

Family Life

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Well Rounded Faith - Ministry

In order for our faith to be healthy, it requires that we both feed our faith with discipleship and worship but also we need to exercise our faith with evangelism and service.

Our call is to serve or to minister as Jesus served.
(see Philippians 2.5-11)

First, we are humble - thinking of others and how we can help those around us. This doesn't mean that we become someone else's door mat or allow ourselves to be used by others. However, we don't think more highly of ourselves than we really are but rather we have a realistic view of ourselves. Our power isn't taken from us, but we give it as Jesus did.

Second, we are available. We are open to the needs of others, knowing that we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to truly help others. Being available also means we keep our eyes and ears open for how we can be helpful. We are to actively look for ways to serve.

Third, we honor God with our service. Through service we show love to those around us but we also show love to the LORD. Our service is more than simply helping people with physical or emotional needs. We also help with spiritual needs.

One final and important note about ministry. As followers of Jesus we are all called to ministry. Whether you are called to be a preacher, youth minister, elder, deacon or missionary, we are all called to ministry. It is important for us to find our ministry and I feel the best way to do that is to try our different ministries to see where you fit. Try volunteering to teach a Bible class. Try working in the kitchen during a fellowship meal. Try helping with any of our ministries and find your place. You may even start your own ministry.



GRACE + PEACE
John B. J.

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"

This Wednesday Night

This Wednesday evening we will continue our look at prayer. Our speaker will be **Clark Richardson**, addressing the topic: Why Prayer Is Important.

Bible Software Workshop

A workshop in BibleWorks Bible software will be held here on Monday, September 16, in our Fellowship Hall. Two sessions will be offered: An introductory session (8:30 – 11:30 am) and an intermediate session (1 – 4 pm). The cost is \$30 per session and is conducted by BibleWorks personnel. Because the class is limited to 40 participants, you must register ahead of time. Register online by going to <http://www.bibleworks.com/training/>.

All Members Included in Neighbor Invitation to Agape Group 4 Neighbor Luncheon Today After AM Assembly

Agape Group 4, River Town Mews under the direction of Caleb & Jenna Mayfield, will host a Neighbor Lunch today after the morning assembly.

And when they say “neighbor,” they mean it. They are inviting everyone in the congregation!

This will be a traditional potluck. Each family is requested to bring a main dish plus a side dish, a salad or a dessert.



Children’s Worship On Break Through August

Children’s Worship is on summer break from today through the end of August, to resume on Sunday, Sept. 1, the Labor Day Weekend. This special program affords a worship experience at a level a 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 Worship. Volunteers are always needed; just contact Gayla Keller, the director.

2nd Sunday Fellowship for August Is Annual Ice Cream Social, August 11

One of our favorite fellowship events of the year is our annual Ice Cream Social, the 2nd Sunday Fellowship Event for August, coming up next Sunday, August 11, after the evening worship service.

This is the grand opportunity to dig out that ice cream maker and churn up chocolate, strawberry, banana, vanilla, orange sherbert, or whatever flavor you like. Make it Sunday afternoon and bring it just before the service. Please label it clearly, and come back to the fellowship hall to dip it out for others.

In case you feel this ignores people who can’t or shouldn’t eat a lot of sugar, usually there is a selection of sugar-free flavors just waiting for your palate!

If you do not have an ice cream maker, then you may bring all the sweet concoctions to be piled high atop your ice cream creation. This comes under the heading of “fixings, to include, but by no means is limited to, strawberries, blueberries, peaches; chocolate, hot fudge, caramel, butterscotch or strawberry syrup; toppings like nuts, sprinkles or chocolate chips; whipped cream. Last but not least, you may bring cookies (as if the ice cream isn’t enough).



The Missions Committee will meet after the Ice Cream Social on Aug. 11.

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.

This is not a typical shower. Since they can’t ship

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, 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 they will be joined not just in matrimony but also in mission work. After their visit here, they will leave for the mission field in Chile later that week. And we thank the Lord that this

congregation is in a position to provide primary support for both of them.

