

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. . . Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:8ff).*

It's an exciting text recounting an exciting time: angels heralding the dawn of God's arrival, the much anticipated fulfillment of promised peace on earth.

You can imagine then the bewilderment and disappointment that must have been taken over when, not long afterward, a wicked king put to death all the little boys two years old and under in the hamlet of Bethlehem.

What happened to God's peace and good will?

The coming of Jesus, in and of itself, did not change the world. It only made change possible. Change, good change, peace and hope filled change, divine change, comes only to and when people follow Jesus, placing their trust in Him alone.

Of course, even among Christ's followers, hope and peace is shattered from time to time. It reminds us that not everyone has embraced the Lord, not everyone knows the Lord, and the work Christ has given us to that end continues with more obvious importance and urgency.

It also serves to remind us that this world is not home. The city where righteousness dwells and peace reigns supreme will never be here. But that city does exist, and our life's mission is to ready for it and go there.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and I hope to see you all Wednesday evening, January 2, as we begin our year with a study of the book of Daniel

Love you all.

Mike



If anyone questioned the existence of evil or the brokenness of humanity, I hope the events in Newtown, Connecticut, put those questions to rest.

Broken hearted I listened to the news describe a terrible event that should not have happened. I saw pictures of teachers, administrators, police officers and firefighters doing their best to help young students get to safety and reunite with their parents. I have also been listening as family after family says good bye to their young child who was taken away from them.

While not directly affected it has left me in a fog.

I have been praying for these families since Friday.

Following events like this many people ask "Where was God?" My answer is simple: He is there. God is present when a teacher guides frightened students to safety. God is present when a police officer is willing to face danger to rescue the weak. God is present when the paramedic treats the wounded. God is present when one young student comforts another. God is present.

The deeper question is not "Where was God?" during something terrible but "Where is God everyday?" Each and everyday we have the opportunity to bring God's presence to those around us. When a lonely neighbor wants to talk you can be the presence of God by talking with him. If a co-worker needs help moving you can be the presence of God by helping out. If a friend has had a bad breakup you can be the presence of God by comforting them.

I challenge each of us as followers of Jesus, whether you are an adult at work or a student in school.

I challenge us to take the time to be the positive presence of God in the lives of those around us.

GRACE + PEACE  
AHL

## Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins Set for Today

The Annual **Christmas Caroling** to Shut-Ins will be held today December 23, from 2 to 4 pm.

See **Bill or Mary Ann Kincaid** for directions. Music will be provided at the locations.



**Attention to the Children in the Daily Bible Reading Club. Sunday, January 6, will be Recognition Sunday. Be sure to see Mrs. Monica Tune that morning to let her know that you finished your readings for the year!**

### Housing Needed

A member of the church from Tennessee is seeking temporary housing while serving an internship in the District during the spring. If you have or know of a room, please contact the church office.

The family at Falls Church contributed \$7,270 to Disaster Relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. **THANK YOU!**



## Area-Wide Sing Set for Dec. 29 at the Laurel Congregation

The **Laurel Church of Christ** invites all area Christians to an **Area-Wide Sing** on Dec. 29 at 7 pm. This will be a special time of worship, praise and giving thanks for all of our many blessings.

The event will be held at the building located at 7111 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707 (301-490-0777).



## Wednesday Nite Out (WNO) Resumes Jan.16; Still Needs Helping Hands

**Monica Tune**, director/chef/organizer/whatever of the **Wednesday Nite Out (WNO)** program extends a **BIG THANK YOU** and a round of applause to all of you who made the program operate smoothly for the last few months. You added your name to the sign-up sheets or you emailed her or you signed up online. But regardless of your technique, it helped her & co-worker **Yvonne May** know who was coming to dinner!



After a Christmas break, WNO will resume on January 16, and a new supply of sign-up sheets will be available.

In addition, Monica notes that several people have volunteered to help her and Yvonne, and those people work just one night a month. Another volunteer or two would just assure that the third person system will work just as smoothly as the sign-up system. Just let Monica know you'd like to help!

**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.**

## Announcement: 2013 Weekly Prayer Campaign

Because of the deep faith that this congregation has in God; because of the history of this congregation to step out in faith; and because this congregation has been blessed with continued growth; the elders want to provide the church a focused opportunity to ask for God's favor to strengthen and maintain our unity as we grow in number and in love for one another, as well as in service to the community around us and to the world at large.

Therefore, beginning in January 2013, we are establishing a weekly, congregational prayer request. As a church, we will offer up a specific request in prayer each week and we ask that each member pray about that request for the entire week. This means that we will have four to five different items to pray about within a month.

