

Family Life

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December 1, 2013

The 23rd Annual Harvest Festival Was Great Success

The **Harvest Festival**, held last Sunday during the evening assembly, brought out a large size crowd, LOTS of food (see photos) and lots of help in restocking the Food Pantry - see photo at bottom of page. MANY thanks to the organizers including **Wayne & Jean Doran, Marsha De La Cruz and Candace Thie**. And many thanks to all who shopped, brought, passed, sorted and restocked. Some people were here until 8:30 Sunday night! Also many, many thanks to **Josh Byrd** and **Dorothy Eckert** for the marvelous photos below to commemorate the event!



Christmas Tidings

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.



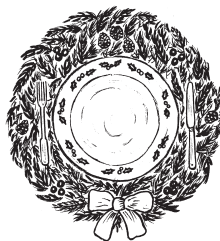
A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board!

Jim Shoehard, who is in charge of the Seniors Ministry, **needs people to help set up, serve and clean up after the event.**

Breakfast With the Shelter Ladies

Dec. 14, 9 - 11 am
Fellowship Hall

This annual breakfast allows us at Falls Church to meet and get to know the ladies from the Bailey's Shelter who participate in a year-round Bible Study and fellowship each year.



It's also a time for Christmas gifts. Shelter residents must vacate the building during the day, so warm items are essential. Each lady will receive a blanket plus hat, gloves, scarves, a tote bag and a bag of personal items. **See Lynda Eubank to donate funds.**

A special feature of this year's breakfast is that the **Men's Ministry will prepare all the food!!! MEN: See Jonah Shumate to volunteer your services.**

Members are invited, but **PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE SIGN-UP SHEET.** Jonah has a need to know how many people for whom he should prepare food.

This program now operates under the auspices of the CARE committee, but is a brain-child of the Ladies Bible Class, dating back to 2004. **Lynda Eubank & Diana Kuhn** created the original program, with the late **Leva Schaf** and a former member who prefers anonymity.

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 for your "sister." Cookies and drinks will be provided, and donations of homemade cookies will be welcome.

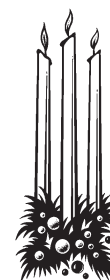


Ladies Bible Class & Potluck

Luncheon

Dec. 17, 10:15 am

The **Ladies Bible Class** will hold a potluck luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 17, the last class for 2013. The class will resume after the Christmas break.



Ladies Christmas Brunch

Dec. 21, 9 am-noon
Fellowship Hall

All ladies of the Falls Church congregation are invited to the annual **Ladies Brunch**. Hostesses this year include **Dana Hatcher, Catherine McDaniel, Janice McDaniel, Lisa Swetnam, Blonnie Thomas and Peggy Williams.**



Youth Ministry Family

Christmas Party

Dec. 21, 5:30-7:30 pm
The Building

The Youth Ministry includes youth grades 3-12.



Congregational Prayer Request for the week of November 24:

Prayer of thankfulness to God for all of the gifts we have received this year and for His protection around us.

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.

Special Collection for the Philippines & for Illinois Catastrophe Coming up December 15 -

Recent catastrophic weather events abroad, in the Philippines, and domestically, in the state of Illinois, have created an enormous need for financial assistance to help those affected.

Our church family will assist in these efforts through a special contribution to be held on Sunday, December 15, 2013. These funds will be collected immediately after the regular contribution on Sunday, December 15, 2013.

We thank you for your contribution.

The Elders

Next 2nd Sunday Fellowship is Finger Food Dinner After Evening Service on December 8

Our final "2nd Sunday Fellowship" for 2013 is set for Dec. 8 after the evening service. This will feature finger food fare, and naturally, the Christmas theme is *apropos* for this event. Also, Agape Groups 3 & 6 are the "duty" teams.

Each family is asked to bring:

A plate of sandwiches

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A plate of *hors d'oeuvres* OR fruit or veggie tray, with or without dips OR chips/dips

Bite-size desserts

The Annual Falls Church "Christmas Card" Collection Starts December 1

You'll hear "Merry Christmas" often over the next few weeks. If it isn't spoken, often it takes the form of a greeting card.

The Falls Church congregation has a unique approach to the Christmas card tradition - namely a "group" card which will be printed in Family Life on the Sunday before Christmas. This year, that will be December 22.

Members calculate the number of cards they would like to send and multiply by the cost of a stamp and the cost of the cards, and instead, donate that amount to a worthy cause. Or of course, just pick a nice round number!

