

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

[Phillip Morrison preached here in the early 1970's. The following, edited from his "Encouraging Words" column, is reprinted here.]

I started preaching as a high school boy, "circuit riding" to a different place each Sunday of the month. By my junior year of college,

I had graduated to preaching every Sunday at the same place. There was no plumbing, and of course no air-conditioning. Open windows without screens were an invitation to flies, mosquitoes, even birds that were not reluctant to express their opinion of the preaching.

In the summer following our junior year, Mary Margaret and I, already planning to be married after graduation, decided that little church needed a Vacation Bible School. The fact that many of the people had no transportation, and that it would be hard to divide into classes in that one-room building, did not dampen our enthusiasm at all.

Providing refreshments was different. An old farmer had the solution. "You get you a number two washtub, a big block of ice (no cubes in plastic bags back then), some ice cream salt, and some Nehis (Nehi was the local brand of the "big orange drank" Andy Griffith described in his early comedy routines). You chip up the ice, put down a layer, then a layer of salt, then the Nehis, and keep doing that 'til the tub is full." He cautioned that the timing had to be right or the drinks would freeze and pop off the bottle caps or the bottles would break.

We gave it a try. When I popped the top and handed a drink to a little girl, she turned it up and screamed,

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To Our Visitors

Thanks for joining us today in worship!

Whether you are just visiting our area, recently moved here – or a settled resident visiting a new church – our goal and hope is that you will find a successful opportunity to worship God and be encouraged for the week ahead.

If you are looking for a church home, we'd like you to find it here. Our pulpit minister remains at the front of our assembly center after worship to especially meet with you. You can ask questions about the membership process or schedule a time to meet personally. From all God's family here, welcome to our house!



Reflections About September 11

As I reflect on the 12th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, I am reminded that this is not my kingdom. I am a citizen of the Kingdom of God. The LORD God Almighty is the KING and nothing on this world can shake His Kingdom. There is no power in heaven, no power on the earth or under it that will shake His kingdom.

It is an eternal kingdom that stretches across time and space. No boundary can hold it back. No ocean can stop its spread. It will exist long after this world has passed and the new heaven and earth have come. My security is not in the countries or kingdoms of this world; my security is in the Kingdom of the LORD.

I am fond of saying that we live in a world of so much bad news (the economy, Syria, Egypt, etc) but we have such good news. Jesus is the good news we have to offer! The truth of the Good News is what keeps me going everyday. No matter how bad things on this world get, I know that my Jesus the Christ was born as a child, lived as a man, died on the cross and was resurrected as our Lord and Savior. I know that I am a citizen of the Kingdom of God and nothing can bring it down. I have hope - and this hope is the good news and light to this dark world.

One last thing:

If you have a teen or student in the Upper Room Teen

Ministry (7th - 12th grade) be sure to mark your calendar for **Power House: Turn It Up - Turn It Out (Nov. 1-3)**

at the Fairfax Church of Christ (www.fxcc.org/power-house). If you have not received registration information either in the mail or e-mailed to you please let me know!



GRACE + PEACE
John B. Bl

New Babies



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"Mine's got a popsicle in it!" I'll never forget how her eyes sparkled and her face filled with delight at the unexpected pleasure.

Years later, I was preaching somewhere and told that story to illustrate the joy of unexpected blessings or serendipities. Afterwards, a woman stood off to the side, and when the crowd thinned she came to me and asked, "Would you mind telling me where that popsicle incident occurred?" When I told her, she smiled and said, "I thought so; I'm that little girl, and I'd like you to meet my husband and children."

I smiled and thought, "Better than a popsicle!"

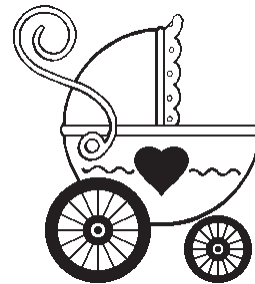
Ladies Bible Class Books Are Here

The **Ladies Bible Class** will resume Oct. 1 at the customary time of 10:15 am. A potluck luncheon will be held after the opening day class, and all women are invited. Babysitting will be available for infants and pre-school children.

Advance copies of the text for the fall term, *Alive in the Spirit: A Study of the Nature and Work of the Holy Spirit* by Jimmie Jividen, are available from **Lynda Eubank**.



Women's Bible Study



Prayer Sisters Resumes This Fall

All ladies in the Falls Church congregation are invited to participate in the fall session - October through December - of **Prayer Sisters**.

Please visit the **Prayer Sisters table** in the lobby and complete the "All About Me (personal information) card. **Be sure to include both sides of the card.** Deposit the completed card into the specially marked box in advance of the **drawing which will be held on Sept. 29.**

NOTE: If you cannot attend the drawing, contact Monica Tune who will draw for you!

Participants are urged to consider their own time limitations because it is important to follow through once you've enrolled. In addition, please remember to keep names and information confidential.

For further information, talk to Monica Tune.



Agape Groups 2 & 3 Plan Joint Neighbor Luncheon Sept. 29

Agape Groups 2 and 3 will hold a joint Neighbor Luncheon on September 29 following the morning assembly. Each family is requested to bring a main dish plus either a salad or a dessert.

Group 2 is Potomac Heights.
Group 3 is Westfield Woods.



Falls Church Iglesia de Cristo to Host Special Meeting with Guest Speaker Damian Diomedes Nov. 16-18



The Iglesia de Cristo in Falls Church will host a Special Meeting Nov. 16-18 with dynamic and popular guest speaker **Damian Diomedes**, shown above. Brother Diomedes has been a frequent guest speaker in this area. On the evening of Nov. 18, there will be a **Spanish Worship Away**. The English congregation will not meet that evening since there will be a 2nd Sunday luncheon that day.



