

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

If you are following our daily Bible readings, yesterday brought us to the Book of Revelation. We end 2013's readings a week from today.

Did you read your Bible through this year?

Nothing. Absolutely nothing will change your life, perspective, and thinking – for the better – like reading your Bible. All the religiosity and spiritualism you can muster will not help you if you are not in daily connection with the word of God.

God makes us holy through His word (John 17:17). There will be no holiness without it and without holiness, we cannot see the Lord. Spiritual nourishment and growth will not come without regular contact with the word of God. That word is crucial and primary to physical and spiritual survival. Both Moses and Jesus affirmed that “mankind does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4). In fact, it took a lack of literal bread to prompt and emphasize that observation.

The word of God helps us deal with sin. To God David confessed: “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” It is the word of God that helps us get through life's challenges, disappointments, failures and pain. Job, in immense suffering, stayed the course and remained faithful to God. How? He says “I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread” (23:12).

On Wednesday, I hope you will take time to remember that Word became flesh when Jesus was born and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!

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!



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippian 4.4 - .9

Just a few weeks ago our country celebrated two holidays back to back. One is an official holiday while the other unofficial.

We know the official holiday as Thanksgiving Day. This is a day when friends and family gather to be thankful for all the people and things we have.

The unofficial holiday is Black Friday - a day when we get more as long as the sale is good and no matter who stands in our way!

Does this pairing of holidays bother anyone else? Are you concerned that one day we spend being thankful for what we have while the next day we spend being unhappy with what we have? Are you even more concerned that Black Friday is starting on Thanksgiving Day?

As followers of Jesus, it should bother us. We have been called to be thankful and content with what the LORD has given us. We are to be good stewards of what we have and not be wasteful. We are not to put things ahead of people. We are to be the light of the world by showing courtesy to friends, family, co-workers and strangers.

With these thoughts in mind I hope you use every day as a day of thanksgiving and not as a black day.

GRACE + PEACE
John Bell

New Baby



Christmas Tidings

Appreciation Dinner for the Ladies of the Iglesia de Cristo

Fellowship Hall, Saturday, Dec. 28, 6:30 pm

The men of the Iglesia de Cristo will prepare a special dinner for the Spanish women and girls, in appreciation for all the service and support they provide during the year.



Teachers STILL Needed for Sunday Night Classes for Winter Quarter



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

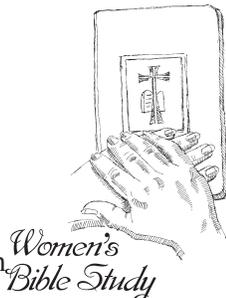
The classes are for the **2 & 3 year olds** and for the **4 & 5 year olds**. Two teachers are needed for both classes.

Please see **Scott Mills** to volunteer.

Women's Class Starts Winter Quarter

"If Jesus Is The Answer, What Is The Question" is the title and theme for the **Women's Class** which will begin in the winter quarter, January through March. The teacher is **Kathy Koczanski**.

Kathy comments, "Join us as we understand the Gospel. There will be a particular focus on the Cross and its relationship to the larger Gospel. The class will have our usual discussion format so I need all of you there!"



The Young Professionals Group is planning a ski trip on January 24-25. Those who wish to join should contact **Daniel Williams**.



Congregational Prayer Request for the week of December 22:

Pray for all who are traveling during the holidays and especially those of our family to have a safe and joyous journey.

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.

Scenes from the Breakfast for Ladies From the Bailey's Shelter

The Annual Breakfast for the Ladies from the Bailey's Shelter took on a new "face" last weekend, with the Men's Ministry preparing and serving the breakfast.

MANY thanks to chief organizer **Jonah Shumate**, along with **Jun Amores**, **Wayne Doran**, **Sam Gregory**, **Kelvin Hatcher**, **Jeffery Hayes, Jr.**, **Caleb Mayfield**, **Joshua McKay**, **Scott & Isaac Mills**, **John Reagan**, **Geosh Saxton**, **Kevin Thie** (in his unique role!!!), **Bobby Wilkinson & Jerry Williams**. Jerry also served as the Master of Ceremonies, while Wayne & Geosh represent the CARE Committee.

Six ladies from the Shelter attended the event, and each received a gift of a blanket, pillow, scarf, gloves, hat, Panera gift card, candy and a bag of personal items. Gift bags were taken to the shelter for the ladies who were unable to attend.

The women who conduct the program for the ladies at the shelter and those who helped purchase and wrap the Christmas gifts included organizer **Lynda Eubank** with **Ruth Amores**, **Donna Barham**, **Lynn Barham**, **Elaine Brown**, **Tammy Cowart**, **Jean Doran**, **Dorothy Eckert**, **Rebecca Eckstone-Hayes**, **Levenie Hughes**, **Lynn Johanson**, **Diana Kuhn**, **Janet Lane**, **Carol Martone**, **Kim & Casey Mills**, **Amy Saxton**, **Jewell Smiley**, **Anna Souza**, **Janet Thie**, **Erica Walker-Chenevert** and **Vickie Witt**.

Photos are courtesy of Joe Bohannon



(Above)
One of our guests with gifts



(Above) It was a great turn-out for the annual breakfast.

(Below)
A very "elfish" Casey Mills with Santa.



"Santa" grabs a snack (above) .

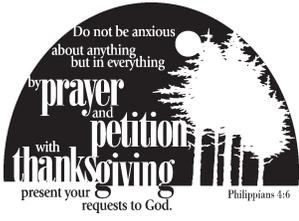
Joshua McKay (above) and Jonah Shumate, Caleb Mayfield & John Reagan hard at work in kitchen.



Merry Christmas From All of Us



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 22, 2013

Morning

Leah Durant
Fern Musteen

Evening

Levenie Hughes

December 29, 2013

Morning

Billie Bohannon
Janice McDaniel

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

December 22, 2013

2/3 Abby Smith, TBA
P-K Gayla Keller, Casey Waterston

December 29, 2013

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

Worship Today, December 22, 2013

Hymn #461 *Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide*

Hymn #569 *Sweeter Than All*

Prayer *Brandon Durant*

Hymn #490 *It Is Well with My Soul*

Hymn #350 *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Communion/Collection *John Waterston*

Hymn #875 *Home of the Soul*

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

Bible Reading (Luke 18:1-8) *Joe Bohannon*

Bible Lesson *Mike Tune*

Hymn #1018 *Joy to the World*

Announcements *Bill Kincaid*

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer *Mark Dawson*

Song Leader *Joseph Tucker*

Ushers *Matt Bensusky, Scott Mills*



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening.

Geosh Saxton & Brian Collins 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 Bensusky 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
Habtü 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 15, 2013

Bible Study	212
Morning Assembly	No Count
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$16,910
YTD Average	\$12,199
Budget Goal	\$12,587

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Classes & Online 77

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

Merry Christmas!
No Service At This Time