

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

James wrote: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

From Christianity's beginning, those of our faith have led the world in helping those least able to help themselves – especially orphans. It's a never ending mission. There are today not less than 143 million orphans we know about world-wide. According to one source, their number increases at the rate of 42,000 per day. According to UNICEF statistics, the rate of new orphan children in Asia and some other regions is falling, while in Sub Saharan Africa it is increasing – primarily due to AIDS.

Because these children have no one, they are often the most vulnerable to being brought up in lives of crime, sold off into slavery, sexually exploited, or turned into child soldiers. Because they are children, they will do whatever they need to do to survive.

The best way to help orphans is to provide them a good home. That's dealing with the problem on a small but incredibly effective scale and I've known many gracious Christians who've done that. But throughout the world, Christian organizations are also helping on a much larger scale by providing education, food, and support for large local orphan care centers. Among those organizations is Children's Lifeline of Hope (also known as Orphans Lifeline International).

Each year, beyond what we do as a church, we designate one Sunday to support this organization and its work and today is the day. If you can give to this special cause, please make out your check to Children's Lifeline of Hope and give it to one of our Elders.

This is a special day for us. We conclude our worship assembly with a gathering in the Fellowship Hall for a congregational lunch. If you are visiting with us today, please join us. If you don't know the way, follow the crowd, and as our guests, move to the front of the line. There is no evening service tonight.

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. Last week we explored the purpose of discipleship/equipping. Today we are going to look at the purpose of community.

Community (Fellowship) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28.19)

Making disciples is more than reaching unbelievers. It is more than equipping. It involves bringing them into a community. Fellowship, or community, is more than just hanging out. It involves friendship, challenge and being real.

One of the most famous verses about community is found in Acts 4.32: "All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had."

"One in heart"- they shared what they felt and took on the cares and concerns of each other. They challenged each other to live and love as God wanted them to. They helped each other.

"One in mind"- they shared their thoughts and learned from each other. They were challenged not only by the disciples and apostles but the "average" member as well.

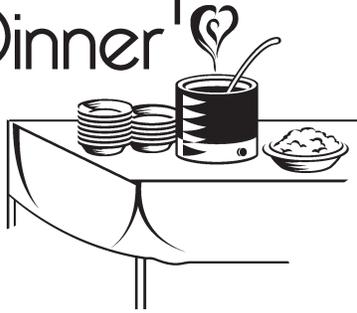
"They shared everything they had"- they helped those who were in need. When one of the brothers or sisters needed help, the body was there for them.

What does this mean for us today?

It means that the Youth Ministry during our regular Sunday and Wednesday meetings is creating a community in which teens and students feel safe to reveal what is in their hearts and mind. We create a community where teens and students help each other. Challenging each other to live the life God's wants them too. Finally this community is open and accepting.

GRACE + PEACE
AHLB

Fellowship Dinner



Our **2nd Sunday Fellowship of November** will be held today, 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 SERVICE THIS EVENING**.



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

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Set for Nov. 18; Adult Education Committee Meeting to Follow

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.

Please RSVP to Scott Mills or on the sign-up sheet in the lobby. The Adult Education Committee members will meet immediately following the appreciation luncheon.

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 **Youth Ministry (grades 3 through 12)** will have a work session TODAY (for about an hour) after the luncheon. Young people are asked to bring work clothes to help clean up the parking lot and the areas around the building. **Josh Byrd**, Youth Minister who is overseeing this program, notes, “It may not sound like fun but these kinds of projects are surprisingly fun. This is a great way to get some service hours too!”

Deacons, Ministry Leaders 2013 Budget Meeting Set for Nov. 17

All Deacons and Ministry Leaders - if you have submitted your 2012 budget estimates to Treasurer **Ben Bohannon** - thank you!

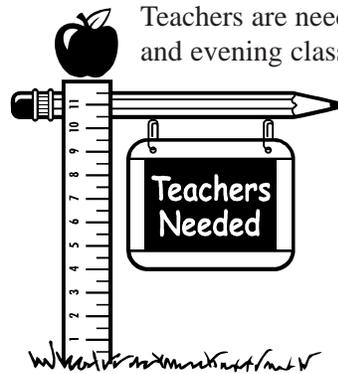
If you haven’t - please complete and turn in those estimates as soon as possible, by today if not sooner!!!!



