

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

*"[I want] to be found . . . [in Christ] not having a righteousness of my own . . . but that which is through the faith of Christ."*

In Philippians 3, in four points, Paul tells us what it means to be a Christian. This fourth point is to

have a righteousness (right standing with God) that comes through the faith of Christ.

Normally, we talk about this as being a faith *in* Christ, and that's actually the way it reads in most English Bibles. It is really what we would expect. After all, righteousness doesn't come by merit, but by trust: trust in God and trust in Christ.

But what does that trust look like?

There are six places in the New Testament where the New Testament is very specific about what it looks like. Philippians 3:9 is one of them. Rather than speak of faith *in* Christ, the Greek text speaks of the faith *of* Christ. Translators have struggled with this. Perhaps they did not want to leave the impression that we are righteous because Jesus had faith (so we don't *have* to have faith), so they translated it "faith *in* Christ." But by doing this they obscured a very important point: our faith should look like the faith Jesus had. Righteousness comes by exhibiting a faith like that of Jesus.

Knowing Christ, experiencing the power of his resurrection in our changing lives, sharing in his sufferings, and imitating his faith. This is what it means to be a Christian.

Paul never claimed to have achieved all this. In fact, just the opposite (see Philippians 3:12ff). It was a goal toward which he was constantly moving. May it be our goal as well.

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 Walk Humbly

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 foundation. Over the weekend he pulled out the three requirements the LORD wants from His people as Micah lays them out.

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

The third requirement from the LORD is to "walk humbly." As we saw a few weeks ago justice corrects wrongs. Then we saw that mercy takes the next step and heals the heart and soul. Finally, walking humbly causes us to ask "Who is on the throne?"

Who is on the throne of our lives? It is a vitally important question. Our culture tells us that we can be in control of our lives and determine our futures. Our culture values self-reliance. The myth of the American Dream is that by our own will we can become rich and successful. This is a Satanic lie! The truth is when we try to be in control we are actually following the path of sin and putting Satan on our thrones. In an effort to be free we become more and more enslaved.

As follower of Jesus we choose to give control and the throne to the LORD. Instead of trying to be free and in control we give that up. We embrace the humble slavery to the LORD because in doing so we find true freedom. True freedom is not doing what you want but being who you were made to be.

There is a better way to be human and it can only be found by walking humbly with  
our GOD

GRACE + PEACE  
*Rich Little*

# Christmas Tidings

## 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!

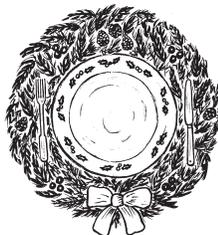


**Jim Shoehard**, who is in charge of the Seniors Ministry, **needs people to help set up, serve and clean up after the event.**

## 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.

## Annual Christmas Open House

Dec. 14, 5 - 8 pm  
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This annual tradition combines holiday fellowship and delicious food, and is open to all!

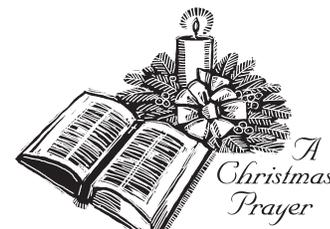


## Prayer Sisters "Cookies & Reveal Tea"

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



## 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



## 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 December 8:

*Pray for peace and good will among the people of God.*

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 NOTE:** The Ladies Bible Class will **NOT** have a Christmas potluck after the Dec. 17 class session, the last one for 2013.



## Final Fellowship Dinner of 2013 Coming Up Today after the Evening Service

Our final “2nd Sunday Fellowship” for 2013 is set for today after the evening service. This will feature finger food fare, and naturally, the Christmas theme is *apropos* for this event.

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 - definitely “bite size”

Also, Agape Groups 3 & 6 are the “duty” teams. **Group 3 is Westfield Woods** under the direction of **Ann Ford** and **Martha Ashley**, with coordinators **Amanda & Beni Venkatesan**. **Group 6 is Potomac Acres** under **Vickie Writt** and **Jose & Jackie Arevalo**.