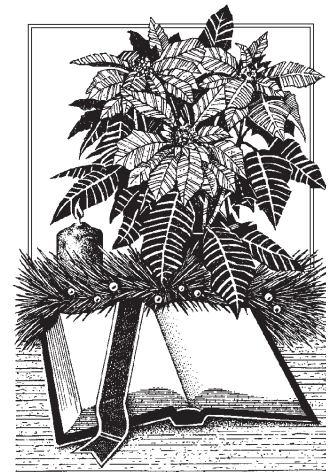
Frequently, that worthy cause is Rainbow Christian Services, although that changes from year to year. And this year, the cause will be **Camper Scholarships to Camp**

WaMaVa, the only Christian camp in the greater Metropolitan Washington area.

To add YOUR name to the list, just give your contribution to **Sally Dasher, Lynda Eubank, Yvonne May or Amanda Venkatesan.**

Please make out checks to "**Camp WaMaVa,**" NOT to Falls Church.

And please turn in your donations by **Wednesday, December 18.**



Scenes From the Hispanic Meeting Nov. 15-17 at Falls Church

Photos are courtesy of Ignacio Espinoza



Above: A full auditorium; speaker Diomedes Damian at far left

Left: Fellowship meal after the evening service on Nov. 17

Right: Speaker Damian and Iglesia de Cristo representative Saul Reyes



Recardo & Monica Reyes, Mexico

Recardo & Monica Reyes are part of a church planting team in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Natives of the state of Washington, they were employed in private industry until they committed to fulltime ministry among people of Spanish descent. Recardo holds a B. A. in Biblical Studies from Sunset International Bible Institute of Lubbock, TX, and both are graduates of the School of Missions. They have four daughters, Dominique, Jesenia, Deasha and Serenity.



Below is a brief letter and some photos regarding recent work in that city.

Prayer Partners,

I am so excited about what God is doing and even more excited about what He will do in the future. Thank you to everyone who prayed for open doors on August 3 and those who pray for us on a regular basis.

Patrick and the youth are studying the Bible with two families who live outside the city. The youth had a weekend of service to some poor families and are now teaching them the gospel!

My wife Monica and I are studying the Bible with Adriana, Mario Jr, and Mario Sr. We are super excited about this family because they are already inviting others to studies and church.

The Bible Study Center is now going full-throttle, Amen! On Monday and Thursday mornings we have an interactive Bible Video class where we are studying the letters of John and are averaging eight students. Tonight we started a new course called the fundamentals of salvation; a family of five from the Baptist church is attending the class and seems to like it. They showed up on our door step one after noon and told us they attend a baptist church but they want to learn the Bible better. WOW, I love it! Thank you for praying for doors to open for the gospel, THEY HAVE OPENED! But please continue praying, specifically for Adriana, Mario Jr, Mario Sr, Julie, Apollos, Arturo, Maria, Karen, and Eimy, all in new studies. Also please continue to pray for Ruben, Ada & Irving who know the gospel but have not obeyed yet.



Outreach work in a poor neighborhood - they shared clothes, food and God's word.



Adrian is shown at left as he was baptized; below left, as he is leading the devotional for the Lord's supper; and below, with the sign for the Bible Video class mentioned above.



Recardo playing soccer with a deaf child (at left) and (below) with a youth named Marco.

Daniel (photo at right) as he baptized a friend, Tesla



Jesus (photo at right) is shown as he preached at the congregation known as La Fuente (The Fountain). Jesus now is a student at Sunset



(at right) Recardo preaching at Sunset Church of Christ for first time



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

December 1, 2013

Morning

Amy Saxton
Lisa Swetnam

Evening

Levenie Hughes

December 8, 2013

Morning

Ann Ford
Linda Reagan

Evening

Leah Durant (Phillip)

Children's Worship

December 1, 2013

2/3 Gayla Keller, Dana Hatcher
P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

December 8, 2013

2/3 Allison McKay, Anna Souza
P-K Jessi Arevalo, Mandy Scandlen

Worship Today, December 1, 2013

Pew Bible p.916

Psalm 107

Hymn #689

Be Still My Soul

Hymn #778

Be With Me Lord

Prayer

Jose Arevalo

Hymn #474

Thank You, Lord, for Loving Me

Hymn #226

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Communion/Collection

Hal Swetnam

Hymn #1002

Angels We Have Heard On High

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

Bible Reading

Jun Amores

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #349

Ten Thousand Angels

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Joe Bohannon

Song Leader

John Waterston

Ushers

Matt Benskny, Scott Mills



Marty Sims will lead singing this evening. Geosh Saxton &

Barry Smith will lead the prayers.

December servers are: Sam Gregory, Joe Kobs, Andrew McDaniel, Joshua McKay, Jonah Shumate, Robert Spiess

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

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
Matt Benskny 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 24, 2013

Bible Study 203
Morning Assembly 333
Evening Assembly No Count
Contribution No Count
YTD Average \$ -----
Budget Goal \$12,587

Wednesday, November 24, 2013

Classes & Online No Count

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

**Thanksgiving
Devotional**