

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

It would appear that winter has decided to come early this year, and with its arrival (officially next Saturday), comes this little (front page!) reminder about how we do things here at Falls Church with

regard to cancelling church activities.

First, we try not to cancel our gatherings. It is important that Christians get together for encouragement and to worship the Lord. We do all in our power to promote those gatherings and it is a disappointment to have to cancel one.

During the week, if Fairfax county closes schools due to weather (either schools do not open at all on a particular day or they are closed early), worship or other activities at our building are also cancelled. If the county opens school late (like a 2 hour delay), this does not generally affect our gatherings.

On the weekend, the Elders make the decision. We will post that decision on our website homepage as soon as possible. We will also call each of you through our robo-call network. We only make the robo calls to Falls Church members. If you are a member, but received no call recently, it means there is something wrong with your phone number in our database. Please contact the church office to correct that. We will also send an email to each member address currently receiving a bulletin via email.

If you call the church office (703-820-1346), and from the menu select "news," we will also post the announcement there.

Until recently, we said that if you called the building and received a busy signal or no answer, that electrical power was out here. This method is no longer reliable. The most reliable methods are those previously mentioned.

None of these things are perfect. I've seen the time when the situation was so bad that none of them were workable – but they're the best we've got.

Hopefully, we won't need any of them anytime in the near future.

Love you all.

Mike



Power House 2013: Turn It Up, Turn It Out Putting it All Together

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 writes:

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

After exploring these 3 requirements from Micah, it is important to see how they all fit together. These are not a check list we can go through and once we have acted justly, loved mercy and walked humbly we can check off. Instead we are to synthesize these qualities into our lives.

What does this look like?

How can I live out these requirements in my life?

I can't tell you how to do this in every moment of your life, but I can make some suggestions.

This afternoon on your way to lunch when you are hungry and a little grumpy along with everyone else in your family, you can show justice and mercy by simply not arguing or fussing with your family. You can humbly wait for your food while other receive theirs. If you are eating at home you can help prepare lunch. Whether you are home or out you can thank the person who brings you your lunch.

You can live out these requirements on Monday also. At work, if you see someone not getting the credit for a project they deserve, you can talk to your boss and let them know the truth. At school, if you see someone sitting alone at lunch you could go sit with them or offer them a seat.

Notice these aren't "big" actions but small things. Acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly don't mean you are "Super Christian" out to save the world with big projects. It means you are a super follower who makes small changes in the lives of those around you, and in the end, those will add up to big changes.

New Baby



Christmas Tidings

Prayer Sisters "Cookies & Reveal Tea"

Today, Dec. 15, at 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 Christmas Brunch

Saturday, 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

Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:30-7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

This event includes the youth grades 3-12 and their families. **RSVP to Josh Byrd**.



Spanish Appreciation Dinner for the Ladies

Saturday, Dec. 21, 6-8:30 pm

The men of the **Iglesia de Cristo** will prepare a special dinner for the Spanish women and girls in appreciation for all the services they provided during the year.



Special Collection for The Philippines and for Illinois Catastrophes Coming Up TODAY

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 **TODAY, Dec. 15, 2013**. These funds will be collected immediately after the regular contribution that day.

We thank you for your contribution.

The Elders



Agape Group Revisions Announced

The number of Agape Groups will be reduced from six to four groups, and the requirements for those groups have been revised, according to **John Reagan**, who with his wife **Linda** and with **Richard and Rachel Bowles**, are now the leaders for the Agape Group Ministry.



One major role that has been eliminated is the "duty" assignment for fellowship events. Beginning in January, special Setup/Serve/Cleanup Crews will be responsible for that aspect of the fellowship dinners. **To become a part of this important ministry, add YOUR name to the sign-up sheet now located on the bulletin board in the lobby.**

John also applauded the work of **Richard Bowles** in assessing the membership of each group. Those changes will be announced early next year.

Teachers Needed for Sunday Night Classes for Winter Quarter



Four teachers are needed NOW for two Sunday night classes for the winter quarter, which is already underway.

The classes are for the **2 & 3 year olds** and for the **4 & 5 year olds**. Two teachers are needed for both classes.

Please see **Scott Mills** to volunteer.

Baptisms

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of December 15:

*Pray for our enemies and for those
who would cause us harm.*

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.

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!

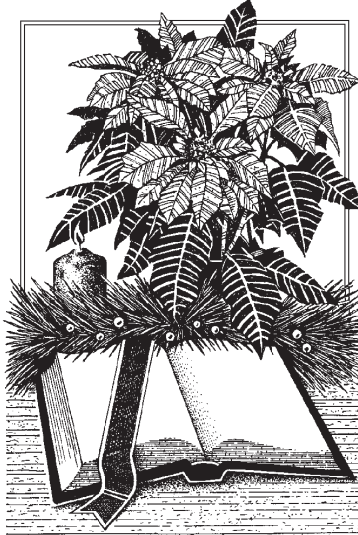
In many previous years, the worthy cause was Rainbow Christian Services, but this year, the cause will be **Camper Scholarships to Camp WaMaVa**, the only Christian camp in the greater Metropolitan Washington area.

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



Celebrating Our Seniors

Below are photos from the **Senior Saints Christmas celebration** held Thursday. Many, many thanks to ministry leader _____ who not only arranged for the food but also took these photos. And equal thanks to all those who helped make this a very special occasion, including (See top two photos at the right.)



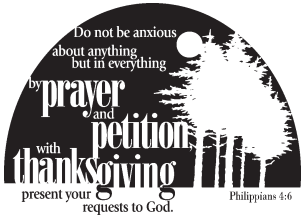
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guests for the occasion - above, above right, at right



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 15, 2013

Morning	Evening
Amanda Venkatesan	Kelly Shumate
Erica Walker-Chenevert	

December 22, 2013

Morning	Evening
Leah Durant	Levenie Hughes
Fern Musteen	

Children's Worship

December 15, 2013

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

December 22, 2013

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

Worship Today, December 15, 2013

<i>Hymn #745</i>	<i>Humble Yourself</i>
<i>Hymn #538</i>	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i>
<i>Hymn #96</i>	<i>I Stand in Awe</i>
Prayer	Mark Dawson
<i>Hymn #1002</i>	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
<i>Hymn #364</i>	<i>Come, Share the Lord</i>
Communion/Collection	Joseph Tucker
<i>Hymn #622</i>	<i>Ring Out the Message</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Luke 11:1-13)	Kelvin Hatcher
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #959</i>	<i>Just a Little Talk with Jesus</i>
Announcements	Wayne Doran
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Grant Smith
Song Leader	Clark Richardson
Ushers	Matt Bensky, Scott Mills



Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening.

Bobby Wilkinson & 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
<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 Bensky	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, Cuemavaca, MX
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Torrington, CT

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Bible Study	161
Morning Assembly	243
Evening Assembly	NO SERVICE
Contribution	\$ 7,935
YTD Average	\$12,102
Budget Goal	\$12,587

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Classes & Online 85

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Prayer - Steve Dasher
Song Leader - Bobby Wilkinson