## 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 next Sunday, December 15, 2013. These funds will be collected immediately after the regular contribution that day.

We thank you for your contribution.

*The Elders*



## The Annual Falls Church “Christmas Card” Collection Continues

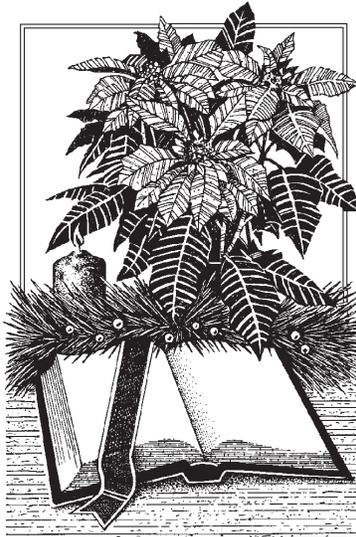
It is the season for “Merry Christmas” and “Happy Holidays” and “Have a great time at Camp.”

All right, perhaps the last greeting about camp isn’t normally the one we hear this time of year, but it COULD be when Falls Church members say “Merry Christmas” and help a local camp all at the same time.

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 to their friends at church, then multiply by the cost of a stamp and the cost of the cards. Instead of using the money in that manner, instead we donate that amount to a worthy cause.

Of course, you don’t HAVE to do any math gymnastics. Just pick a nice round number!



In many previous years, the worthy cause was Rainbow Christian Services, but this year, the cause will be **Camper Scholarships to Camp WaMaVa**, the only Christian camp in the greater Metropolitan Washington area.

The Camp was founded in 1956 and is located on 146 acres of land in the foothills of the Shenandoah region. The scholarships provide the means for disadvantaged youth to attend a week-long program of wholesome activities blended with Bible study amidst God’s beautiful landscape.

You are probably wondering, “How do I add MY name to this card?” That’s easy.

Just make our your check to “Camp WaMaVa” - NOT TO FALLS CHURCH.

Then give the check to the collectors, **Sally Dasher, Lynda Eubank, Yvonne May or Amanda Venkatesan**.

And please turn in your donations by

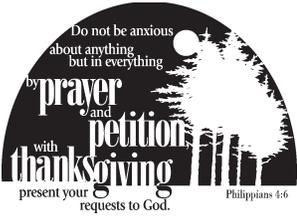
Wednesday, December 18.

# *Baptisms*

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*Welcome Our Newest Member*

**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

December 1, 2013

### Morning

TBA  
Linda Reagan

### Evening

Leah Durant (Phillip)

December 8, 2013

### Morning

Amanda Venkatesan  
Erica Walker-Chenevert

### Evening

Kelly Shumate

## Children's Worship

December 8, 2013

2/3 Allison McKay, Anna Souza  
P-K Jessi Arevalo, Carol Alvarez

December 15, 2013

2/3 Abby Smith, Lori Kobs  
P-K Leah Durant, Heather Musser

## Worship Today, December 8, 2013

Hymn #860

*There Is a Habitation*

Hymn #700

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Prayer

Brian Collins

Hymn #186

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Communion/Collection

Jerry Williams

Hymn #997

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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

Bible Reading (*Matthew 18:23-35*)

Kirk Crews

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #715

*The Church's One Foundation*

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Curtis Madeley

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Matt Benskys, Scott Mills



John Waterston will lead singing this evening.

Mark Dawson & Kevin Thie 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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## Elders

Steve Dasher Wayne Doran  
Bill Kincaid 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, December 1, 2013

Bible Study 194  
Morning Assembly 324  
Evening Assembly No Count  
Contribution \$12,677  
YTD Average \$12,189  
Budget Goal \$12,587

### Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Classes & Online 75

## Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Prayer - Marty Sims

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker