

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

"I want to know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings."

To live as a Christian requires at least four things Paul says in Philip-
pians 3:10. The third requirement is
to share in Christ's sufferings.

Jesus was most clear on this
point. If they persecuted him, the
world would persecute us (John 15:20). Peter was also
plain: "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal
that has come on you to test you, as though something
strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as
you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may
be overjoyed when his glory is revealed (1 Peter 4:13).

But that's not all that is meant by sharing in Christ's
sufferings.

Jesus suffered *in behalf of others*. That's part of it for
us too. A favorite passage of Christians is Isaiah 53, the
one where Christ is said to "take up our infirmities, carry
our sorrows, and be crushed because of the iniquities of
others." One writer calls this "absorbing" the hurt of the
world. Isaiah calls it becoming a "guilt offering." Just as
through Jesus' wounds we are healed, so we too must give
of ourselves to heal others.

It seems to me this will be difficult, if not impossible,
to do without being involved with purpose in the lives of
others. It isn't just being friends, or even being friendly. It
is a concerted effort to lift the burdens of others to make
their lives better. It means being inconvenienced. It means
getting involved in the messy. It might well mean rejec-
tion. But this sharing in the sufferings of Christ is an es-
sential part of following Jesus.

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!



Power House 2013: Turn It Up Turn It Out Love Mercy

He has shown all you people what
is good.

And what does the LORD require
of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6.8

During our weekend at PowerHouse 2013 we were
privileged to hear Rich Little open up the Word of God and
bring us a powerful message with Micah 6.8 as the founda-
tion. Over the weekend he pulled out the three require-
ments the LORD wants from His people as Micah lays
them out.

1. Act Justly
2. Love Mercy
3. Walk Humbly

The second requirement from the LORD is to "love
mercy." As we saw last week, justice corrects wrongs.
Mercy takes the next step and heals the heart. Meeting the
physical needs of those around us is important but we have
something more to offer than that. We are to help meet the
deep spiritual and emotional needs too.

Mercy starts at home with those we live with. Your
parents may not have provided you the emotional sup-
port or spiritual guidance you needed. A start to your own
healing is to show mercy to them by forgiving them. It is
not easy, it will take time, your family may not accept your
forgiveness and they may be suspicious of your motives.
But offering mercy in the form of forgiveness is something
the LORD requires of us. You can't control others; you can
only control yourself.

Mercy then moves to our church family. Churches
will let us down. Churches are not ideal communities but
a community of people from various backgrounds who
are called together by Jesus Christ. We have to show each
other the same kind of mercy, patience and love we want to
receive.

Finally mercy then moves
out into the world around you.

GRACE + PEACE
Rich Little

**The Ladies Bible Class will not meet
Tuesday, Nov. 26.**

**Adult Education Committee to
Meet Today, R. 120**

The Adult Education Committee will meet today in R. 120 (library) after the morning assembly, according to **John Waterston**, deacon for Adult Classes. Lunch will be served.

The purpose of this committee is to plan the schedule for next quarter and to consider proposals for future courses.

John asks, "Please prayerfully consider your participation and needed suggestions for the next year."



Thank You Notes

Dear Falls Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, concerns, flowers, visits and telephone calls church the difficult time of Don's health. He is doing better, but continues to need your prayers.

With our love,
Don & Ellie Thie

Christmas is Coming...

Breakfast With Santa,

Dec. 7, 9 - 11 am
Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a pancake breakfast while giving your children a visit with Santa Claus at the annual **Breakfast with Santa**. This is a benefit breakfast for Camp WaMaVa, and is \$20 per family.



Senior Saints Christmas Fellowship

Dec. 12, 11:30 am,
Fellowship Hall

The **Senior Saints** will have their annual Christmas Fellowship. This will include a luncheon and entertainment.

A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board!

Jim Shoehard, who is in charge of the Seniors Ministry, is seeking people who are willing to help with the event, including setting up, serving and clearing away. Please contact him at jshoenha@gmail.com or 703-200-3670.

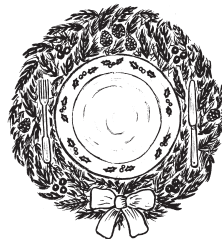


Breakfast With the Shelter Ladies

Dec. 14, 9 - 11 am,
Fellowship Hall

Now an annual event, this breakfast honors the ladies from the Bailey's Shelter who participate in the Falls Church Bible study and fellowship during the year. The Shelter program is a community outreach event under the auspices of the CARE Committee, and the breakfast gives Falls Church members a chance to get to know these ladies, and for them to know us.

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Breakfast with Ladies from the Shelter, cont'd

This year, the Men's Ministry is doing something new and exciting; they are preparing the food!!! **Jonah Shumate** is the ministry leader and he is recruiting help with this endeavor!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin for those who plan to attend. **PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME SO THAT THEY WILL KNOW HOW MUCH TO PREPARE.**

Annual Christmas Open House

Dec. 14, 5 - 8 pm
The home of **Ann Ford**

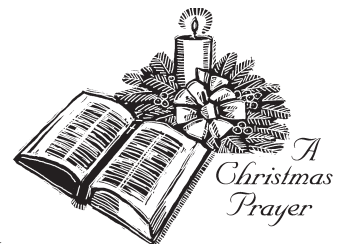
This annual tradition combines holiday fellowship and delicious food, and is open to all!