BUDGET PLANNING

That is the message from **Matt Benskyy**,

Deacon for the 2012 annual **Budget Meeting** set for Nov. 17. The meeting will be held from 8:30 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall.



Teachers are needed for Sunday morning and evening classes for most ages for the Winter Quarter, which begins December 1 and ends February 28.

If you love working with children and want to help in their spiritual development, please contact **Scott Mills** to volunteer. Thank you.

Habtu Zemech Plans November Trip to Ethiopia

Habtu Zemech, one of our Deacons, is planning another trip to Ethiopia Nov. 23, returning Dec. 9. This is his home country, but also an active ministry area.

And he is introducing “My Neighbors,” a program which was approved as a non-profit (501c3) under the name “My Neighbors,” effective February 2012. Therefore, gifts are tax deductible.

About this program, Habtu says, *It all started with a dream...a dream to provide assistance for education, food, water sanitation and medical assistance to unprivileged poor children and elderly to help them elevate their daily struggles and reach them with the gospel of Christ.*

I have always believed that regardless of the challenges that life brings, we are called to be His Ambassadors to share the love of Christ to the poor and needy. It is the trust we have in God that makes it possible for us to reach out and do what seems to be impossible.

The truth is we would all learn a little something from the courage and perseverance these unprivileged boys and girls display and the efforts that these families make to live one day at a time in the face of some pretty tough odds.

As I continue to travel and visit these children and families in Ethiopia, I am becoming more aware of the tremendous need that exists and the unique opportunity that we have before us to show the love of Christ. I have always been grateful for the generosity of God's people. Through the years I have witnessed when God's people show their love to others, the Lord gets the glory and people's life changes. As I write to you I reflect on my life and ask, if it wasn't for God's people where would I be?

Habtu had planned to request clothing and school materials for this trip, but he already has exceeded weight limits. However, he DOES plan another collection for his next trip.

Men's Retreat Emphasizes "To Serve" Mixed With Fellowship

The annual Men's Retreat of 2012 theme "To Serve" brought out the teaching skills of the group leaders and brought out the fellowship of Falls Church men. Twenty-one men attended the event, which started Friday night and concluded Saturday, at Camp WaMaVa, a facility in the mountains near Front Royal, VA.

The emphasis was on the meaning of "serve" in various contexts - at home, at work, at play, at school. "One of the goals early on," commented retreat director **Scott Mills**, was to "get to the Verb part of Love."

"S.E.R.V.E." - as an acronym - stands for **Study** the Bible, **Encourage** Others, **Remove** Barriers, **Voice** Your Faith and **Entreat** His Will. Each topic was handled in sessions led by **Scott Mills**, **Hal Swetnam**, **John Waterston** and **Ken Yeatman**.

While the agenda kept them busy, the men also enjoyed meals, the fire going in the fireplace, and the chance to play football.

Many thanks to **Geosh Saxton** and **Scott Mills** for the information and the photos on this page.



(above left) Habtu Zemech & Tre Berry struggled to get the ball while Habtu then demonstrated his punting talents. Scott Mills noted, "...never underestimate the entertainment value of a football."

These guys (at right) really know how to put on a spread!



Perry May (left) stokes the fire to take the chill off a cool evening.



John Waterston (left) tackles his topic.



(left, lower left, lower right & right) Breakout groups challenged everyone to think critically.



Today Is “Orphans Sunday” for Orphan’s Lifeline of Hope

Today, November 11, is designated “Orphans Sunday” to provide a special opportunity for Christians around the country to contribute to the funding for the Orphan’s Lifeline of Hope. Although there won’t be a “special” or separate collection, **all members may write a check, payable to “Lifeline of Hope” and give it to any of the Elders.**

There are a staggering number - 143 MILLION - orphans worldwide. They live on the streets, in landfills and sewer systems. Often they are lured or forced

into lives of crime, are subjected to human trafficking and prostitution, are the victims of child labor and worse. These precious children, living in appalling conditions, die of starvation, malnutrition or other preventable diseases.

Lifeline of Hopes cares for about 20,000 of such children, in orphanages around the world.

You may ask yourself, “What can I do? The need is so overwhelming.”

