

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Today's daily Bible reading brings us to Luke 8-11 and a picture of a fairly demanding and unsympathetic Jesus. Chapter eight includes the Parable of the Sower and a lesson on "listening." When Mark tells the story, he emphasizes *what* you listen to. When Luke tells it, he emphasizes

how one listens. It's possible to listen to the wrong thing. But it is also possible to listen to the *right* thing, carelessly, and it be equally unproductive.

When the word of God is not believed, or not obeyed, or crowded out by worldliness (8:11-15 – there's a progression here), these are examples of poor listening. You hear, but what you hear makes no difference in your life. Proper listening is all important, for it determines our relationship with Jesus. After all, Jesus says his family is composed of those who hear the word of God and take it seriously, *putting it into practice* (8:21).

The demon possessed man of Gadara had heard of Jesus, and that word had so taken root that not even the demons controlling his life could keep him away. The woman with the bleeding problem had heard of Jesus, and so believed in him that she felt only the need to touch him to be healed. Jarius believed, but struggled. Yet his persistent faith enabled him to see his daughter healed and alive.

We would expect the kind and forgiving Jesus to speak in a way everyone could understand. But he doesn't. Deliberately. He speaks in a way only serious listeners can understand (see 8:9-10).

How well are you listening?

Love you all.

Mike

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!



Jesus Centered Life: Family Values - Week 2

We continued our Sunday night series titled "The Jesus Centered Life" by talking about the "family values" we learn from the parables Jesus tells.

Every family has stories. We love these family stories. In our own family we have stories such as "The

Flaming Tire of Death" or our recent rescue of our rabbit Tofu. Each story we tell as a family shows some of the values of our family. When Jesus tells parables He is also communicating the values of His family to us. He is planting the seeds which are the values and characteristics of the Kingdom of God and insights into the character of the LORD.

As you read the following stories about the Kingdom of God, you will discover some important truths:

Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matt 13.31 &.32) - Even though the kingdom seems small and weak, it is stronger and larger than it seems.

Parable of the Pearl of Great Price (Matt 13.45 - .46) - The treasure of the kingdom costs all we have

Parable of the Big Fishnet (Matt 13.47 - .50) - The Kingdom is big and open for many but not all will choose to live in it. Citizens of the kingdom are mixed with citizens of the world but will be sorted out later.

Some stories that tell us the character of the LORD:

Parable of the Lost Sheep & Lost Coin (Luke 15.3 - 10) - The LORD pursues and searches for the lost because they are valuable to Him. The LORD celebrates the lost being found.

Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15.11 - .32) The LORD gives us choices to follow or stray, but He is always ready to welcome us home.

These are just a few stories/ parables that teach us "Who is God?" and "What is it like in the Kingdom of God?"

GRACE + PEACE
S. B. J.

Attention to the Upper Room Teen Ministry (gr. 7-12):

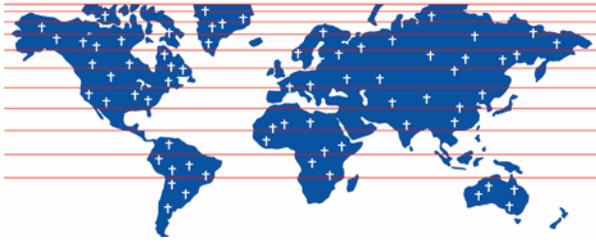
Next Sunday, Oct. 20, is the deadline to register for

Power House: Turn It Up -

Turn It Out (Nov. 1-3) at the

Fairfax Church of Christ





International Dinner Coming Up October 26

A sign up sheet is on the board for the **International "Hometown" Dinner** scheduled for Oct. 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



PLEASE NOTE: Please sign up even if you're NOT bringing food. That number will allow organizers to know how many tables to set up.

There are actually TWO sheets - one for the name & country/town of origin of the tantalizing dish you plan to prepare. The other sheet is for you to volunteer with the set up and clean up!

Blonnie Thomas is directing this event.



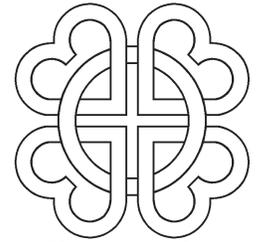
The Elders and Deacons will meet next Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8 to 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.



The Missions Committee will meet in R. 120 (library) next Sunday, October 20, after the morning assembly.

Agape Group Neighbor Luncheons Coming Up

Agape Group 5 will have a neighbor lunch next Sunday Oct. 20. Each family is requested to bring a tray of sandwiches and either chips or a dessert. This is **Burke Springs Lakes** under the direction of **Jim & Becky Bates**, with **Jennifer Krause** as the Group Coordinator.



"One in the Bond of Love"

Agape Group 1 will have a neighbor lunch on Sunday Oct. 27. For this event, each family is asked to bring either a soup or stew and then fixings such as bread, crackers, etc., or a dessert. Group 1 is **Fairview Park Woods**. The directors, **Lesya & Ken Yeatman**, are out of the country, but the coordinators are **Brian & Melissa Collins** while **Kelly & Jonah Shumate** are assisting in the interim.

Budget Meeting Set for Nov. 16



The annual meeting to discuss the 2014 budget is set for Saturday November 16, from 8:30 am to noon, at the building.

This is the annual opportunity for each ministry leader to present the ministry's goals and detailed monetary estimates. The meeting also serves as a showcase for each ministry to highlight its plans, programs and aspirations.