Prayer Sisters "Cookies & Reveal Tea"

Dec. 15, 4 pm
Fellowship Hall

Learn the identity of your Prayer Sister at the Cookies & Reveal Tea. Please bring a Christmas gift (price limit is \$5 or may be homemade), and clearly mark it on the outside with your sister's name. Be sure to include **YOUR** name on the inside. If you cannot attend, **PLEASE** give your gift to Monica Tune to take to the tea. Cookies and drinks will be provided, and donations of homemade cookies will be welcome.



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 24:**

*Prayer of thanksgiving for all God's blessings upon us
and the will to be a blessing to others.*

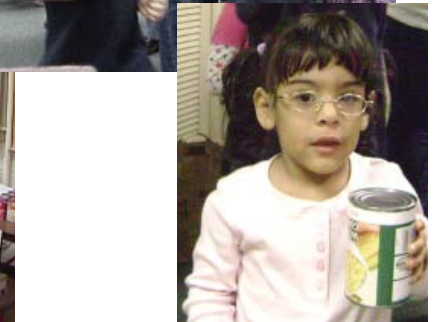
23rd Annual Harvest Festival Set for Nov. 24 During Evening Assembly

All members are urged to attend the special service this evening. It is special because it is one time a year when all of us get together to serve our community in this unique fashion. **Please use the list below when you purchase food items for this festival.**

We bring bags of groceries to the fellowship hall for the evening service, our children will unpack the bags, and then all of us will line up, in a double column, from the fellowship hall and pass the food items, hand over hand, to the food pantry in R. 121. There, other volunteers will receive, sort and store away the food items for those in need now and in the coming year.

This congregation is known for its generosity, particularly to those in need. But the Harvest Festival is the only time when we have a literal "hands on" opportunity.

And, since we've been doing it for 23 years, check out these photos from "yesteryear." Recognize any-one???



Cooking Supplies

- *flour (2 lb. bag)
- *sugar (2 lb. bag)
- *corn meal (2 lb. bag)
- *cooking or olive oil (1 quart)

Macaroni & Cheese - prefer complete meal set; **NO BUTTER OR MILK REQUIRED**

*Spaghetti Sauce & Spaghetti

*All types of pasta/noodles

*All types of beans

*Peanut Butter AND jelly or honey

*Meats - 40 oz. OR 16 oz. cans

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| Stews | Corned beef |
| Ravioli | Beefaroni |
| Spaghetti | Chili |
| Salmon | Chicken |
| turkey | beans & franks |

Vegetables - 16 or 28 oz. CANS
corn carrots
potatoes mixed veggies

*Rice - 1 or 2 lb. uncooked OR instant
OR in microwave packages

***CRACKERS

Fruit - 14 or 16 oz. CANS or Pop-Top
single servings
fruit cocktail mandarin oranges
pineapple applesauce
peaches pears

Fruit juice - cans OR single serving
plastic bottles

Tea Mix - or single bottle

Lemonade Mix - or single bottle

Coffee & filters OR instant

Tea bags

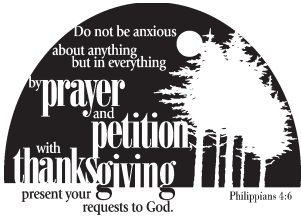
BOXED MILK - the kind that does
NOT require refrigeration before or
after opening

*Cereal - hot or cold, all types, sizes

Non-Food Items

- can openers (small, non-electric)
- diapers (all sizes)
- personal or travel sizes of:
- soap/body wash
- hand sanitizer
- toothbrush (adult & children)
- toothpaste (travel or small size)
- dental floss
- dental floss
- mouthwash
- shampoo
- deodorant
- hand or body lotion
- pocket-sized tissue packs
- shaving cream
- disposable razors
- combs and brushes
- Socks - ALL sizes for men, women
& children
- wash cloths/small towels
- gallon-size plastic bags with
zipper-style closure

Continuing Concerns:



Good News:

Prayer Requests:

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 24, 2013

Morning

Tek Chea
Kathie Truitt

Evening

Levenie Hughes

December 1, 2013

Morning

Amy Saxton
Lisa Swetnam

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

November 24, 2013

2/3 Amanda Venkatesan, Joy Hayes
P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

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2/3 TBA
P-K TBA

Worship Today, November 24, 2013

Hymn - See Handout

We Gather Together

Hymn #67

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer

Ben Bohannon

Hymn #318

O Sacred Head

Communion/Collection

Clark Richardson

Hymn #729

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)

Bible Reading (*Luke 10:36-37*)

Gordon Rampy

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #12

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Announcements

Oliver McDaniel

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Mark Dawson

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Brian Collins, Joshua McKay



The Annual Harvest Festival will take place this evening.

November servers are: Gary Allmond, Jun Amores, Kirk Crews, Brandon Durant, Grant Smith, 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
(*October through April*)

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 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
Habt 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, November 17, 2013

Bible Study 213
Morning Assembly 339
Evening Assembly No Service
Contribution \$12,051
YTD Average \$12,125
Budget Goal \$12,587

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Classes & Online 104

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

**Thanksgiving
Devotional**