

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Never underestimate the influence you can have on a child by teaching the Bible.

There is no Bible scholar I respect more highly than Jack P. Lewis. With a PhD in Old Testament and another in the New Testament, just the list of his published works comprises thirty pages. Now 93, Dr. Lewis, in his new book, *As I Remember It*, writes: "In thinking about lasting influences on life, I recall that we walked to school in suitable weather. There was one vacant lot along the route and one day a man in a covered wagon had parked it there and was giving out paper bound books of the Bible to children as they passed by. The book I received was the book of Proverbs, and he marked Proverbs 28:1 in it: "The wicked flee when no one pursues; but the righteous are as bold as a lion." I never had the slightest insight into what religious group he represented; but I have never forgotten his scripture.

"In the pre-television age, a program on the radio from Dallas offered a New Testament to any person who would read the entire New Testament. I never knew what group was making the offer. They mailed out the gospel of Matthew; and when it was read and returned, they mailed out Mark. Postage then was only two cents. I received the gospel of Mark and finished it in a day or maybe two. My parents had to be convinced I had read it by a recitation of its content. I finally received and read the book of Revelation. I received my New Testament. The pictures of the book of Revelation impressed themselves in my childish consciousness. That is something I have to see! I have been blessed by the privilege of traveling widely. I have seen a lot of what the world has to offer; but as I approach the end of my pilgrimage, I am still registering, 'The city with the street of gold and gates of pearl is something that I have to see.' Do not underestimate the influence small things can have on the life of a child."

Amen.

Thanks to all of you who teach our children. May your number increase!

Mike



Big SPLASH on Sunday

Following last Sunday's Fellowship Lunch, about 20 teens and students between 3rd - 11th grade made a big SPLASH by cleaning up some of the woods behind our church's building. I want to thank those Upper Roomers (7th - 12th grade) who came out to pick up trash - John Arevalo, Oliver Arevalo, Ashley Byrd, Sarah Byrd and Abby Collins. These 5 teens were a great example for the Kids for Christ students (3rd - 6th grade) who cleaned up beside them. I also want to thank Hal Swetnam for helping out too.



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 today, November 18 in the Fellowship Hall right after the 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

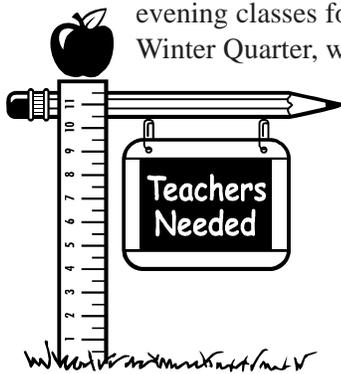


(children's, youth and adult classes), assistants, nursery and cradle roll volunteers, children's worship volunteers, Lads to Leaders adult mentors, youth chaperones, women's bible study teachers and all others who assist in the spiritual development of our church as teachers are invited to this luncheon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

Please RSVP to Scott Mills, smills@eblg.com or on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

The Adult Education Committee members will meet immediately following the appreciation luncheon.

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



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

“Orphans Sunday” Collection Ends This Evening

“Orphans Sunday” last weekend provided an opportunity for Christians around the country to contribute to the funding for the Orphan’s Lifeline of Hope. Although there wasn’t a separate collection, members could give checks to any of the Elders. That opportunity extends through the evening service today. To contribute, you 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. And Lifeline of Hope cares for about 20,000 such children, in orphanages and other programs around the world.

They usually have no extended family to take them in and no network of programs to provide housing, clothing, food, education or medical care. As such, too many live precarious lives - on the streets, in the sewers - and are lured or forced into living/working conditions that are little more than slavery.

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.

Habtu Zemech Plans November Trip to Ethiopia

Habtu Zemech, one of our Deacons, is planning a trip to Ethiopia Nov. 23, returning Dec. 9. This is his home country, but also is an active ministry area. He will visit with the children and families currently under the auspices of a new program called, “My Neighbors,” which has been approved as a non-profit (501c3) under the name “My Neighbors,” effective February 2012. Therefore, gifts are tax deductible.

This program is designed, he says, “...to provide assistance for education, food, water sanitation and

medical assistance to underprivileged poor children and elderly to help them elevate their daily struggles and reach them with the gospel of Christ.” He also will preach, encourage Christians in several congregations throughout the country and finalize surgical arrangements for five children with cleft foot.

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.

22nd Annual Harvest Festival to Take Place During the Evening Assembly

Our **22nd Annual Harvest Festival** is scheduled for today, 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. **Please note that this list includes hot or cold cereals of any size, an addition from last week's list.**

In addition to replenishing the Food Pantry, some of the food will help feed hungry families of the children at the Bailey's Elementary School. Some children take home back-packs of food for their families each weekend. Bailey's 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. The younger children will "unpack" the bags, then all of us - young to a bit older - will form two lines from the Fellowship Hall to Room 121 (see photo at right from last year). Many workers will be stationed at the door of 121, and will collect the food items and start to sort them out - bags of rice on one table, applesauce on another, etc.

Once all the food is passed along the human chain, we will close with a devotional, and a prayer of Thanksgiving that we are so richly blessed that we can give back abundantly.



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.)

Canned Vegetables -

(16 oz. or 28 oz.)

- Corn Carrots
- Potatoes Mixed Veggies
- Any type of canned beans

*Cereal - hot or cold, all types, all sizes

Non-Food Items

- Can openers
- Diapers (all sizes)

Beans: (1 lb. bags)

- *All types dried beans

Package Side Dishes:

- *Rice *Noodles

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

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

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

- Pineapple Peaches
- Pears Applesauce
- Fruit Cocktail

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

Spaghetti Sauce & Spaghetti
All types of pasta

Peanut Butter
*Crackers *Jelly or Honey

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

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

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

- 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 18, 2012

Morning	Evening
Sally Dasher	Levenie Hughes
Calanthia Tucker	(Harvest Festival)

November 25, 2012

Morning	Evening
Rachel Bowles	Levenie Hughes
Marsha De La Cruz	

Children's Worship

November 18, 2012

2/3 Heather Musser, Laurie Atkinson
P-K Gayla Keller, K.T.

November 25, 2012

2/3 Casey Waterston, Abby Smith
P-K Wendy WardMeaza Zemech

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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Elders

Steve Dasher	Wayne Doran
Bill Kincaid	Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel	Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez	Jose Arevalo
Matt Bensusky	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 11, 2012

Bible Study	237
Morning Assembly	318
Evening Assembly	NO SERVICE
Contribution	\$10,390
YTD Average	\$11,875
Budget Goal	\$11,764

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Classes & Online	81
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Worship Today, November 18, 2012

Hymn #410	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>
Hymn #63	<i>I Will Call upon the Lord</i>
Prayer	Jim Lane
Hymn #867	<i>To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way</i>
Hymn #180	<i>Jesus Is Lord</i>
Communion/Collection	Bill Kincaid
Bible Reading (<i>Galatians 5:1-6, 13-15</i>)	Gary Allmond
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Hymn #484	<i>You Are My All in All</i>
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #613	<i>Hold to God's Unchanging Hand</i>
Announcements	Oliver McDaniel
Introduction of Visitors	John Reagan
Prayer	John Reagan
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Song Leader	Clayton Tune
Ushers	Jose Arevalo, Matt Bensusky

The Harvest Festival will take place during the Evening Assembly

November servers: Jun Amores, Tre Berry, Brandon Durant, Grant Smith, Robert Spiess & Hal Swetnam

Wednesday, November 21

**Thanksgiving Devotional
Prayer - Various People
Song Leading - Bill Kincaid**