

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

We had a marvelous Vacation Bible School this year. Kelly Shumate and her team did a remarkable job of selecting material, and the creativity of their set-ups was just outstanding. The theme was "service," and I loved how our VBS

leaders got the kids interested in, thinking about, and excited about helping others.

It reminded me of an article I read a while back on Randy Harris.

Harris is a professor at Abilene Christian University. He is also the founder and leader of the Tau Chi Alpha fraternity (the letters TCA standing for "toughest Christians alive"). The fraternity's goal during their time at ACU is to live out Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. To that end they memorize the Sermon on the Mount and sign a covenant to live the basic principles of the teachings of Christ, like loving one's neighbor, practicing deep integrity, and maintaining sexual purity. They believe that life change comes by the grace of God, but it is not without a response of intentional work, "training in righteousness," toward goodness and love and learning the Word of God.

I love one of the exercises they engage in that has to do with service. At meals, members of the fraternity cannot serve themselves or ask to be served. "We watch and see if others need something, a drink or a plate of food, so we have to look around and notice people's needs and fill them for one another," Randy says.

I've thought about that a lot.

My mother taught me never to reach for food on the table, but rather to ask for what I wanted to be passed to me.

But wow!

How much better TCA's way! So, following the theme of our VBS program, why not try TCA's exercise for yourself? Don't ask to be served at the dinner table. Rather, be observant and ask if you can serve others! Remember, the goal is not to adopt a behavior for a while, but to cultivate the Christ life for a lifetime. Such cultivation is, in fact, what "Church" is all about.

Love you all.

Mike

Mike's column is back after a summer hiatus. Welcome back!



Youth Ministry's Family Beach Camping Trip

The week before last several families of our Youth Ministry (3rd - 12th grade) met for the annual family beach camping trip. Once again we traveled to Cape Henlopen State Park just south of Lewes, DE.

Spending three days enjoying all the park had to offer, we climbed a tower used during War World II. We explored the Great Dune. We wandered out into the bay at low tide. We spent nearly an entire day on the beach. There also were about 4 epic lightsaber battles!

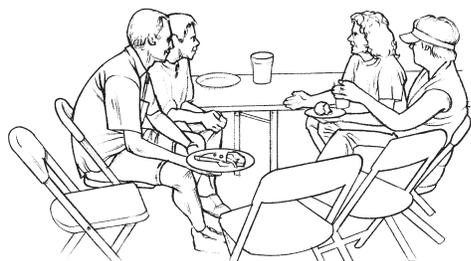
The weather was just right and our time of fellowship together was wonderful. It was so great to see everyone pitch in to make the trip so much successful, whether it was an evening devotional, cooking pancakes & bacon or helping with supper, hauling the trash to the dumpster or setting up or taking down tents.

I am really looking forward to the great time we will all have on our upcoming congregational retreat!

GRACE + PEACE
John B. L.



**2nd Sunday Fellowship Is Potluck Lunch, Sept. 8, After Morning Worship;
NO EVENING SERVICE**



Fellowship Meals

The **2nd Sunday Fellowship** for September is a Potluck Luncheon planned for Sept. 8 in the Fellowship Hall after the morning assembly.

It is our custom here at Falls Church that we dismiss for the day after the potluck meals. **ACCORDINGLY, THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE.**

This is a traditional meal, so each family is asked to bring the following:

1. A main dish to feed your family and more **AND** two (2) of the following:
2. A vegetable
3. A salad - leafy green, gelatin, pasta, or a fruit or veggie plate with or without dips
4. A dessert

Agape Groups 3 and 6 are the “duty groups” for this dinner event. Group 3 is Westfield Woods under Ann Ford and Martha Ashley, while Group 6 is Potomac Acres under Vickie Witt. If you don’t know your group, please consult the list on the member board in the lobby.

Ladies Bible Class Resumes Oct. 1

The **Ladies Bible Class** will begin a study of the Holy Spirit when the class resumes on Oct. 1 at the customary time of 10:15 am. They will use the book *Alive in the Spirit: A Study of the Nature and Work of the Holy Spirit* by Jimmie Jividen. Class members are encouraged to pick up a copy of the book from **Diana Kuhn** or **Lynda Eubank**.



Women’s Bible Study

All women are invited to attend, and babysitting will be provided for infants and pre-school children. In addition, all are invited to the potluck luncheon which will follow the class on opening day.



The Missions Committee will meet in R. 120 (library) after the fellowship dinner.



International Dinner

Save the date now for the **International Hometown Dinner** scheduled for Saturday October 26 in the Fellowship Hall.

And anyone who is interested in helping to orchestrate this cuisine concert is asked to attend a brief introductory meeting next Sunday, Sept. 8, after the fellowship dinner. Just go to R. 123 - the one with the comfy chairs!

Blonnie Thomas is the director for this dinner, but all help is greatly appreciated. Please call her at

The general idea is for all members to prepare one dish and one dessert from their respective hometowns - from Brownsville, TN, to Naples, Italy, to Guatemala City, Guatemala, to Odessa, TX. This congregation has some outstanding cooks, and this dinner will be a perfect opportunity to display those culinary accomplishments.



In honor of the national holiday, Labor Day, the church office will be closed tomorrow, September 2. Have a great day!

Order Official “Falls Church Congregational Retreat” T-Shirt No Later Than TODAY

If you are registered for the **Congregational Retreat** scheduled for Sept. 20-22, then make sure you order your official **Family Matters Retreat t-shirt** by today.

The shirt was designed by graphic artist **Hal Swetnam** who also is the point of contact for orders.

The retreat will be held at the **Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center** located in **Toano, VA, near Colonial Williamsburg.**



The Food Pantry needs the following:

- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti Sauce (jar or can; NOT pasta)
- Milk (liquid form, not powder, but in a box and does not require refrigeration)

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. **The last date for application is Sept. 15.**

Teachers To Be Honored With Appreciation Brunch on September 15

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



Teachers help share the love of the Lord with our children, with us or with friends and relatives for whom we are praying.

And they make that happen every time they step into the classroom.

John Waterston and I invite all of our teachers to “save the date” of Sept. 15 for the annual **Teacher Appreciation Sunday**, when we will honor all of our teachers at a “comfort food” brunch immediately following the morning worship service.

Please RSVP to

The entire congregation is so grateful for your service to our Lord.

Thank you.

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

Prayer Sisters Resumes This Fall

Prayer Sisters, a ministry of encouragement and sharing, is set to resume this fall. Open to all women of the congregation, the goal of the program is to help the women of Falls Church develop their relationship with God and also to support and share their love with sisters in Christ.



Drop by the Prayer Sisters table in the lobby to pick up the information sheet as well as the prayer sister personal information card. Complete your card and drop it into the specially marked box on Sept. 15 and 22 or anytime in advance of the drawing which will be held on Sept. 29.

The program is open to all, but participants are urged to consider their own time limitations. This is an important ministry, and it is important to follow through.

If you have any questions, talk to **Monica Tune** or **Diana Kuhn**.

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.

Meet Our Newest Members



Amazing Grace International (AGI) is a non-profit charity focused on education. Currently it has two areas of focus. One is teaching the Bible through Bible correspondence courses, advertised in the newspaper USA TODAY. The other is providing an education for poor children in Vietnam. Mike Tune has directed this effort for over two

decades. At right is a notice regarding the work of Bible correspondence courses.

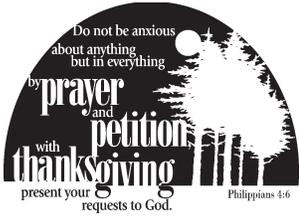
Amazing Grace International serves thousands of students across the United States through its Bible course by mail. As Diana Kuhn goes for surgery next week, we need volunteers to take her place mailing out the lessons.

This ministry includes packaging the Bible lessons to be sent, placing postage on them, and taking them to the post office. The nature of this particular job is that it must be done here at the building. If you can help, please see or call Mike Tune.

Thanks so much to Diana for all she has done. We look forward to her being back at this valuable ministry soon.

The Congregational Prayer Request from our Elders for the week of September 1 is:
Praises to God for the Spirit that He has given us that makes us sons and daughters of the only true God.

Continuing Concerns: (cont'd)



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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

September 1, 2013

Morning	Evening
Amy Saxton	Levenie Hughes
Lisa Swetnam	

September 8, 2013

Morning	Evening
Amanda Venkatesan	NO EVENING SERVICE
Meaza Zemech	

Children's Worship

September 1, 2013

2/3 Gayla Keller, Heather Musser
P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

September 8, 2013

2/3 Heather Musser, Anna Souza
P-K Jessi Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez

Worship Today, September 1, 2013

<i>Hymn #230</i>	<i>Worthy Art Thou</i>
<i>Hymn #288</i>	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>
Prayer	Hal Swetnam
<i>Hymn #359</i>	<i>I Love the Lord</i>
<i>Hymn #317</i>	<i>Here, O My Lord, I See Thee</i>
Communion/Collection	Kelvin Hatcher
<i>Hymn #308</i>	<i>Wonderful Love of Jesus</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship.)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Proverbs 10:18-21</i>)	Sam Gregory
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #429</i>	<i>Oh, to Be Like Thee</i>
Announcements	Oliver McDaniel
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Joshua McKay
Song Leader	Joseph Tucker
Ushers	Perry May, Habtu Zemech



Marty Sims will lead singing this evening;

Daniel Williams & Caleb Mayfield will lead the prayers.

September servers are: Chantha Chea, Peter Franco,
Dave Miller, Mark Shannon, Mark Ward, John Waterston

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
<i>(October through April)</i>	

Wednesday

7:15 pm

Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Elders

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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

Kevin & Deanna Amores, Concepción, Chile
Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI
Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua
Henry & Rosa Gutierrez, Nicaragua
Gene & Janice Luna, WBI/Guatemala
Recardo & Monica Reyes, Cuernavaca, MX
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Torrington, CT

Staff

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

Statistics

Sunday, August 25, 2013

Bible Study	191
Morning Assembly	313
Evening Assembly	102 (SWA)
Contribution	\$ 9,430
YTD Average	\$12,287
Budget Goal	\$12,587

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

Classes & Online	86
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Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013

Prayer - Caleb Mayfield
Song Leader - Bill Kincaid