ALL ministry leaders are strongly encouraged to attend, but the meeting is open to all Falls Church members who would like more information about the multiple ministries of this congregation.

Ben Bohannon, the church treasurer, will shortly issue to each ministry leader a budget template showing 2013 spending to date and columns to fill in for 4Q'13 and 2014. Ministry leaders are requested to complete and return those documents by the end of October.

Ben then will compile all the information which will be reviewed during the Nov. 16 meeting. Those results will be transmitted to the Elders for approval.

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.

Men's Retreat Scheduled for November 1 & 2 at the Church Building; Ron Nelson Is the Guest Speaker

The annual **Men's Retreat** will be held November 1 & 2 at the Falls Church building, according to **Wayne Doran** who is in charge of the event this year. While the retreat usually is held at Camp WaMaVa, this year the venue has changed due to scheduling conflicts at the camp.

Ron Nelson, who last addressed the group in 2007, will be the guest speaker for this retreat.

Ron's sister Sophia is a former member of this congregation, and his mother Sandi attends frequently.



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)



Congregational Prayer Request for the week of October 13:

*Pray that we will have sufficient courage
so that now as always Christ
will be exalted in our bodies,
whether by life or by death.*

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.

The schedule includes:

Friday, November 16 - 7:15 to 8:15 pm

Saturday, November 17 - 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Sunday, November 18 - 6 to 7:30 pm

Sunday will include a **Spanish Worship Away**, even though this is not the usual date for the SWA. The English congregation will not meet that evening since there will be a 2nd Sunday luncheon that day.

**Due to the Columbus Day Holiday tomorrow,
Oct. 14, the church office will be closed.**

Meet Our Newest Members

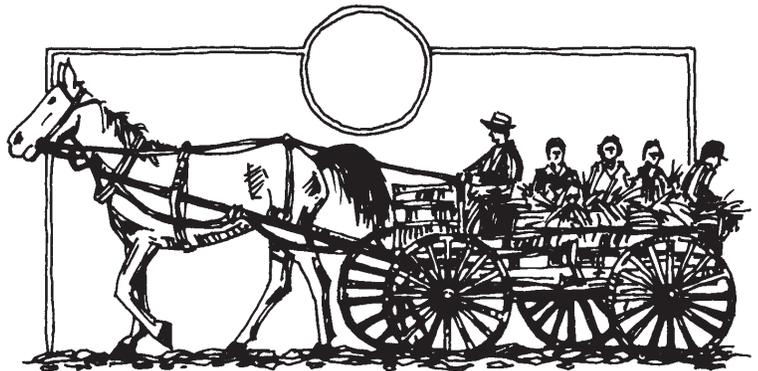
Youth Ministry Family Hayride Set for November 9, 2013 at Butler's Orchard

All students in the Youth Ministry and their families are invited to the Family Hayride set for Nov. 9 at Butler's Orchard located at 22200 Davis Mill Rd, Germantown, MD. The hayride is scheduled from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. and will be followed by a marshmallow roast.

The Youth Ministry includes Kids for Christ (grades 3 through 6) and the Upper Room Teen Ministry (grades 7 through 12).

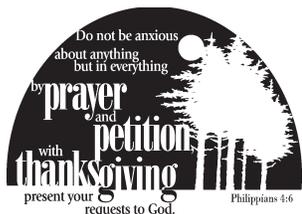
So if you have a student or teen in the Youth Ministry, be sure to sign up for our November Youth Ministry wide Hayride! Cost is \$5 per family member.

Butler's Orchard is a 60-year-old family-owned and operated farm. It has a large market with canned goods, foods from their own bakery, and gift items.



HAYRIDE

Continuing Concerns:



Good News:

Prayer Requests:

A variety of greeting cards can be found on the table beneath the members' board. To send notes of cheer or condolences, just select a card, write the name and address of the person to whom it is intended, and leave it on the table. The church office will handle postage.

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

October 13, 2013

Morning

Ruth Amores
Jenna Mayfield

Evening

Kelly Shumate

October 20, 2013

Morning

Angela Eckstone-Hayes
Patty Woods

Evening

Leah Durant
Philip Durant

Children's Worship

October 13, 2013

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

October 20, 2013

2/3 Abby Smith, Lori Kobs
P-K Leah Durant, Kathie Truitt

Worship Today, October 13, 2013

Hymn #648	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>
Hymn #226	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>
Hymn #779	<i>I Love You, Lord</i>
Prayer	John Hilboldt
Hymn #18	<i>Faithful Love</i>
Hymn #364	<i>Come, Share the Lord</i>
Communion/Collection	Joshua McKay
Hymn #470	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Proverbs 4:1-7)	Mark Shannon
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #290	<i>Shine, Jesus Shine</i>
Announcements	Oliver McDaniel
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Jeff Malcolm
Song Leader	Clark Richardson
Ushers	Kevin Thie, John Waterston



John Waterston will lead singing this evening;

Brandon Durant & Grant Smith will lead prayers.

October servers are: Jose Arevalo, Matt Benskys,

Frank Estes, Caleb Mayfield, Geosh Saxton & Toby Tomerlin

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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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, October 6, 2013

Bible Study	198
Morning Assembly	305
Evening Assembly	129
Contribution	\$13,135
YTD Average	\$12,191
Budget Goal	\$12,587

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Classes & Online	78
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Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Prayer - Clark Richardson

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker