

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Our Bibles were not originally divided into chapters and verses. The Old Testament system of verses was created in the 10th century A.D., the New Testament in the 16th century, and the chapter divisions were created in the 13th century.

But that doesn't mean there was no structure to the books before then. Some of our oldest Hebrew texts have paragraph divisions and markers. Structure, however, played a huge role in the writing of all Bible books. Genesis, for example, can be divided into sections beginning with the words "These are the generations." Matthew alternates in his gospel between the "story" of Jesus and the "teaching" of Jesus (some eleven times).

Sometimes, it is this structure of a book that helps us understand its message.

For example: In Matthew, just before the sermon on the mount, Matthew says Jesus went through Galilee *preaching* the gospel of the Kingdom, *teaching, and healing*. In the next section (chapters 5-10), Jesus *preaches and teaches* (chapters 5-7) and *heals* (chapters 8-9) and ends that section of teaching and story by telling his disciples they must also preach and minister to the sick. At the end of the book, he completes the three commands by telling his disciples they must *teach*.

Following Jesus means living with the same ethic Jesus had, but it also requires specific responsibilities: ministering to the needy, teaching how to live, and telling about the Kingdom of heaven. We may each do it in different ways, but involvement is not an option for those who have willingly come under the rule of God.

Please, please, please be sure to take the time every Sunday to fill out an attendance card. This is really important in helping our leadership team to shepherd the congregation. In reviewing the list of those not here last Sunday, it comprised ten pages. Reviewing the list, we cut it down to five because of the number of people we had seen or knew to be out of town. That's a lot of people not filling out the cards. It's a small thing, but its important. Please be sure to do it.

Love you all.
Mike



Jesus Centered Life: Jesus and His True Mission

On Sunday night we continued to explore the question "Who do you say I am?" Jesus asked his early disciples this question to help them to think about who they were following.

We need to answer this question too. If we are following Jesus we need to know who He is and why we are following Him!

To help us answer this question we asked another question "What do we really know about Jesus' true mission on earth?" Many people offer a possible answer but it what does Jesus actually say about His true mission on earth.

From John 6.52 - 59 We see that part of Jesus true mission was to be true food and true drink. No longer do we have to stumble around spiritually hungry and thirsty now we have the nutrition we need in Jesus!

From John 17.1 - .12 We find that Jesus came to bring glory to God the Father. He did not come to bring attention to Himself but to be a bridge between us and the Father. He also came to bring us eternal life with the Father. No longer are we seperated from the Father because of the sin in our lives. Through Jesus we are forgiven and righteous. The broken relationship between is repaired forever!

Before Jesus we had no hope for the future but death. Jesus comes and brings eternal life. Not a zombie life but and actual resurrected life with the Father.

Jesus also demonstrates thru His own life how we live as citizens of the Kingdom of God. He teaches us with words but more importantly with His actions. We start living this Kingdom Life now and we will continue to live it forever.

The true mission of Jesus on this earth was to bring forgiveness, mercy, grace, love and for us to live like this starting today and extending out into eternity.

GRACE+PEACE
AHLB

Trunk or Treat Set for Today After Evening Services

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** celebration will be held today, Oct. 27, after the evening assembly. The children (grades 6 or younger) will “trick or treat” at the different car trunks in the parking lot. **In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors in the fellowship hall.**

Children (grade 6 or younger) should change into their costumes AFTER the evening classes and then head to the parking lot where the adults will be waiting with “open trunk.” Seasonal decorations are encouraged but keep the gore to a minimum. Remember this is for the children! Each child should have a bag for the candy.



Budget Meeting Set for Nov. 16



Ben Bohannon, church treasurer, has begun distributing budget materials to the deacons and ministry leaders in preparation for the **2014 Budget Meeting set for Nov. 16**, from 8:30 am to noon in the fellowship hall.

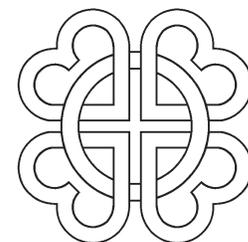
All ministry leaders are urged to review those materials by the end of this month, so that Ben will have time to compile the data in time for the meeting, according to **Matt Bensusky**, deacon for the budget process. The results will be transmitted to the Elders for approval.

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 Falls Church members who would like more information about the multiple ministries of this congregation are welcome to attend.

Agape Group 1 Neighbor Luncheon Planned for Today

Agape Group 1 will have a neighbor lunch today after the morning assembly. 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 coordinators are **Brian & Melissa Collins** and **Kelly & Jonah Shumate**.



“One in the Bond of Love”

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of October 27:

*Thank the Lord for He is good,
His love endures forever.*

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 and 2 at the Falls Church Building

After years of slogging out to Camp WaMaVa for their annual retreat, Falls Church men will enjoy a somewhat more accessible location for this event - namely the Falls Church building.

While not nearly so “outdoors” at the Camp, at least the building is available, something that can’t be said for WaMaVa which is booked solid this fall.

But as such, the price is a little less - as in Zero, Nada, Free.

And, while it’s not exactly a cabin in the woods, you CAN sleep here if you wish. Just let **Wayne Doran**, retreat organizer, know if you plan to do that.

Alas, the late night bonfire is out also. Of course, you can make s’mores in the microwave!

The event will start at 7:30 pm Friday and as usual, you should plan to eat dinner before arriving. There will be the usual snacks naturally.

After adjourning for sleep, the retreat will resume EARLY Saturday morning with breakfast. Lunch also will be provided, and the entire event should wrap up about mid-afternoon.

The guest speaker this year is **Ron Nelson** who last addressed this august assembly in 2007. He is considered a personable and energetic speaker.

A sign-up sheet is on the board in the lobby. Your “John Henry” will be welcome in order to plan for the proper amount of tofu and bran flakes for breakfast. (Just kidding!)



New Babies



Arlington Congregation Plans Goodbye Party for Longtime Member Helen Bloomingburg

Helen Bloomingburg, a member of the Arlington congregation, will be honored at a goodbye party Nov. 10 at 2:30 pm at the Arlington building, 30 N. Irving St., Arlington, VA 22201. . The longtime member is moving out of state to be closer to family members.

At that time, she will be presented with a Memory Book, filled with photos, articles, events and memories of this Christian woman and her family, and all area Christians have the opportunity to contribute to this event.

You may mail your entries to the church where the items will be scanned and then returned to you. Or you may email entries to:

All items are requested **NO LATER THAN NOV. 3** so the book can be ready by the party date.

Arlington Congregation Plans Singing Night Nov. 8

A **Singing Night** is planned at the Arlington Church of Christ on Friday Nov. 8 from 7 to 9 pm, and all area-wide Christians are invited to attend. Men are encouraged to come with a



few songs they are prepared to lead. Light refreshments will be provided. The church building is located at 20 N. Irving St., Arlington, VA 22201. This is a half mile east of Glebe Rd. along Arlington Blvd. (Rt. 50).

Weddings

Habtu Zemech Plans November Trip to Ethiopia; Requests Children's Clothes

Habtu Zemech, a Deacon here at Falls Church and a longtime member, is planning a second trip this year to his home country of Ethiopia. He plans to leave Nov. 22 and again requests clothes, specifically clothes for children ages 1 through 16. Please bring the clothes folded and placed in heavy duty black garbage bags for easier transportation.

Housing Needed

Churches of Christ Orphan Sunday for 2013 Set for November 10

The **2013 Churches of Christ Orphan Sunday** is coming up November 10. The Elders of Falls Church have recognized this special event since 2007, and are opening this to the members here to contribute. Please make out your check to the "Orphans Lifeline of Hope," and give it to one of the elders on either Nov. 10 or Nov.17.

This annual fundraising event is sponsored by the organization Orphan's Lifeline of Hope, a Montana Non-Profit corporation under the direction of a Christian board. It grew out of the original organization, Lifeline of Hope, founded in 2000 by three couples, Jim and Elma Miller, Greg and Laurie Timmons and Dave and Alaina Board.

Initially, Jim and Elma were on a mission trip to eastern Russia to establish and support churches of Christ. They also

were trying to establish adoption links at the request of a Seattle Adoption Agency. While visiting several orphanages, they witnessed the limited facilities in which so many children were living. After assisting Greg and Laurie to adopt a young girl from the area, the two couples were joined by Dave and Alaina to establish Lifeline of Hope to provide small-scale assistance to the children in the area of Khabarovsk.

The first "headquarters" for this work was an RV barn in Kalispell, MT, with a few donors from the church of Christ. Through the internet, the number of donors grew and so did the number of children being cared for in Russia. And that area of service soon became



just the tip of the stag-

gering magnitude of need from around the world. After expanding its mission into India, the organization then began supporting orphans in Uganda, Kenya, The Phillipines, Pakistan, Mexico and Haiti.

With new offices in Kalispell, the organization has expanded to care directly for over 20,000 children in 25 orphanages in 8 countries.

But the task of caring for orphans is seemingly unended. It is estimated that there are 143 MILLION such children around the world.

The causes are many - illness, especially AIDS; wars; famine and drought; natural disasters like floods or earthquakes or volcanoes. And the fates of these children are almost universally dreary. They are the victims of human trafficking, of being impressed into an army, of being sold into slavery. They subsist by rummaging through landfills and garbage heaps. They live in cardboard houses near the dumps or in alleys along city streets or in the sewers. They drink polluted water. School is nothing but a distant dream for the overwhelming majority. They grow up believing that no one anywhere cares what happens to them.

But some of them are rescued from that life by people like those who operate the orphanages of Orphan's Lifeline of Hope. Some of those children are provided clothes that aren't torn and ragged, food that is nutritious, water that is clean, a safe place to sleep, a school where they learn the skills to work out of that cycle of poverty.

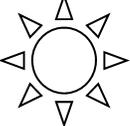
And of course, they obtain the greatest gift of all - the knowledge that they are valued by a God who loves them and provides people who do care!

We at Falls Church have the chance to become a part of this worldwide effort to provide hope - for life and salvation - to these precious children.

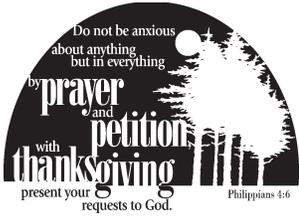
It all starts with that check that you can make out to Orphan's Lifeline of Hope and pass to any of the Elders on the second and third Sundays of next month!



November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Daylight Savings <i>Time ends @ 2 am on Nov. 3</i>					1 Romans 13-16 <i>Power House @</i> <hr/> <i>Men's Retreat @</i>	2 2 Cor. 1-3 <i>Fairfax C of C</i> <hr/> <i>Building</i> <i>Spanish Worship @ 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
3 2 Cor. 4-7 <i>PowerHouse Ends</i> <hr/> <i>A.G. 5 Neighbor Lunch @ 11:30 am</i>	4 2 Cor. 8-10	5 2 Cor. 11-13 <i>Ladies Bible Class @ 10:15 am</i>	6 Acts 20-22	7 Acts 23-25	8 Acts 26-28	9 Ephesians 1-4 <i>Youth Ministry Family Hayride, Butler's Orchard, 6:15-8:15 pm</i> <i>Spanish Worship @ 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
10 Ephesians 5-6 Philippians 1-2 <i>Orphan Sunday Collection Starts</i> <i>Shower @ 4 pm</i>	11 Philippians 3-4 Philemon <i>Veterans Day Holiday— Office Closed</i>	12 Colossians <i>Ladies Bible Class @ 10:15 am</i>	13 1 Timothy 1-3	14 1 Timothy 4-6	15 Titus <i>Spanish Area-Wide Meeting with Damian Diomedes @ 7:15—8:15 pm</i>	16 2 Timothy <i>Ministry Leaders Budget Meeting, 8:30 am—noon</i> <i>Spanish Area-Wide Meeting, 5:30-8:30 pm</i>
17 Mark 1-4 <i>2nd Sunday Potluck Fellowship Lunch; <u>NO PM ASSEMBLY</u></i> <i>Spanish Area-Wide Meeting, 6-7:30 pm</i> <hr/>	18 Mark 5-7	19 Mark 8-10 <i>Ladies Bible Class @ 10:15 am</i>	20 Mark 11-13	21 Mark 14-16	22 Hebrews 1-3	23 Hebrews 4-6
24 Hebrews 7-10 <i>Annual Harvest Festival During PM Assembly</i>	25 Hebrews 11-13	26 James 1-2 <i>Ladies Bible Class @ 10:15 am</i>	27 James 3-5	28 Matthew 1-3 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed</i>	29 Matthew 4-6	30 Matthew 7-8

Continuing Concerns: (cont'd)



Good News:

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

October 27, 2013

Morning Evening

Joanne Carter

Lynn Johanson

Agnes Jones

November 3, 2013

Morning

Becky Bates

Kristine Spraker

Evening

Kelly Shumate

Children's Worship

October 27, 2013

2/3 Amanda Venkatesan, Joy Hayes

P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

November 3, 2013

2/3 Allison McKay, Dana Hatcher

P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

Worship Today, October 27, 2013

Hymn #1025	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>
Hymn #636	<i>To Love Someone More Dearly</i>
Prayer	Jim Lane
Hymn #962	<i>Were You There?</i>
Communion/Collection	Jonah Shumate
Hymn #822	<i>Sweet Will of God</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (1 Peter 2:4-10)	Mark Ward
Bible Lesson	Josh Byrd
Hymn #501	<i>Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet</i>
Announcements	Steve Dasher
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Hal Swetnam
Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Kevin Thie, John Waterston



Bobby Wilkinson will lead singing this evening;

John Waterston & Lee Cassetty 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

(October through April)

Wednesday 7:15 pm

Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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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 20, 2013

Bible Study 186

Morning Assembly 317

Evening Assembly 113

Contribution \$ 9,302

YTD Average \$12,131

Budget Goal \$12,587

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Classes & Online 92

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Prayer - Daniel Williams

Song Leader - Bobby Wilkinson