

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

The caller apologized for the sensitive nature of the questions – and for even having to ask them.

My father served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. As a veteran, he was eligible to receive several burial benefits. The only one I really cared about was a bronze

marker to go at the foot of his grave. A mix-up at the funeral home delayed it. Before the foot marker could be sent, however, the Office of Veterans Affairs called with two questions. The nice lady, after the apology, asked her questions, both having to do with whether my father had ever been involved in specific criminal activity.

Preachers are seldom speechless, but speechless I was. To gain a little time I repeated the questions. She apologized again and said: "I'm sorry. I didn't make these questions up. They are asked of every veteran's family now."

My reply to both, of course, was "no." We had a nervous laugh about the seriousness of the questions and the way one of them was worded, and said our goodbyes.

My father received no medals for bravery or valor. But whether he had or not, at any time during the following sixty-two years, any good or noble thing he did during that service could have been wiped out by only one moment of dishonorable behavior. Think about it.

Solomon wrote: "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." (Proverbs 22:1). Your "good name" is not finally determined by a specific noble deed, but by your course of behavior each day of your life.

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!



Youth Ministry Family Hayride November 9, 2013 at Butler's Orchard (6:15 - 8:15)

The Kids for Christ (3rd - 6th) and Upper Room Teen Ministry (7th - 12th) students and families are invited.

Following the hayride we will roast marshmallows!

I love a good hayride thru the woods! For the last couple of years our Youth Ministry Hayride has become a Fall tradition. I don't know why this is such a fun activity.



It could be the hay/straw that we get to sit in. It could be the novelty of riding in a trailer being pulled by a tractor. It could be the cold weather. It could be the roasted marshmallows at the end. I have a strong suspicion it is actually the time we get to spend together.

So if you have a student or teen in the Youth Ministry be sure to sign up with Joshua Byrd for our November Youth Ministry wide Hayride! There are about 10 out of the 30 spaces left! Cost will be \$5.00 per family member.



Budget Meeting Set for Nov. 16



All Ministry Leaders by now should have reviewed their budgets for this year and developed proposals for 2014, and those results are due to treasurer **Ben Bohannon** by today, **Nov. 3**. This is in advance of the **Annual Budget Meeting** set for Nov. 16 from 8:30 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Matt Bensky, Deacon for the budget process, urges all ministry leaders to attend, and also welcomes all Falls Church members who would like greater insight into the ministries and procedures of this congregation.

The purpose of the budget process is more than just funding, albeit that is a major aspect. But also this is the time when the ministries evaluate existing programs and consider new ministry items for the future.

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.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of November 3:

*Pray that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly
and be honored by all who hear.*

Arlington Congregation Plans Goodbye Party for Longtime Member Helen Bloomingburg; Memory Items Due Today

Helen Bloomingburg, a longtime member of the Arlington congregation, will be honored at a goodbye party next Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2:30 pm at the Arlington building, 30 N. Irving St., Arlington, VA 22201. At that time, she will be presented with a Memory Book, with photos, articles, events and memories, and all area Christians are encouraged to contribute items.

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 required by today, so that the book can be ready by next Sunday.

New Babies



Updates for Ladies Bible Class Schedule:

The Ladies Bible Class, which normally meets at 10:15 am on Tuesday, **WILL NOT MEET ON NOV. 5**. Fairfax County Public Schools will be out of session during the general election.

The target date for Lesson 6 will be the following Tuesday, Nov. 12, with Lesson 7 scheduled for Nov. 19.

ALSO, the class **WILL NOT MEET ON NOV. 26** either, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Holiday Preview:

Please reserve the date of Saturday, Dec. 7, for the annual "Breakfast with Santa," to be held in the fellowship hall. This is a very special event - featuring breakfast food of course - but also includes crafts and a "visit with Santa Claus." The cost is \$20 per family, all of which goes directly to benefit **Camp WaMaVa**.

Further details will be forthcoming.

The 2nd Sunday Fellowship for November is set for Nov. 17, not Nov. 10; details next week.

**The Annual "Harvest Festival" is
scheduled for Sunday evening, Nov. 24.
Details will be forthcoming.**

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

*The couple are registered at
Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.*

First International Hometown Dinner Night is a Great Success

A full house turned out for the **International Hometown Dinner** Oct. 26. Many thanks go to organizer **Blonnie Thomas** and to those who helped with decorations and set up/clean up. They include: **Dorothy Eckert, Andrew McDaniel, Oliver McDaniel, Kevin Thie, Noah Thomas, Calanthia Tucker and Vickie Witt, plus Monica Tune,** kitchen/entertainment specialist 1st class. If the crowd was any indication, then a “2nd Annual” dinner probably is in the works.



Photos (clockwise from upper right) include: A wave from the guests at the dinner; a “round table” that King Arthur would have envied; food amidst artistic presentation; a food table that was “heavy laden.” *Photos are courtesy of Blonnie Thomas.*



The 2013 Churches of Christ Orphan Sunday Set for Next Sunday, 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. Currently they support 20,000 children in 25 orphanages in 8 countries.

Habtu Zemech Plans 2nd Ethiopia Trip Nov. 22; Is Again Collecting Clothes, and 10 More Children Slated for Surgery

Habtu Zemech, a Falls Church deacon and a native of Ethiopia, is making his second trip of 2013 to his homeland and again is collecting clothes to be distributed at churches, among orphans and among students at the preaching school.

ALL CLOTHES are accepted and needed, but there is a special plea for children and for the preaching students. Please contribute clean clothes in good condition, folded and placed into heavy-duty black garbage bags which allow greater ease of handing. The bags should be brought to the church building NO LATER THAN SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 OR WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20.

In addition to the clothing distribution, another 10 children will receive the life-changing surgery to correct a club foot, bringing to 19 the children who have been helped in this manner this year. Before and after photos of just two of these precious children are shown below.



69 children, 18 adults and 24 young preachers at Bulgeta received the clothing that Habtu took earlier this year.



medication, crutches and supportive shoes for the children who remain under a doctor’s care for up to a year before discharge.

John & Andrew Thomas accompanied Habtu on the spring trip. They are shown (above) at the clothing distribution at the Bulgeta congregation, southwest of Addis Ababa. In the next photo, note that the clothes are sized and distributed in plastic bags.

The next stop was Shone, southeast of Bulgeta, where he addressed the Preacher’s Meeting. Note the large group in a country where the churches of Christ began only about a half century ago.



Aster Debebe (left) and Mebrat Fiker are shown - before and after the operation. The children remain under a doctors care for up to a year.



The surgeries are performed at Cure Ethiopia Children’s Hospital, a pediatric orthopedic teaching hospital in Addis Ababa. Established in 2008, it is a 35-bed hospital which also provides medical training. The emphasis is on disabilities such as clubfoot and other limb deformities.

While the operation is free, there are considerable additional expenses of \$860 which are paid by *My Neighbor Foundation*. Most of the children affected live up to 200 miles away, so there are expenses for transportation, lodging and meals for a family member, as well as for



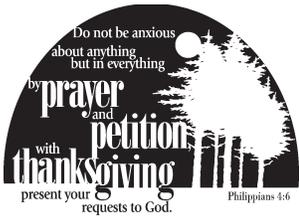
(left) The Preachers’ Meeting at Shone, and (right) a baptism during the meeting



Finally, My Neighbor Foundation also provides education assistance. Shown (right) is a photo of Meseret Tadese who is a recent graduate of a technical school. She is shown with her grandmother Abebech and her younger brothers.



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

November 3, 2013

Morning Evening

Becky Bates Kelly Shumate
Kristine Spraker/Sydney

November 10, 2013

Morning Evening

Calantha Tucker Leah Durant/Philip
Meaza Zemech

Children's Worship

November 3, 2013

2/3 Allison McKay, Dana Hatcher
P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

November 10, 2013

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

Worship Today, November 10, 2013

Hymn #492	<i>Only in Thee</i>
Hymn #504	<i>In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came</i>
Prayer	Kelvin Hatcher
Hymn #507	<i>Does Jesus Care?</i>
Hymn #313	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>
Communion/Collection	Jeff Malcolm
Hymn #324	<i>Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Acts 10:30-33)	Jerry Williams
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #528	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>
Announcements	Wayne Doran
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Mark Shannon
Song Leader	Joseph Tucker
Ushers	Joshua McKay, Barry Smith



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

Bobby Wilkinson & John Reagan will lead prayers.

November servers are: Jun Amores, Tre Berry, Kirk Crews,
Brandon Durant, Grant Smith, Robert Spiess, Dave Wilson

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 Benschky	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 27, 2013

Bible Study	163
Morning Assembly	312
Evening Assembly	100
Contribution	\$12,822
YTD Average	\$12,147
Budget Goal	\$12,587

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Classes & Online 98

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Prayer - Jerry Williams
Song Leader - Marty Sims