

Family Life

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Well Rounded Faith - Discipleship



As we all know it is very important to eat. Our culture believes we should all have 3 meals a day along with a snack or two in between. Doing the math leads me to estimate we typically eat 1825 times a year to keep our bodies alive. We are very familiar with physical hunger and how to handle that.

On the other hand many don't really pay attention to their spiritual hunger. This leads me to another number "156." If you show up every time we as a church have one of our three weekly meetings in a year you will attend 156 times.

If these meetings are the only time you pay attention to your spiritual hunger you will starve to death. Your faith will not have the spiritual nutrients it needs to be a well rounded faith.

How do we keep ourselves spiritually fed?

First we live out our faith everyday. Faith is not just something done on Sundays or the occasional Wednesday. Faith is something that changes and forms our lives in new and exciting ways. Faith lived out everyday will be healthy.

It is important that we develop spiritual disciplines or habits to focus us on our everyday faith. We need to set aside time for prayer, bible study and meditation. We need to find a place or a ministry in our church body in which to be involved. We also need to find ways to minister to those we encounter in our everyday life.

Finally a teachable attitude is needed. We need to be open to the new things we learn as we practice our spiritual disciplines and live out our everyday faith. If we live closed lives thinking we know everything, we start to suffer from the same problem the Pharisees had we meet in the New Testament.

By adding these three ideas to our lives we will be feeding our faith everyday.



GRACE + PEACE
John B. J.

Vacation Bible School is coming up Friday, August 9, from 6:15 to 8:30 pm, with dinner at 5:15 pm. It will conclude on Saturday, August 10, from 9 am to 12:15 pm, with a pancake breakfast at 8 am.

The **Congregational Prayer Request from our Elders** for the weeks of July 28 and August 4 is:
"Pray for the success of the Vacation Bible School."

May all of us contribute to that success through our service as well as our prayers.

Newly Married Kevin and Deanna [Meredith] Amores to be Honored at Reception/Money Tree Shower August 18 at 4 pm

The entire congregation is invited to a special celebration in honor of newlyweds **Kevin and Deanna Amores**. The event is planned for August 18 at 4 pm in the fellowship hall.

Kevin, the son of **Jun and Ruth Amores**, has grown up in this congregation along with his sisters Kristine Spraker and Karen Beck and their families.

Deanna, originally from Houston, is part of a mission team in Concepción, Chile, and this congregation is the primary support for her work.

They met here, and now as they begin their new life together, they will be joined not just in matrimony but also in mission work. After their visit here, they will leave for the mission field later that week. And we thank the Lord that this congregation is in a position to provide primary support for both of them.

Since the wedding was held in Deanna's home congregation, most of us weren't privileged to attend. But now we will have the privilege of "shower-

ing" them with all the love and blessings we can bestow. Making this even more special, we will send them forward into the mission field with our prayers.

Normally, we would host a wedding shower of gifts of all the household items necessary in starting a home. However, that simply won't work in this case, since they can't ship things to Concepción.

But we can provide them with much needed funds - for their work and living expenses.

There are two ways to contribute.

First, you may give cash to **Jackie Arevalo, Martha Ashley or Amanda Venkatesan**.

Second, you may contribute to their mission work by check. **Make out your check to "Church of Christ" in Falls Church, but add, on the memo line, "Chile Mission Fund."**

The hostesses for this event are **Jackie Arevalo, Elaine Brown, Lisa,**

Ashley & Sarah Byrd, Jenna Mayfield, Marilyn McDermott and Adria Owens

*For this reason a man will
leave his father and mother*



*and be united to his wife,
and they will become one flesh.*

Genesis 2:24

School Supplies Collection for Bailey's Elementary Starts Next Sunday, July 21

The 3rd annual **School Supplies Collection** in support of **Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences**, is underway, to conclude on Sunday, Aug. 18, according to **Wayne Doran**, Elder contact for the CARE Committee. The supplies will be delivered to the school on Aug. 19.

The collections are part of the committee's community outreach, and is making this congregation known for its generosity and concern.

Bailey's Elementary School is slightly over a half mile from this congregation. It has about 1,300 students, although 64% qualify for the free/reduced lunch program. With 754 children, the group in grades K-2 has the greatest need this year.

To purchase supplies, **please take a list that you can find in our lobby**. The list is organized by grade and you are urged to purchase those items. Also, it lists brand

names for easy identification, but generic and store brands are completely acceptable. You also may consult the list on the county school website, at <http://www.fcps.edu/Bailey-sES/forparents.html>.



The committee also accepts cash to purchase supplies. Once the list has been completed, any excess funds will be given to the school to be used as needed. Cash or *checks made out to Falls Church* may be given to **Wayne or Jean Doran**.

Refillable water bottles are required for all students for the first time for the 2013-2014 school year. You may contribute such bottles, along with ear buds also required this year.

Backpacks are important also. While another organization will provide them for the beginning of the year, you may consider contributing additional backpacks to have on hand for new or transfer students.

Less Than Two Weeks Left Before Vacation Bible School; It's Time to Transform the Falls Church Building

It is less than 2 weeks until VBS! This year's theme is **God's Backyard Bible Camp** where kids have a Blast Serving Jesus! This year's directors are **Kelly Shumate & Jenna Mayfield!**

We have lots of fun things planned including lessons, games, crafts/service projects, and food.

Now is the time for parents to register their kids, from 6 months to 6th grade. You can do this online through the church website, www.fallschurchcoc.org, or by picking up a paper form in the lobby.

Adults, this isn't just for children this year! We hope all of you will make plans to attend as well and enjoy the fellowship and classes offered. **Josh Byrd, Brandon Durant** and **Jonah Shumate** will lead the adult classes and there will also be time for fellowship (including snacks).

Everyone - don't forget we will have dinner Friday night - hot dogs - and breakfast Saturday morning - pancakes, bacon or sausage, eggs.

There is no charge for these meals, **BUT PLEASE SIGN UP SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO HAVE!!!** Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board or on the VBS table in the lobby.

The theme this year involves service - and the adults in this congregation can help by setting a good example. We need your help with set up and clean-up/putting away.

Also, we're looking for some props/decorations to use. If you have any of the items listed below, or have a question about something on this list, please see Kelly or Jonah Shumate.

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| Adirondack chairs | Fire Pit |
| Small Tent | Birdhouse |
| Fake Owl | Fake squirrels or other |
| Beach Towels | small animals |
| Soft Playground Ball | Volleyball Net |
| Rope | |
| Large plastic dinner plates with a lip | |

Vacation Bible School is not far away. Once again, we are inviting to VBS all our neighbors within a mile of our building. We need your help addressing postcards inviting them. If you can help, let's meet Sunday afternoon at 5 pm. Many hands make light work. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Mike Tune if you have questions.

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.

Space Still Available Through Aug. 18 for Congregational Retreat Sept. 20-22

It is still possible to register for the **Congregational Retreat**, Sept. 20-22, but only through August 18, according to event planners **Brian or Melissa Collins or Ken or Lesya Yeatman**.

Please contact any of them for registration forms or further information.

The retreat is scheduled at the **Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center**. Space is available in the family, guy's and girl's cabins (just as nice as the lodges) and two tent sites. The center is located in Toano, VA, northwest of the area known as Colonial Williamsburg.

At right are some photos from the website. They include a cabin, a room, the dining area and a camp site.



Family Retreat



Teacher Appreciation Brunch Scheduled for September 15

Teachers—whether in our children's or adult classes—help lift us up and give us the confidence to be better Christians, putting on Christ every day.

That was apparent to me when Kim sent me a text message that while she and our children were waiting for an oil change today, Isaac asked another customer if she went to church. He told her, if she didn't, she was welcome to go with us.



Thanks,
Teachers!

It brought tears to my eyes to read that my son was so proud of his church family and

that he was not ashamed to declare his love for our Lord.

Teachers help make that happen every time they step into the classroom.

John Waterston and I invite all of our teachers to "save the date" of September 15 for the annual teacher appreciation Sunday, when we will honor all of our teachers at a brunch immediately following the morning worship service. The entire congregation is so grateful for your service to our Lord.

Thank you.

*Scott Mills, Deacon,
Pre-K & Elementary School,
Education Ministry*

Children's Worship will be on summer break starting next Sunday, August 4, through the end of the month. It will resume on Sunday, Sept. 1, the Labor Day Weekend.

Many, many thanks go to **Gayla Keller** for her work in arranging the schedule which is, to say the least, "fluid." And many, many thanks to the volunteers who give their time & love to our children ages 2 through pre-school.

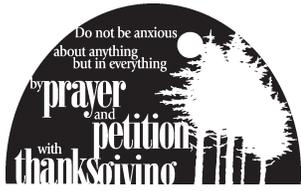
Children's Worship offer worship experience at a level that a young child can understand. There are two age groups, the "Tweenies," for ages 2 & 3, and the "Pre-K" for ages 4 until kindergarten. Children remain in the auditorium until the close of the Communion Service, and then are released to the Children's Program.

Volunteers are always welcome, and are provided a great deal of help. If you would like to become involved, contact Gayla.