We believe that as a result of our putting our trust in the Lord as we ask for His help, this congregation will be able to accomplish God's will for us in Falls Church, VA and that our light will shine and His name will be glorified in His church.

We thank you in confidence that you will do even more than we ask of you.

*The Elders*

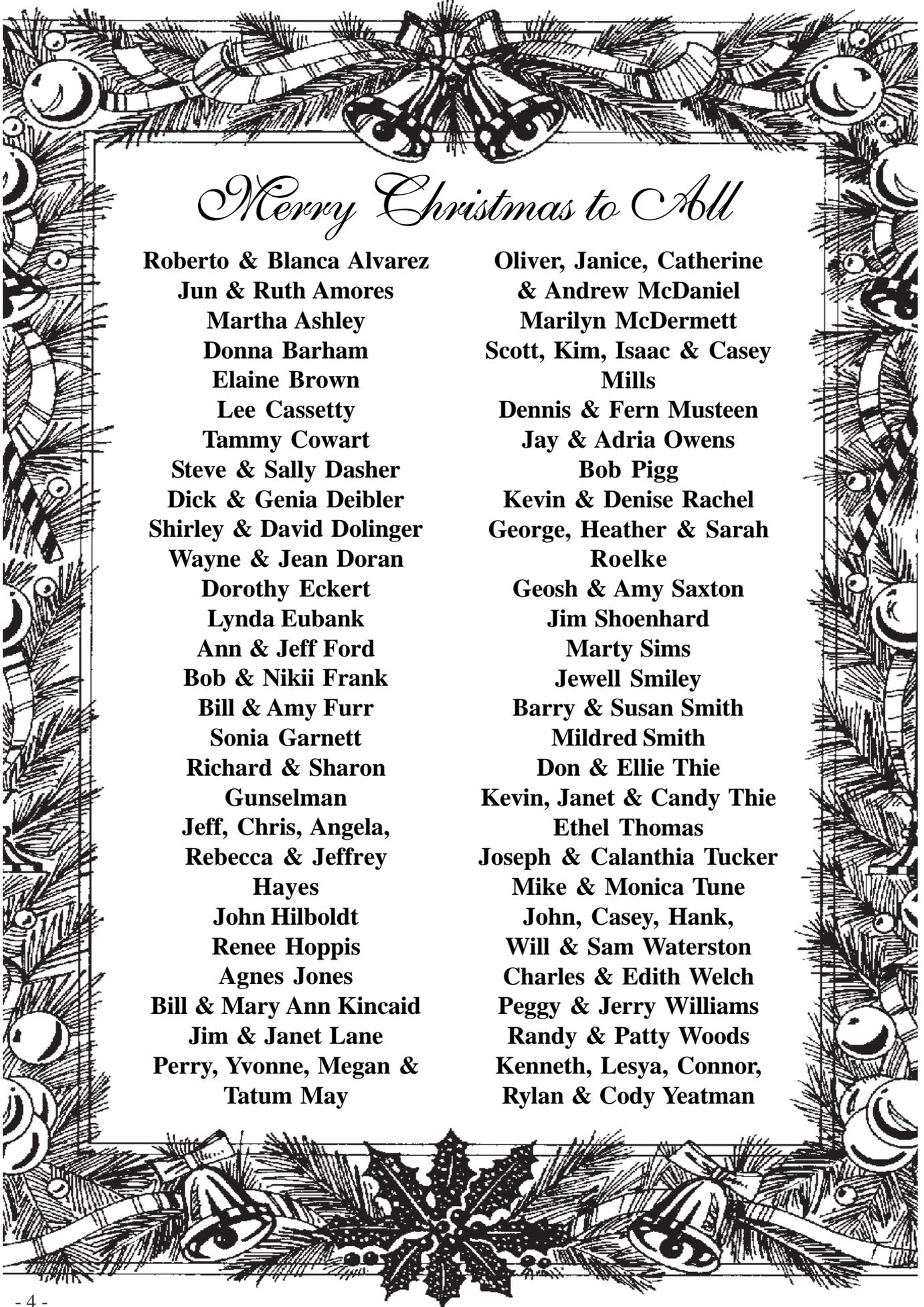
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## 2013 Winter Schedule of Adult Classes Is Announced; Some Schedules Changes Due to Holidays

NOTE: Wednesday December 26 is likely to be a song service.  
Sunday December 30 will be a combined adult class in the Fellowship hall.

