

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

How is your daily Bible reading coming?

We're almost through, and I hope you have enjoyed the journey. We're planning a small gathering to take place in January for everyone who has read the Bible through, or who has read

every day. More information to come soon.

For the past two years, I have been writing something about one chapter in each day's daily Bible reading. In 2011 I wrote about the first chapter each day. In 2012 I took the second chapter in each day's reading. All of these are available at our website. Next year, we'll tackle the third chapter. That will leave 104 chapters for 2014. In the end, you will be able to access commentary on every chapter of the Bible through our website, as well as detailed introductions to every book.

You can help me make this project better. As you read through the Bible next year, if you have a question about something you are reading, send it to me. It has to be a written question. I will send you an answer, but will also work to include it in the commentary for the website.

Didn't get through the Bible this year? It's ok. 2013 is another chance. We will read through the Bible the same way we did this year – chronologically.

Don't forget: Among the new Sunday morning classes being offered beginning January 6 is a discussion class for men entitled "Simple Church." We'll be reading and discussing a book by that same name authored by Thom Ranier and Eric Geiger. If you want to attend this class, you should do two things: (1) Sign up for the class either by sending me an email

([MikeTune@MikeTune.com](mailto:MikeTune@MikeTune.com)) or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. (2) Buy the book. You must register by December 29.

On **December 30** (I had the wrong date last week) I will send all the enrollees the first class handout based on chapter one of the reading. Prepare to discuss the subject matter by preparing your answers to the questions. We begin in earnest January 6.

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!  
Love you all.  
Mike



## Confession of a MarshWiggle

Toward the end of C.S. Lewis' The Silver Chair we find the heroes (Eustace Scrubb, Jill Pole and Pubbleglum, the marsh-wiggle) trapped in the Underland. They are

under the spell of the Lady of the Green Kirtle who is the queen of the Underland. They have been sent under Narnia by Aslan to rescue Prince Rilian. Rilian is the rightful heir to the throne of Narnia who had been kidnapped by the evil Queen of the Underland years before. The spell that is enchanting Eustace, Jill and Pubbleglum confuses their minds and they begin to forget that Narnia and the Overland are real. The Queen is trying to convince them that there is no Narnia and there is no Aslan. Pubbleglum proclaims one of the greatest confessions of faith in the Chronicles of Narnia.

"Suppose we have only dreamed, or made up, all those things-trees and grass and sun and moon and stars and Aslan himself. Suppose we have. Then all I can say is that, in that case, the made-up things seem a good deal more important than the real ones.....We're just babies making up a game, if you're right. But four babies playing a game, if you're right. But four babies playing a game can make a play-world, which licks your real world hollow. That's why I'm going to stand by the play world. I'm on Aslan's side even if there isn't any Aslan to lead it. I'm going to live like a Narnian even if there isn't any Narnia." (SC pg. 159)

The world we live in tries to enchant us. The messages that are all around us try to convince us that there is no Kingdom of Heaven and that there is no God. We know there is a God and that the Kingdom of Heaven is real. Pubbleglum's confession is our confession.

"I am going to live as a citizen of Heaven and I am going to stand on God's side no matter what the world says!"

GRACE + PEACE  
*John Bl*

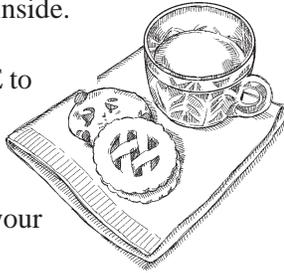
# Christmas Events Coming Up

## Prayer Sister Reveal Tea Set for Today

All **Prayer Sisters** are invited to a **Cookie and Reveal Tea** on Sunday December 16, 4 to 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a small Christmas gift (not over \$5 value; may be homemade) for your Prayer Sister. Clearly put your Prayer Sister's name on the outside of the gift, and your name on the inside.

Cookies and drinks will be provided (but if you just LOVE to bake you may bring your own cookies to share). Enjoy face-to-face conversation and encouragement as you reveal your identity!



NOTE: If you cannot attend, please contact Monica Tune (tomitune@cox.net or 703-204-0956) and give her your gift for your Prayer Sister so she can deliver it at the tea.

## Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins Set for December 23

The Annual **Christmas Caroling** to Shut-Ins will be held Sunday December 23, from 2 to 4 pm. The more singers we get, the more people whom we can visit.

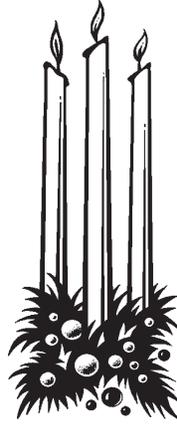
See **Bill or Mary Ann Kincaid** for further details. Music will be provided.



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.

## Annual Rainbow "Christmas Card" Collection Ends Today

Today is the deadline for the collection for the annual **Falls Church/Rainbow Christian Services Greeting Card**.



The "Card" will be published in the December 23 issue of *Family Life*. Collectors are **Sally Dasher** and **Lynda Eubank**. Cash is acceptable, while checks should be made out to Rainbow Christian Services.

Greeting cards have become an integral part of holiday celebrations, as we let our friends, old and new, know we're thinking of them. Here at Falls Church, we send those greetings, while also directing those

funds to a worthy cause. **Rainbow Christian Services** is a Church of Christ organization which provides counseling to families in distress.



The total contribution from "Orphans Sunday" on Nov. 11 was \$2,373, according to **Jim Lane**, Chairman of the Elders for this quarter. The funds will go to the **Orphans Lifeline of Hope**, which helps support 20,000 children around the world, children who have no family to care for them.

The Special Collection for Hurricane Sandy Victim Relief Extends Through Today - Make out checks to Falls Church but designate "For Disaster Relief."

Give your check to any of the Elders.



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## Senior Saints Holiday Gatherine Is Big Success

The **Senior Saints Holiday Gathering** on Dec. 6 was a great success, according to **Jim Shoenhard**, in charge of the Seniors Ministry. Over 40 seniors came for lunch and an entertainment program provided by the Madrigals, an a capella singing group from Washington-Lee High School of Arlington. Falls Church member Andrew McDaniel was a member of this special group. Below are photos of the event.



(Above) There was a packed house for this event.

(At right) The Washington-Lee High School Madrigals with their Director Ms. Theresa Severin



(Above) Jim Shoenhard (center) with Hostesses Billie Bohannon, Agnes Jones, Jewell Smiley, Lynn Johanson & Marilyn McDermett; not shown - Barry Smith  
(Photos by Jim Shoenhard)







## 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

### December 16, 2012

#### Morning

A. Venkatesan  
M. Zemech

#### Evening

Sylvia Sartori

### December 23, 2012

#### Morning

Levenie Hughes  
Erica W-Chenevert

#### Evening

Levenie Hughes

## Children's Worship

### December 16, 2012

2/3 C. Waterston, L. Atkinson  
P-K Misty Marshall, K. T.

### December 23, 2012

2/3 A. Venkatesan, Anna Souza  
P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

## Worship Today, December 16, 2012

Hymn #226

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymn #781

*Thank You, Lord!*

Hymn #705

*A Common Love*

Prayer

Jonah Shumate

Hymn #589

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arm*

Hymn #745

*Humble Yourself*

Communion/Collection

Jeff Malcolm

Bible Reading (*Galatians 5:16-25*)

Mark Dawson

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

Hymn #853

*When We All Get to Heaven*

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #480

*Blessed Assurance*

Announcements

Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors

Mark Shannon

Prayer

Mark Shannon



Song Leader

Clayton Tune

Ushers

Joshua McKay, Habtu Zemech

Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening.  
Caleb Mayfield & Lee Cassetty will lead prayers.

December servers: Matt Benskys,  
Brian Collins, Frank Estes, Richard Gunselman,  
Cornel Pendergrass & Ken Smith.

## 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

### Contact Information

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### Elders

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

### Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo  
Matt Benskys 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, December 9, 2012

Bible Study 208  
Morning Assembly 345  
Evening Assembly 137  
Contribution \$15,735  
YTD Average \$12,119  
Budget Goal \$11,764

### Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Classes & Online 82

**Wednesday, December 19**  
**Prayer - Cornel Pendergrass**  
**Song Leading - Clayton Tune**