August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Daniel 9-12 <i>Luz Delcid Roxie Weese</i>	2 Zephaniah 1-3	3 2 Kings 2-4 Ezekiel 1-3 <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
4 Ezekiel 4-7 <i>Agape Group 4 Neighbor Lunch, 11:45 am</i>	5 Ezekiel 8-10 <i>Joyce Grigsby Jonathan Hessling</i>	6 Ezekiel 11-13 <i>Wendy Loehrs</i>	7 Ezekiel 14-16	8 Ezekiel 17-19 <i>Kelly Shumate</i>	9 Ezekiel 20-22 <i>Ignacio Espinoza Vacation Bible School, 6:15-8 pm, dinner @ 5:15 pm</i>	10 Ezekiel 23-26 <i>Francis Chenevert Vacation Bible School, 9 am to 12:15 pm, breakfast @ 8 am</i> → <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
11 Ezekiel 27-30 <i>Mandy Scandlen 2nd Sunday Fellowship— Ice Cream Social after pm service Mission Cmte. to meet</i>	12 Ezekiel 31-33 <i>Ellen Horgan</i>	13 Ezekiel 34-36	14 Ezekiel 37-39 <i>Jose Berrios Kate Shumate</i>	15 Ezekiel 40-42 <i>Paige Gregory William Truitt Youth Ministry Zoo Trip, 9 am to 3 pm</i>	16 Ezekiel 43-45 <i>Alma Alvarez Marvin Garnett Casey Mills</i>	17 Ezekiel 46-48 <i>Oliver Arevalo Martha Ashley Habtu Zemech Youth Ministry: DC Fest, 3 pm, Patriot Center Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
18 2 Kings 2-5 Jeremiah 1-3 <i>Sandra Espinoza Amy Furr Adult Education Ministry Mtg., 11:45 am Amores Wedding Reception/Shower, 4 pm, FH School Supplies Collection Ends</i>	19 Jeremiah 4-6 <i>Tammy Cowart</i>	20 Jeremiah 7-9	21 Jeremiah 10-12 <i>Anna Souza</i>	22 Jeremiah 13-15 <i>Youth Ministry</i>	23 Jeremiah 16-18 <i>Tek Lim Chea Family Beach &</i>	24 Jeremiah 19-22 <i>Samuel Keller Bess Smith Camping Trip</i> → <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
25 Jeremiah 23-26	26 Jeremiah 27-29	27 Jeremiah 30-32 <i>Adrian Rodriguez</i>	28 Jeremiah 33-35 <i>Bob Frank Barbara Martin</i>	29 Jeremiah 36-39	30 Jeremiah 40-42 <i>Milton Argueta Nordeya Lockhart Rachael Tapper Sophia Zemech</i>	31 Jeremiah 43-46 <i>Gary Allmond Isaias Espinoza Jeffrey Hayes Abigail McKay Bert Rampy Ruby Scandlen Spanish Worship & Dinner, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>



Blanca Alvarez, Haldon Arnold,
Paul Bohannon, Tammy
Cowart, ValJean DeLong,
Winnie & Desiree Flint, Marcia
Fuentes, Larry Goodrich and
family, Frances Harris, Sandy

Continuing Concerns:

Johnson, Diana Kuhn, her sister Melinda Anderson &
nephew Jeff Kuhn, Joseph Marrero, Joshua McKay & sister
Rindy, Alma Milligan, Natalina & Jim Petty, Lee, Mariko
& Elena Price, Bess Smith, Ellie & Don Thie, Barbara
Thompson, Erica Walker-Chenevert, Roxie Weese, Ken
& Lesya Yeatman, and expectant Moms Adria Owens,
Heather Roelke & Mandy Scandlen.

Good News:

Prayer Requests:

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, Children's Worship is conducted in rooms 223 & 221. Children are dismissed following communion.

Recordings:

Recordings of sermons at Falls Church are available for no charge on our website after about four days. Recordings also are available in CD format for \$5 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

July 28, 2013

Morning

Joanne Carter
Agnes Jones

Evening

Levenie Hughes

August 4, 2013

Morning

Kristine Spraker
Sydney Spraker

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

July 28, 2013

2/3 A. Venkatesan, Joy Hayes

P-K Misty Marshall, Meaza Zemech

August 4, 2013

2/3 NO CHILDRENS WORSHIP

P-K THROUGH AUGUST

Worship Today, July 28, 2013

Hymn #193

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn #767

In the Hour of Trial

Prayer

Jeff Malcolm

Hymn #186

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Communion/Collection

Daniel Williams

Hymn #890

In the Land of Fadeless Day

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

Bible Reading (*Proverbs 16:1-6*)

Frank Estes

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #666

I Am Thine, O Lord

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors/Prayer

Brandon Durant

Song Leader

Joseph Tucker

Ushers

Ken Yeatman, Habtu Zemech



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

Caleb Mayfield & Jerry Williams will lead prayers.

July servers: Joe Bohannon, Brian Collins, John Reagan,
Clark Richardson, Hal Swetnam, Beni Venkatesan

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:30 am
Morning Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Assembly 6 pm

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class 10:15 am
(October through April)

Wednesday

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 Benschky Ben Bohannon
Brian Collins Brandon Durant
Ignacio Espinoza Perry May
Joshua McKay Scott Mills
John Reagan Saul Reyes
Wilfredo Reyes Hal Swetnam
Jonah Shumate 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
Kevin & Deanna Amores, Concepción,
Chile
Recardo & Monica Reyes, Cuemavaca, MX
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Torrington, CT

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, July 21, 2013

Bible Study 178
Morning Assembly 308
Evening Assembly 101
Contribution \$12,051
YTD Average \$12,250
Budget Goal \$12,587

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Classes & Online 93

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Prayer - Geosh Saxton
Song Leader - Bill Kincaid