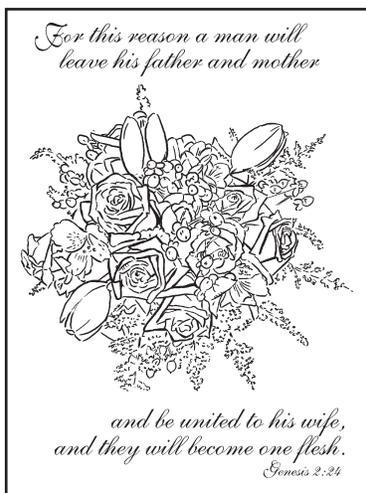
Normally, we would host a wedding shower, but they really can’t ship things to Concepción. So we will “shower” them with much needed funds - for their work and living expenses.

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 McDermett and Adria Owens**



School Supplies Collection for Bailey's Elementary Continues to August 18

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.

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/BaileysES/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 and ear buds are required for all students for the first time for the 2013-2014 school year. You may contribute those items.

Backpacks are important also. While another organization will provide them for the beginning of the year, you may consider contributing additional back-

packs to have on hand for new or transfer students.



Vacation Bible School Coming Up Next Friday & Saturday; There's Still Work to Be Done

Vacation Bible School is almost here! It starts next Friday, Aug. 9, and concludes on Saturday, Aug. 10.

The Friday session runs from 6:15 to 8:30 pm, and the Saturday session runs from 9 am to 12:15 pm.

A hot dog dinner will be held on Friday at 5:15 pm, and a pancake/bacon/egg breakfast will be held on Saturday at 8 am. **THIS IS FREE, BUT PLEASE SIGN UP SO THAT THE CHEF WILL KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO BUY.** You may also sign up for meals when you register online!

The theme is **God's Backyard Bible Camp** where kids have a Blast Serving Jesus! It is open to children from 6 months through 6th grade.

Adult classes will be offered this year as well. The teachers are **Josh Byrd, Brandon Durant & Jonah Shumate**. There also will be a time for fellowship, to include snacks.

This year's directors are **Kelly Shumate & Jenna Mayfield!**

Lots of fun things are planned, including lessons, games, crafts/service projects, and food.

Now is the time to register the children. You can do this online [church website is www.fallschurchcoc.org] or by using the paper forms in the lobby.

At God's Backyard Bible Camp, our children will be learning about **Service to Others** and we need your help for a few projects the kids will be working on. We request donations of the following items to use in care packages and backpacks the kids will be putting together for those in need. You can bring your items and leave them in the boxes setup by the VBS table in the lobby.

Ready made soups (ex. Campbell's Chunky

variety) with a pop top lid

Beef a roni with a pop top lid

Cup O' Noodles

Packages of Peanut Butter crackers

Individual size bottles of Gatorade

Individual size bottles of juice

Socks

Toothbrushes with travel size toothpaste

Individual packages of Goldfish crackers

Fruit snacks

Individual plastic cups of fruit

The **Men's Ministry** is helping with the meals this year. If you are a man, interested in helping cook and have not already let **Jonah Shumate** know that, please tell him today.

There are just a few props/decorations still needed. If you have any of the items below that we can borrow for decorations, we would appreciate it.

Fake birds

Small tents, such as a pup tent.



Youth Ministry Events Coming Up - Time to RSVP is NOW

The Youth Ministry is scheduled to attend
DC Fest on Saturday, August 17,
at the Patriot Center of George Mason University.
DON'T FORGET TO RSVP
in order to reserve YOUR ticket for this event!



The Youth Ministry also has scheduled its annual
Family Beach/Camping Trip for Aug. 22-24
at Cape Henlopen, near Lewes Beach, DE.
This is right on Delaware Bay.
Get in on the action and RSVP to Josh Byrd!

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 Colonial Williamsburg.



Family Retreat

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.

Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua

Pedro & Mireya Batres have served in the mission fields since 1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. His wife Mireya, a native of Nicaragua, holds a degree in social service. They worked in Nicaragua until moving to Guatemala in 1985, returning to Nicaragua in 2000. He is an evangelist in Managua, the capital city, and the surrounding areas, plus he is a popular guest speaker at special programs such as seminars, retreats and workshops. Mireya is a popular guest lecturer at women's events, especially pertaining to marriage and the family.



Dear brother Jose [Arevalo],

I am sending my fraternal regards to you, your family and to all the brotherhood in Falls Church Church of Christ.

We are here in Winter season and the Lord is sending a lot of rain to us in Central America. We had rain last Sunday morning but, in spite of it, a high number of Christians and children were together in Nueva Libia Church of Christ worshipping our Saviour. It is very common to have cloudy and cool air in these days and it will be so until the middle of November. Last night we had our prayer worship but there was too much rain at the same hour and our attendance was thin.

This local church is going ahead with several programs and we are preparing the details for our Gospel meeting October 23 to 26 with our brother Jose Uribe. It will be in the same week of our Latin American Leadership Encounter that we are working to organize.

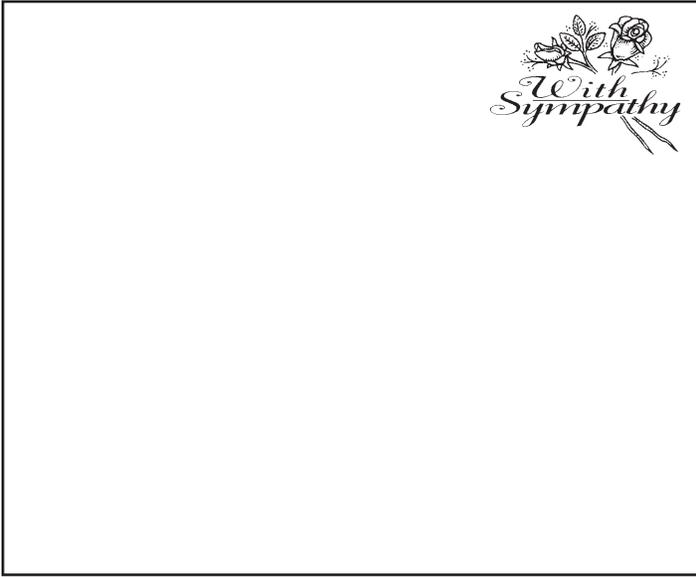
The construction of the local church in Nueva is still unfinished and nobody knows when it will be done. I am always involved with this church and, furthermore, I give my spiritual support to other local churches. Next Sunday, July 28, I will preach at night in a new local Church of Christ in barrio "Jonathan Gonzalez," located in the city of Managua. Also, our XIV Encounter of Nicaraguan preachers is near. It will be Sept. 14 at the local church in Nueva Libia. Our brother Elmer Pacheco from Silver Spring in Maryland, will be the speaker. Everything is ready for this activity.

Nueva Libia is still working to reach the goal of biblical leadership with elders and deacons and I will write you about it with more details in the coming reports. We will have a meeting with a group of Christian men on Friday, July 26, to talk about it.

Dear brother, it was a great pleasure for me to write you and I will do it again in the future. Please, give my sincerest greetings to the Family of God there in Falls Church.

Have a nice day,
Pedro Salvador Batres

Continuing Concerns:



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

August 4, 2013

Morning Kristine Spraker
Sydney Spraker
Evening Levenie Hughes

August 11, 2013

Morning Becky Bates
Jenna Mayfield
Evening Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

August 4, 2013

2/3 NO CHILDRENS WORSHIP
P-K THROUGH AUGUST

August 11 2013

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P-K THROUGH AUGUST

Worship Today, August 4, 2013

Hymn #689	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>
Hymn #478	<i>Nearer, Still Nearer</i>
Prayer	Joshua McKay
Hymn #454	<i>Rock of Ages</i>
Communion/Collection	John Hilboldt
Hymn #227	<i>On Zion's Glorious Summit</i>
<i>(Children's Worship is on summer break through August)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Proverbs 10:12; 17:9</i>)	Frank Estes
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #479	<i>Peace, Perfect Peace</i>
Announcements	Steve Dasher
Introduction of Visitors/Prayer	Peter Franco
Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Jose Arevalo, Matt Benskys



Marty Sims will lead singing this evening;

John Reagan & Mark Shannon will lead prayers.

August servers: Mark Dawson, Bill Furr, Calvin Lockhart,
Jeff Malcolm, Jay Truitt, Daniel Williams

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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Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

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Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
Matt Benskys 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
Habt 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 28, 2013

Bible Study 183
Morning Assembly 328
Evening Assembly 98 (SWA)
Contribution \$11,174
YTD Average \$12,214
Budget Goal \$12,587

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Classes & Online 72

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Prayer - John Reagan
Song Leader - Joseph Tucker