

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

"I want to know Christ"
What does it mean to be a Christian?

Perhaps no congregation was closer to the heart of Paul than the one in Philippi. But in the end, it was just a church, like our own, made up of fallible and temptable people.

They were Christians to be sure, but like us all, subject to the passions and selfishness that plague humanity.

In a tightly packed statement so important that Paul makes it twice in five verses (Philippians 3:7-11), Paul reminds his readers what they are supposed to be about.

First, they are to be about knowing Christ.

To be sure this includes knowing about Christ. What was Jesus like? How did he think? How did he act? Why was he this way? It involves knowing the Old Testament, for that testament reveals the God Jesus embodied, fills in the gaps left by the gospels and makes them multi-dimensional. It involves knowing the New Testament, the testimony of those who saw, examined, touched and experienced Jesus in the flesh (1 John 1:1).

But knowing Jesus is more than an intellectual exercise. All the information in the world about Jesus is flat and dead until it is made alive in an imitative life. When you experience life as Jesus did, thinking as he thought, acting as he acted, and responding as he responded, that flat knowledge is given breath and Jesus is seen alive.

Alive in you.

So Paul writes in chapter two of Philippians that Christ becomes magnified (or, in his words, "exalted").

Do you know Christ? Is it your goal? Can he be seen in you?

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!



PowerHouse 2013: Turn It up/Turn It Out

Once again the Fairfax Church of Christ put on an inspiring and well planned PowerHouse youth rally.

This year centered around Micah 6.8 and our need to turn up and turn out our faith. We do this by loving mercy, acting justly and walk-

ing humbly!



**Budget Meeting Set for Nov. 16,
8:30 am to noon, Fellowship Hall**



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

**Congregational Prayer Request
for the week of November 10:**

*Pray for wisdom as we work together to accomplish
God's purpose for this family of believers.*



**The Missions Committee will meet in R. 120
(library) November 17, after the
morning assembly.**

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.

**Next Sunday Fellowship is a
Potluck Luncheon November 17**

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Potluck Luncheon** after the morning worship service next Sunday, November 17.

As is our custom, following the luncheon we will dismiss for the day. **There will be no evening assembly on Nov. 17.**

Agape Groups 2 & 5 are the "duty groups" for this event.

Group 2 is Potomac Heights under **Rachel and Richard Bowles** and **Staci and Mark Shannon**. Group 5 is Burke Springs Lakes under **Becky and Jim Bates** and **Jennifer Krause**.

If you do not know your group assignment, please consult the list on the bulletin board or the email attachment with this bulletin.

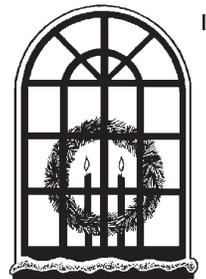
Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring the following:

- ⌘ a main dish (usually a meat or casserole to feed your family and a few others)
- PLUS** two of the following three items:
 - ⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)
 - ⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip
- OR**
- ⌘ a dessert



Holiday Preview:

Please reserve the date of Saturday, Dec. 7, for the annual **"Breakfast with Santa,"** 9 to 11 am, in the fellowship hall. This is a very special event - featuring breakfast food of course - but also including 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 annual **Senior Saints Christmas Gala** will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12.

ALSO, mark your calendar for the **Annual Christmas Open House** at the home of **Ann Ford** on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 5 to 8 pm.

Prominent Guest Speaker Will Address the Topic, “Life That Resists the Storm” in Spanish Meeting Nov. 15-17 at Falls Church

Diomedes Damian, the Spanish minister for the Mt. Island *Iglesia de Cristo* of Charlotte, NC, will be the guest speaker for a three-day meeting of the *Iglesias de Cristo* of the greater metropolitan area. His theme will be “Life That Resists the Storm.”

The program will be held Nov. 15 through 17 here at Falls Church, with the following schedule:

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 and fellowship dinner**, even though the SWA is usually the last Sunday of the month. The English congregation will not meet that evening due to the 2nd Sunday luncheon that day.

Brother Damian was born in the Dominican Republic. After graduation from the Pan-American High School, he attended Pedro Enrique Ureño University where he earned a degree in agronomy. He then completed a master’s degree in Land Management from U.S.E. University.

He and his wife Griseldis have been married for 35 years and have a 22-year-old daughter Rode (ro-day) who is attending a university in New York. Griseldis, who has a master’s degree, is a teacher.

He became a Christian in 1983, and then attended the Sunset School of Preaching in TX for two years. He then launched into mission work in Panama, Mexico, Colombia and his native Dominican Republic.

About 25 years ago, he moved to this country and turned away from his work in agronomy. He accepted an invitation to work in the maximum security prisons of New York, a job he held for 10 years before assuming his current position.



A popular guest lecturer, his invitations to speak have taken him all over the country, but Falls Church is one of his favorite places. David Rodriguez, a member of the Falls Church congregation, once visited Damian in North Carolina to invite him to speak here. He came - and brought his entire 20-member congregation!

That was 1993 and he has spoken here frequently since that time. He also preached the funeral service for Matilde Rodriguez, the wife of long-time member Adrian and the mother of David and his sister Sandra Espinoza.

The topics for each session are:

Friday - “The price to pay for living in sin”

Saturday - “A cure for the unclean”

Sunday Bible School - “Two Builders”

Sunday Morning Worship - “Delivered from the
dominion of darkness”

Sunday Evening Worship - “How to pray for those we
love.”

All current and new deacons are invited to a dinner meeting next Saturday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be an opportunity for the deacons to get to know each other, to discuss the roles and talents of each man, and to address how to best serve the congregation.

Talk to **Brandon Durant** about any additional details.