| Topic   | Class/Age Group | Teacher         | Room        |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>Wednesday Class - Starts January 2</b>   |                 |                 |             |
| <b>The Story of Daniel</b>  | All Adults      | Mike Tune       | FH          |
| The story of Daniel makes thrilling reading for children, but its message is a serious one for adults. Come join us Wednesday evenings as we study this great book.   |                 |                 |             |
| <b>Sunday Classes - Start January 6</b>   |                 |                 |             |
| <b>"The Word in the Fourth Gospel"</b>  | All Adults      | The Elders      | FH          |
| Learn why this gospel was written specifically so that we "might believe" (20:31).  |                 |                 |             |
| <b>"Simple Church"</b>  | Men             | Mike Tune       | 120/Library |
| We will study God's vision for His people. Prospective students should sign up by December 30 and secure a copy of the text, Simple Church by Thom Ranier and Eric Geiger. Read the first chapter before class January 6. |                 |                 |             |
| <b>"Sermon on the Mount"</b>  | Women           | Kathy Koczanski | 123         |
| This will be a discussion class covering the Sermon on the Mount.   |                 |                 |             |



*Merry Christmas to All*

**Roberto & Blanca Alvarez**

**Jun & Ruth Amores**

**Martha Ashley**

**Donna Barham**

**Elaine Brown**

**Lee Cassetty**

**Tammy Cowart**

**Steve & Sally Dasher**

**Dick & Genia Deibler**

**Shirley & David Dolinger**

**Wayne & Jean Doran**

**Dorothy Eckert**

**Lynda Eubank**

**Ann & Jeff Ford**

**Bob & Nikii Frank**

**Bill & Amy Furr**

**Sonia Garnett**

**Richard & Sharon**

**Gunselman**

**Jeff, Chris, Angela,**

**Rebecca & Jeffrey**

**Hayes**

**John Hilboldt**

**Renee Hoppis**

**Agnes Jones**

**Bill & Mary Ann Kincaid**

**Jim & Janet Lane**

**Perry, Yvonne, Megan &**

**Tatum May**

**Oliver, Janice, Catherine**

**& Andrew McDaniel**

**Marilyn McDermett**

**Scott, Kim, Isaac & Casey**

**Mills**

**Dennis & Fern Musteen**

**Jay & Adria Owens**

**Bob Pigg**

**Kevin & Denise Rachel**

**George, Heather & Sarah**

**Roelke**

**Geosh & Amy Saxton**

**Jim Shoenhard**

**Marty Sims**

**Jewell Smiley**

**Barry & Susan Smith**

**Mildred Smith**

**Don & Ellie Thie**

**Kevin, Janet & Candy Thie**

**Ethel Thomas**

**Joseph & Calanthia Tucker**

**Mike & Monica Tune**

**John, Casey, Hank,**

**Will & Sam Waterston**

**Charles & Edith Welch**

**Peggy & Jerry Williams**

**Randy & Patty Woods**

**Kenneth, Lesya, Connor,**

**Rylan & Cody Yeatman**



## 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

Leah Durant

Erica W-Chenevert

#### Evening

Levenie Hughes

### December 30, 2012

#### Morning

Levenie Hughes

Fern Musteen

#### Evening

Levenie Hughes

## Children's Worship

### December 23, 2012

2/3 Gayla Keller, Jackie Arevalo

P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

### December 30, 2012

2/3 Aketa Simmons, TBA

P-K Misty Marshall, Denise Haukkala

## 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

Bill Kincaid

Oliver McDaniel

Wayne Doran

Jim Lane

Joseph Tucker

### Deacons

Roberto Alvarez

Matt Bensusky

Ignacio Espinoza

Joshua McKay

Saul Reyes

John Waterston

Jose Arevalo

Ben Bohannon

Perry May

Scott Mills

Kevin Thie

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 16, 2012

Bible Study 198

Morning Assembly 336

Evening Assembly 135

Contribution \$12,481

YTD Average \$12,126

Budget Goal \$11,764

### Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Classes & Online 79

## Worship Today, December 23, 2012

Hymn #1001

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn #998

*What Child Is This?*

Prayer

Hal Swetnam

Hymn #288

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Communion/Collection

Joshua McKay

Hymn #997

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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

Bible Reading (Galatians 6:1-10)

Gordon Rampy

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #1028

*O Holy Night*

Announcements

Jim Lane

Introduction of Visitors

Dave Miller

Prayer

Dave Miller



Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Joshua McKay, Habtu Zemech

Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening.

Geosh Saxton & Kevin Thie will lead prayers.

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

**Wednesday, December 26**

**Prayer - Ken Yeatman**

**Song Leading - Bill Kincaid**