You CAN do something. Write a check today.

22nd Annual Harvest Festival Set for Sunday, November 18 During Evening Assembly

Our **22nd Annual Harvest Festival** is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 18, during the evening assembly. Below is the list that you should take with you when you purchased one or more bags of groceries and other items for this annual celebration. In addition to replenishing the Food Pantry, some of the following items will help feed hungry families of the children at the Bailey’s Elementary School. This is a neighborhood school with which this congregation has built a link. Please bring your bags to the FELLOWSHIP HALL just before the beginning of the evening service on Nov. 18.

FOOD HARVEST LIST

✓ **REQUEST YOU PURCHASE LOW SUGAR LOW SODIUM ITEMS FROM PANTRY FOOD SELECTION LIST**

✓ **ITEMS WITH AN * ARE IN GREAT DEMAND**

Cooking Supplies:

- *Flour (2 lb.)
- Sugar (2 lb.)
- *Corn Meal (2 lb.)
- *Cooking Oil (1 lb.)

Beans: (1 lb. bags)

- *All types dried beans

*Rice: (1 lb. bag or any size boxes of instant rice)

Macaroni & Cheese (prefer complete meal set – no milk or butter required)

Spaghetti Sauce & Spaghetti
All types of pasta

Canned Meats (40 oz. cans or 15 oz. can with pop-top lid)

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| Ravioli | Beefaroni |
| Spaghetti | Chili |
| Stews | Corned Beef |
| Salmon | Chicken |
| Turkey | Bean & Franks |
| Soup | Spam |

Canned Vegetables -

- (16 oz. or 28 oz.)
- Corn Carrots
- Potatoes Mixed Veggies
- Any type of canned beans

Package Side Dishes:

- *Rice *Noodles

Canned Fruit (14 oz. or 16 oz. OR Pop-Top singles servings)

- Pineapple Peaches
- Pears Applesauce
- Fruit Cocktail

Peanut Butter

- *Crackers *Jelly or Honey

Fruit Juice (can, single serving or plastic bottles)

- Tea Mix Lemonade Mix
- Powdered Milk
- *Parmalat Milk (Box or single serving) does not require refrigeration before opening
- Coffee Tea bags

Non-Food Items

- Can openers
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Personal Items, all Travel Size:
- Soap/Body wash
- Hand sanitizer
- Toothbrush (adult and children)
- Toothpaste
- Dental Floss
- Mouthwash
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Pocket size Kleenex
- Shaving Cream
- Disposable razors
- Combs and brushes

Socks (all sizes, men, women, children)

Wash cloths

Gallon size Ziploc bags

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

November 11, 2012

Morning

Kathy Bowden
Staci Shannon

Evening

NO EVENING
SERVICE

November 18, 2012

Morning

Sally Dasher

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Calanthia Tucker

Children's Worship

November 11, 2012

2/3 Heather Roelke, TBA

P-K Jessi Arevalo, Mandy Scandlen

November 18, 2012

2/3 Heather Musser, Laurie Atkinson

P-K Gayla Keller, K.T.

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 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, November 4, 2012

Bible Study 231
Morning Assembly 342
Evening Assembly 138
Contribution \$15,949
YTD Average \$11,908
Budget Goal \$11,764

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Classes & Online 85

Worship Today, November 11, 2012

Hymn #470 *Victory in Jesus*

Hymn #3 *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

Prayer *Scott Mills*

Hymn #853 *When We All Get to Heaven*

Hymn #689 *Be Still, My Soul*

Communion/Collection *John Hilboldt*

Bible Reading (*Galatians 4:1-7*) *Beni Venkatesan*

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

Hymn #535 *The Glory-Land Way*

Bible Lesson *Mike Tune*

Hymn #555 *Seek Ye First*

Announcements *Jim Lane*

Introduction of Visitors *Brian Collins*

Prayer *Brian Collins*



Song Leader *Clayton Tune*

Ushers *Jose Arevalo, Matt Benschky*

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING

November servers: Jun Amores, Tre Berry, Brandon Durant, Robert Spiess, Hal Swetnam & Jerry Williams.

Wednesday, November 14

Prayer - Hal Swetnam

Song Leading - Clark

Richardson