Agape Group Leaders to Meet Nov. 17

A meeting of all **AGAPE Group Leaders** is set for next Sunday, Nov. 17, after the Fellowship Luncheon, according to **Richard & Rachel Bowles**.

The groups - their structure, members and functions - have been discussed frequently this year, and this meeting will feature the decisions and changes to be implemented after January 1.

Richard assures leaders that the meeting will be as brief as possible.

The clothing items that Habtu Zemech is collecting for his next trip to Ethiopia are children’s clothes - all sizes and ages - and shirts/ties/jackets for the preaching students. Please bring clean items, folded and placed into heavy-duty black garbage bags for easier handling. Please try to bring in the bags no later than next Sunday, Nov. 17, prior to Habtu’s departure on Nov. 22.

11th Annual Orphan Sunday Collection Starts Today, Concludes Nov. 17

The **2013 Churches of Christ Orphan Sunday** is today. The Elders of Falls Church have recognized this special event since 2007, and are opening this to Falls Church members to contribute. **Please make out your check to the “Orphans Lifeline of Hope,” and give it to one of the elders today or by next Sunday, Nov.17.**

This annual fundraising event is sponsored by the organization Orphan’s Lifeline of Hope, a Montana Non-Profit corporation (501 (c) 3 Non-profit), 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.

Today the organization provides love and a Christian home plus food, shelter, clothing, education and medical care to 20,000 children in 8 countries around the world.

The numbers of “orphan children” (those who have lost at least one parent) are staggering - 143 MILLION! That is almost half of the population of the United States. While many of those children have one parent, often that parent is unable to cope with work and child care. And the total includes the estimated 18.5 MILLION who have neither parent.

These are the children who sleep in back alleys and forage for subsistence in the dump. They drink the contaminated water that runs through the streets. They include girls who all too often become sex slaves and the “lost boys” who become “soldiers” while still children. Assuming they survive into adulthood, most of them will spend their lives in abject poverty and disease. They will become the prisoners and the abusers and the derelicts of the future.

But a few are given an opportunity out of that bleak scenario. The following are examples from the Lifeline of Hope website. But please visit the website [which is orphanslifeline.org] for the many ways to help, including sponsoring a child, sponsoring an orphage, sending Christmas packages or contributing in some other way.

Consider the children at **Tabitha’s House in Haiti.**

Just smaller than the state of Maryland, Haiti suffers from extreme poverty, with 80% of the population below the poverty line, and nearly 2/3 are unemployed.

There are chronic food shortages, deforestation, lack of arable land, soil erosion and clean water, while malaria, typhoid, cholera and HIV/AIDS take their toll. About 15% of all children are orphaned or abandoned. The 2010 earthquake destroyed much of the already crumbling infrastructure.



Tabitha opened her own home to care for the children in her community, and three years later, in 2008, she officially established the orphanage. Operating with contributions from friends and benefactors, the home needed some assistance. Lifeline of Hope became involved in 2009, remodeling the home and installing a septic system and restrooms. They also improved medical attention, gardens for healthy food and, most recently, enrolled the children in a nearby Christian school.

Or consider the **Fresh Fire home in Uganda.** Uganda is slightly smaller than Oregon but with a population of 25 million. Although it has a stable government and natural resources,



it has many chronic problems. The average life span is 46 years, with war and disease taking a substantial toll. Since 2001, more than 884,000 children under the age of 14 have lost their parents to AIDS.

Fresh Fire is one of 4 orphanages located in that country, and Lifeline has been involved with it since 2004. A local Christian man saw the dilapidated home without water or beds, while the children suffered from malnutrition and other medical issues.

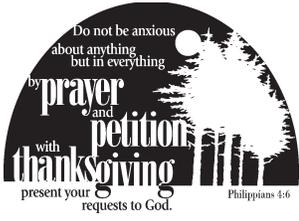
Lifeline helped the home acquire 10 lands of land for a new building. Equally important was the land to cultivate crops and raise livestock including chickens, pigs, goats and even a cow for fresh milk. A second home has now been established on that land! Fresh Fire needs additional funds for education, medical costs and other expenses, since Uganda has a very high rate of inflation.

The **Rose of Sharon Home, one of six in India,** is yet another example. India is one third the size of the United States but has a population of more than 1 billion people with about 400 million under the age of 18. About 47% of young children are malnourished, and nearly one third of the country’s people live below the poverty line. In addition, orphans fall into a lower social category, so many of them have very few resources.



Rose of Sharon was established in 2004. Lifeline of Hope became involved in 2010 and since then has helped building a new home plus install bathrooms to improve sanitation. The children now have their own vegetable garden. A major need for the immediate is a school, since the current structure is old and potentially unsafe.

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 10, 2013

Morning

Calanthia Tucker
Meaza Zemech

Evening

Leah Durant/Philip

November 17, 2013

Morning

Marsha De La Cruz
Wendy Ward

Evening

NO SERVICE

Children's Worship

November 10, 2013

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

November 17, 2013

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

Worship Today, November 10, 2013

Hymn #193

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn #410

He Leadeth Me

Prayer

Oliver McDaniel

Hymn #827

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hymn #387

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Communion/Collection

Dave Miller

Hymn #749

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

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

Bible Reading (Luke 6:46-49)

Andrew McDaniel

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #957

This World Is Not My Home

Announcements

Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Beni Venkatesan

Song Leader

John Waterston

Ushers

Brian Collins, Joshua McKay



Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening;

Daniel Williams & Habtu Zemech will lead prayers.

November servers are: Jun Amores, Tre Berry, 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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Bill Kincaid Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

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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, November 3, 2013

Bible Study 208
Morning Assembly 321
Evening Assembly 128
Contribution \$ 9,984
YTD Average \$12,098
Budget Goal \$12,587

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Classes & Online 91

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

Prayer - John Reagan
Song Leader - Joseph Tucker