29 Hebrews 4-6	30 Hebrews 7-9	Dec. 1 <i>Breakfast with Santa sponsored by Camp WaMaVa</i> <i>Agape G. 4 party, 4 to 8 pm</i>

Prayer Reminders:

Erin Adams & family, Blanca Alvarez, Haldon Arnold, Jason Bates, John Bowden & Kathy Bowden and

 Kathy's granddaughter Reagan, ValJean DeLong, Eloise Fishback (at Manor Care, address on board), Winnie & Desiree Flint, Larry Goodrich and his family, Jami Harbin, Frances & Ed Harris, Diana Kuhn & her sister Melinda Anderson and nephew Jeff Kuhn, Marilyn McDermett, Joshua McKay & his mother Dawn & sister Rindy (needs job), Alma Milligan, Augustino Olango, Jim Petty, Lee, Mariko & Elena Price, Linda Reagan, Bess Smith, Candice Spiess, Ellie & Don Thie, Barbara Thompson, Erica Walker-Chenevert, Roxie Weese, Ken & Lesya Yeatman.

Continuing Concerns

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

Joseph, recovering from stroke (friend of **Habtu Zemech**, 10/21);
Sean, seriously ill (friend of **Richard Bowles**, 10/21);
David Benson, recovering from severe injuries (grandson of **Francis Harris**, 10/28);
Jared Bigman, 22 & a JMU student, chemotherapy (friend of **Abby Smith**, 10/14);
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**, 10/14);
Mary Boyce, not doing well; **Thomas Garlon**, cancer; **Vanessa Lovejoy**, doing very well; **Dottie Waffer**, second battle with breast cancer; **Darlene Walker**, improving but unable to live alone; **Angela Watson**, improving; **Brenda Woolridge**, improving from stroke; **Bobbie Pegues**, dealing with infection & her husband **Will Pegues** who also is sick (friends or relatives of **Erica Walker-Chenevert**, 10/28);
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**, 10/21);
Francis Dasher, recuperating at home after a stroke [address on board] (brother of **Steve Dasher**, 10/14);
Ollie Dickerson, health is deteriorating; **Adina Parsons**, to have corrective surgery; **Darshay**, a 5-year-old who has been assaulted (Great Aunt, cousin and 2nd cousin of **Adria Owens**, 10/28);
John Whalen, declining health (brother and father of a co-worker of **Dorothy Eckert**, 10/21);
Randy Ellenberg (husband of **Marsha De La Cruz's** cousin **Christie**), undergoing aggressive cancer treatment; **John Lance** (friend), possible cancer (10/14);
Claudia Lopez Espinoza, chemotherapy for returned cancer (niece of **Ignacio Espinoza**, 10/28);
Deloris Freeman, dialysis (friend of **Vickie Witt**, 10/21);
Carol Golden, hospitalized during aggressive therapy for lymphatic cancer (former member, 10/28);
Carl Green, cancer (friend of **Sylvia Sartori**, 10/28);
Nadine Grigsby, stroke (mother of **Susan Smith**, 10/14);
Helen Harris, repeated health issues (mother of **Benita Harris**, 10/14);
Christine Henderson, cancer (friend of **Heather Jones**, 10/14);
Geri Holland, recovering from surgery (sister of **Martha Ashley**, 10/28);
Becki (May) & Chuck Kerry, both recovering from accidents (daughter & son-in-law of **Perry & Yvonne May**, 10/21);
John Kline, lung cancer; **Debbie Seal**, blood clots (brother & daughter of **Winnie Flint**, 10/21);
Etta Lilly, recovering from surgery, and her husband **Zane**, health issues [address on board] (former members & parents of **David Lilly**, 10/14);
James McCallum, who has experienced a long series of severe health problems, and for his wife **Stephanie** as she cares for him & works (friends of **Mary Jo Allmond**, 10/28).
Steve Pigg, dealing with liver failure and related complications (son of **Bob Pigg**, 10/21);
Rhoda Rosen, on hospice care (mother of **Scott Rosen**) & **Laurie Whiteman**, recovering (friend of **Scott & Susan**, 10/28);
Bertha Sullivan, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 10/14);
Marie Truehart, radiation (mother of **Christal Pendergrass**, 10/21);
Linda Weatherly, seeking new cancer treatments, and her husband, **Joe Ramirez**, scheduled for shoulder surgery but whose cancer is in remission (friends of **Anna Souza**, 10/28);
John Whalen, declining health (father of a co-worker of **Dorothy Eckert**, 10/21);
Belinda Wynkoop, serious health problems, and her mother **Ilean** (former members, 10/28).

 We express our deepest sympathy to **Fran Harris** and her family on the passing of her husband **Ed Harris** on Thursday. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of the time of publication but will be announced Sunday.

Prayer Request:

Lynn Barham is dealing with kidney stones.

ValJean DeLong is waiting for a determination of treatment.

Dorothy Eckert's brother **Rick** is waiting for test results.

Susan Weese continues to struggle with health issues.

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

You may use the cards on the "card table" under the members bulletin board. Just write the card, address the envelope, and leave here to be mailed.

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

October 28, 2012

Morning
Lynda Eubank
Jennifer Smith

Evening
Levenie Hughes

November 4, 2012

Morning
Agnes Jones
Kristine Spraker

Evening
Sylvia Sartori

Children's Worship

October 28, 2012

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

November 4, 2012

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

Worship Today, October 28, 2012

Hymn #66	<i>Doxology</i>
Hymn #67	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>
Hymn #117	<i>God Is the Fountain Whence</i>
Prayer	Wayne Doran
Hymn #176	<i>Lamb of God</i>
Communion/Collection	Brian Collins
Hymn #528	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Genesis 50:15-21)	Jim Bates
Bible Lesson	Dr. Dan Williams
Hymn #552	<i>Have Thine Own Way</i>
Announcements	Steve Dasher
Introduction of Visitors	Brandon Durant
Prayer	Brandon Durant
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Song Leader	Marty Sims
Ushers	Scott Mills, John Waterston

Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening;
Geosh Saxton & Ken Yeatman will lead prayers.

October servers: Gary Allmond, Mark Freeman, Caleb Mayfield, Kevin Thie, Mark Ward, Daniel Williams

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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Matt Bensusan 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, October 21, 2012

Bible Study 207
Morning Assembly 328
Evening Assembly 129
Contribution \$10,538
YTD Average \$11,830
Budget Goal \$11,764

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Classes & Online No Count

Wednesday, October 31

Prayer - Wayne Doran
Song Leading - Clark Richardson