The Food Pantry needs the following:

- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti Sauce (jar or can; NOT pasta)
- Milk (NOT powder but liquid form in a box & which does not require refrigeration)
- Crackers
- Cereal
- Vienna sausage
- Cans of fruit (+/- 15 oz. cans, not single serve)

Two Important Notices Regarding the Congregational Retreat near Williamsburg Sept. 20-22

First:

For all you last-minute planners, there still is space available for the Congregational Retreat next weekend. The space is in the men's or women's cabins, plus there are open cabins available for family units of 3 to 6 people each.

Second:

If you ordered a t-shirt for the retreat, the cost per shirt is now \$10 and due to



Family Retreat

International Dinner Set for October 26

An **International "Hometown" Dinner** is set for Saturday, October 26, from 6 to 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

A sign up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please add your name, your hometown or country, and the dish or dessert you plan to bring.

In addition please help with the set-up, serving and cleaning up. Our brothers and sisters in the Iglesia de Cristo will be featured prominently.

Blonnie Thomas is directing this event.



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 will need an additional person to also work half-time.

The last date for application is today, Sept. 15.

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.

Messages From the Elders

Urgent Assistance Needed

The Catoctin Church of Christ in Thurmont, MD, recently completed a new building after raising approximately \$600,000.

Unexpected costs, however, leave them with an immediate need for additional cash beyond their ability to meet with their current membership of about 100 souls.

Your elders have decided to provide the opportunity for our members to contribute to their need.

Your check should be made out to the church here and marked for "Catoctin support." You may give your check to any of the elders over the next 2 weeks.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of September 15:

Pray that our retreat will be enjoyable and more importantly will encourage the family of God here to draw closer together.

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.

School Supply Collection - An "After Action" Report

Forty-two boxes of supplies were delivered to Bailey's Elementary School on Aug. 23, just before the start of the fall term, according to **Wayne Doran**, Elder for the Benevolence Ministry. The school supplies collection falls under the auspices of Benevolence-Community Outreach.

Wayne expressed his deep appreciation to **Vickie Witt** and **Kevin Thie** who loaded the supplies into **Lynda Eubank's** van - in the middle of a downpour no less - and then unloaded them at the nearby school. **Wendy Ward** then toted three more boxes of supplies that arrived after the collection had officially ended.

Wayne added, "We thank each of you who contributed supplies and money to the school supply collection. Many children and their families will be blessed by your generosity. The school administration has also expressed their gratitude that we remembered them again this year."

[NOTE: See the letter in the next column.]

In case you would like to know just WHAT and HOW MUCH was contributed this year, here is the list:

28 backpacks
93 packages of colored pencils
103 composition notebooks
191 packages of crayons
316 cups/water bottles
50 ear buds
183 erasers
123 bottles of glue
266 glue sticks
120 packs of Gold Fish crackers
62 bottles of hand sanitizer
93 packs of index cards
63 ink pens, each
101 packs of markers
54 pencil holders
50 pencil sharpeners
1,500 pencils - wood
220 pocket folders

The following note came from Bailey's Elementary:

August 28, 2013

*Ms. Wendy Ward
Church of Christ
6149 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041*

Dear Ms. Ward:

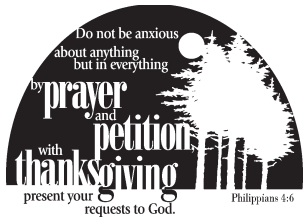
On behalf of Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences I would like to thank you and the fellow church members of Church of Christ for your generous donation of school supplies. Your commitment to helping the students in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Each year Church of Christ continues to advance its mission in helping our wonderful students by providing donations of snacks and school supplies; and because of your generous donations we are able to help our students get off to a spectacular school year at Bailey's. We are very appreciative of your generosity. We realize that we are not the only school in the area and we are thankful that you are aware of the great need that our school has.

Again, on behalf of our staff and students we thank you and look forward to working with you throughout the year.

*Sincerely,
Marie Lemmon*

20 packages of Post-It Notes
132 pairs of scissors
80 Sharpies, each
21 Sharpie highlighters
75 spiral notebooks
76 string backpacks
78 boxes of tissue
55 packages of watercolors
109 packages of wide rule paper
44 boxes of zip lock baggies



Continuing Concerns:

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 15, 2013

Morning

Jackie Arevalo
John Arevalo

Evening

Levenie Hughes

September 22, 2013

Morning

Angela Eckstone Hayes
Fern Musteen

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

September 15, 2013

2/3 Abby Smith, Lori Kobs
P-K Gayla Keller, Kathie Truitt

September 22, 2013

2/3 Heather Musser, Joy Hayes
P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

Worship Today, September 15, 2013

Hymn #140	<i>Love Divine</i>
Hymn #453	<i>Love Lifted Me</i>
Prayer	Grant Smith
Hymn #881	<i>Mansion over the Hilltop</i>
Hymn #350	<i>When My Love to Christ Grows Weak</i>
Communion/Collection	Oliver McDaniel
Hymn #859	<i>When All of God's Singers Get Home</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship.)</i>	
Bible Reading (1 Peter 1:13-21)	Toby Tomerlin
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #628	<i>Will You Not Tell It Today?</i>
Announcements	Steve Dasher
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Mark Dawson
Song Leader	Jon Hessling
Ushers	Perry May, Habtu Zemech



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening; Geosh Saxton and Brian Collins will lead prayers.

September servers are: Gary Allmond, Chantha Chea, 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

Steve Dasher	Wayne Doran
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, September 8, 2013

Bible Study	195
Morning Assembly	331
Evening Assembly	No Service
Contribution	\$10,954
YTD Average	\$12,191
Budget Goal	\$12,587

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013

Classes & Online	95
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Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013

Prayer - Marty Sims

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker