

Family Life

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Life Pollution



Deep into the mornings of last Saturday, Sunday and Monday the Perseid Meteor shower rained down in the night sky. In order to see this event well, you needed to be away from the lights of the city and have a clear sky. Fortunately for my family they were on the edge of the small California town of Porterville and had a good view. On the other hand I was here deep in suburbia and unable to see as well. The street lights, house lights, car lights and the general light pollution in our area makes it hard to see these night time events.

All the stuff going on in our lives also acts as pollution. This life pollution keeps us from seeing what is going on around us. We don't see the people in need around us. We don't see the sin we have fallen into. We miss the work of the LORD in our lives. We forget to spend time in prayer, meditation, fellowship or reading the Bible because of the pollution or distraction in our lives.

This passage in Hebrews come to mind when I think about distractions: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." - Hebrews 12.1-3 (NIV)

Just as the lights keep us from seeing the Perseid meteor shower, so the sin or pollution in our lives keep us from focusing our eyes on Jesus. Our challenge is to get out away from the lights, to throw off everything that hinders us. Run after Jesus and find the same kind of joy He did.

GRACE + PEACE
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Vacation Bible School Memories

Vacation Bible School for 2013 is now behind us, but let's hope that the exuberance and joy continue. We offer our deepest thanks to **Kelly Shumate and Jenna Mayfield** for their talents, their enthusiasm and their hard work as directors for this year's extravaganza.

But there are many, many people who worked together to make this event happen. Below and on p. 4 are photos of the children, the teachers, the helpers, the cooks, the artists, the construction experts. Unfortunately, there isn't a photo of our photographer, **Jessica Hullet**.
BIG THANKS to all of you!!!!



Today is the Last Chance to Register for Congregational Retreat Sept. 20-22; Order Official T-Shirt by Sept. 1

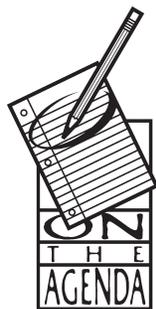
It is still possible to register for the **Congregational Retreat**, scheduled for Sept. 20-22, but TODAY is absolutely your last chance, according to event planners **Brian or Melissa Collins or Ken or Lesya Yeatman**.

Please contact any of them for registration forms or further information. **ACT NOW!**

For all of you who ARE registered, order your official **Family Matters Retreat t-shirt** [see shirt at right] by Sept. 1. See **Hal**

Swetnam for more information.

The retreat will be held at the **Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center located in Toano, VA, near Colonial Williamsburg**. Space is available in the family, guy's and girl's cabins (just as nice as the lodges) and two tent sites.



The **Adult Education Ministry** will meet today, August 18, from about 11:45 am to 1 pm, in the Elders Conference Room/Library, R. 120. The major agenda item will be the schedule of adult Bible classes for the fall quarter plus plans for subsequent quarters. Lunch will be provided. Consult John Waterston for questions or suggestions for classes.

Youth & Family Events

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

◆ The **Kids for Christ** will have an **End of Summer Party** at the home of **Joshua and Alison McKay** on Saturday, Aug. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs will be available, but side dishes and desserts are needed also. **RSVP to Josh Byrd**.



Kevin and Deanna Amores to be Honored at Reception Today at 4 pm

The entire congregation is invited to a special celebration to honor newlyweds **Kevin and Deanna Amores**, and also to pray for their upcoming mission work, for safe travel and for the success of their work. The event is planned for today 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, 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 are joined not just in matrimony but also in mission work. Next week they will leave for their work in

Chile. And we thank the Lord that this congregation is in a

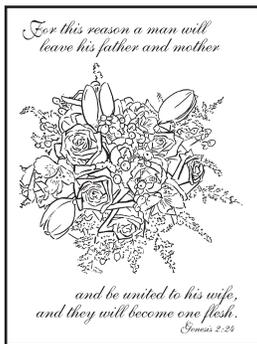
position to provide primary support for both of them.

This event won't be a typical wedding shower, since they simply can't ship everything to Chile. They request that all funds be deposited into their working fund account which they use for their financial needs and their mission work. Contributions of both cash and check are welcome and should be given to **Jackie Arevalo, Martha Ashley or Amanda Venkatesan**.

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 Concludes Today, Aug. 18

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

To purchase supplies, **please take a list that you can find in our lobby**. Or you may consult the list on the Fairfax County school website, at <http://www.fcps.edu/Bailey->

[sES/forparents.html](http://www.fcps.edu/Bailey-sES/forparents.html). Refillable water bottles and ear buds also are required for all students this year. And backpacks are welcome to have on reserve for new students.

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**.

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.

Agape Group 2 Plans Miniature Golf Outing

Agape Group 2 - Potomac Heights under the direction of Rachel & Richard Bowles - will have a miniature golf outing at Upton Hill Regional Park on **August 24**, weather permitting, from 6 to 8 pm.

The cost is \$6 per person but could be as low as \$3.50 per person if at least 10 people sign up. The park is located at 6060 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22205, up the hill from Bluemont Park where we hold our annual picnic.



Directory Updates

Employment Opportunity In Church Office

After over thirteen years as our church secretary, and now with two grand-children to visit, **Mary Ann Kincaid** would like to move to half-time status in our church office. We are going to need an additional person to also work half-time.

The successful candidate will need to be proficient with computers, including the use of the internet, word processing, publishing, and data entry. Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and an ability to learn new programs is essential. The candidate must possess good oral and written communication skills, be organized, and be able to work independently.

If you think you might be interested in this position, please see **Mike Tune** for more details and a complete job description and application.

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/>.

The Congregational Prayer Request from our Elders for the week of August 11 is: *Pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which he has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.*

Lessons About Service - Peter & John heal the man crippled since birth & showed Jesus' love and power by healing in his name (Melissa Collins); 4 friends break into a house and lower a friend to Jesus (Bill Kincaid; Joe Bohannon built the house); Kathy Bowden's Zacchaeus goes from tax collector to public servant; the Nile River where Moses's sister saved his life (Abby Smith & Clark Richardson)



The children who attended did more than just watch - they also served, using their craft time to prepare kits for other children as one student displays finished project (at left) working hard to decorate travel mugs for ALL the Elders, Deacons and Ministers (below left). They also had many adults like Heather Roelke (right) and Heather Jones (below right) setting a good example. The older youth who helped are friends who share the bond of service to God.



But of course, Vacation Bible School is FUN! From the enthusiastic workers to the men's ministry which cheerfully prepared AND served dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday (under the watchful eye of Jonah Shumate) to the dozens of people who escorted children among events, ran the games, prepared materials for the crafts, prepared and served snacks, took care of and fixed up puppets, designed and decorated the sets and halls, AND cleaned up after the event. Photos are Jenna Mayfield handling the puppet show (far right); outdoor games (at right and at left) such as a tug of war.



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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 18, 2013

Morning Marsha De La Cruz
Evening Levenie Hughes
 Wendy Ward

August 25, 2013

Morning Tek Chea
Evening Levenie Hughes
 K. T.

Children's Worship

August 18, 2013

2/3 NO CHILDRENS WORSHIP
 P-K THROUGH AUGUST

August 25, 2013

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Worship Today, August 18, 2013

Hymn #71	<i>As the Deer</i>
Hymn #134	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i>
Prayer	Ben Scandlen
Hymn #435	<i>Come into His Presence</i>
Hymn #830	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>
Communion/Collection	Curtis Madeley
Hymn #453	<i>Love Lifted Me</i>
<i>(Children's Worship is on summer break through August.)</i>	
Bible Reading (Acts 8:26-29)	Grant Smith
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #902	<i>Nothing But the Blood</i>
Announcements	Wayne Doran
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Brian Collins
Song Leader	John Waterston
Ushers	Jose Arevalo, Matt Benskys



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

Brandon Durant & Beni Venkatesan will lead the prayers.

August servers are: 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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 Bill Kincaid Jim Lane
 Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

Deacons

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
 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, August 11, 2013

Bible Study 197
 Morning Assembly 287
 Evening Assembly 170
 Contribution \$11,708
 YTD Average \$12,160
 Budget Goal \$12,587

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Classes & Online 103

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

Prayer - Habtu Zemech
Song Leader - Bill Kincaid