

Family Life

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Tune's Notes



Our daily Bible reading today brings us to the story of Joseph, a real bright spot after the embarrassing story of Judah and Tamar.

Joseph, remember, was sold as a slave by his own brothers to tradesmen who, in turn, sold him in the Egyptian slave market. Joseph's life

for the next dozen or so years will be a roller coaster. He begins as a slave in Potiphar's house, and ends up in prison though innocent of any crime.

How long was Joseph in prison?

We're not sure. Certainly more than two years (because two years pass between the story told in chapter 40 and the one related in chapter 41) and probably a good number more. In fact, by the time he enters Pharaoh's service at the age of thirty, Joseph has spent all of his adult life in slavery or prison.

Significantly however, we don't see Joseph bemoaning his plight, nor ever giving up. I cannot say Joseph always had a cheerful face, but he took his situation and made the best of it. I suppose Joseph could have had entirely too much heartache on his mind to notice the plight of others, but he didn't. He notices that the cup-bearer and baker look dejected and sad, and takes an interest in why.

Furthermore, Joseph, in all his troubles, maintains a relationship with God. Notice that Joseph believes (and tells the servants) that the interpretation of dreams "belongs to God." Then, he sets out to listen to and interpret the dreams. He believes, no matter what his circumstances, that God is with him and that God will empower him to help others.

In whatever situation we find ourselves, if we are God's people, God constantly has his eye on us. Whatever our situation, he expects us to follow His example and take an interest in others, believing that He will empower us to help.

Our own situation may not change immediately, but it will change, and always for the better.

If you are visiting with us today, welcome! Please join us for lunch just after our assembly this morning.

Love you all.

Mike



Winterfest 2014 - It's Getting Close!

In about 5 weeks the Upper Room Teen Ministry will take its annual trip to Gatlinburg, TN, for the Winterfest Conference (February 14th - 16th).

This is at least the 13th year we have taken this trip, and every year it is

a great trip. At this conference we are part of the largest gathering of teens and students in our brotherhood. I could sit and write about this trip from my perspective but I think you will gain more by listening to a few of our teens.

"It was a spiritual experience, in my opinion. Winterfest every year helps me refocus my attention onto God, and also gives some tips, or disciplines, on how I can do that away from Winterfest. What Winterfest means to me is a weekend of bonding with the other members of the youth group, refocusing my attention on God, and learning new ways to do it." *Sarah Byrd*

"The message that I will take home is that it is important to spiritually discipline oneself, and I plan to use all twelve spiritual disciplines, to show people God in my life." *Oliver Arevalo*

"The message I took home is the many ways you can connect God to your whole life. Following the disciplines definitely helps you connect with God in a variety of ways but it also showed me how just reading your bible or taking time to pray connects you with God quickly and meaningfully." *Abby Benskys*

This year's theme is "Weave." Sometimes we compartmentalize our lives creating little individual spaces for different parts of our lives. During Winterfest we will be talking and learning about how we need to weave Christ into all parts of our life.

On final reminder: **The deadline to turn in your Winterfest registration is next**

Sunday, January 19. If you need the paperwork please let me know.

GRACE + PEACE
John Byrd

2nd Sunday Potluck Fellowship Coming Up Today

The first fellowship dinner of 2014 will take place today after the morning assembly.

This will be a potluck dinner, and as is our custom, **we will not have a worship service this evening.**

Each family is requested to bring the following:

◆ A main dish to feed your own family and a few other people

PLUS two of the following three items:

◆ a side dish (potatoes, green beans, etc.)

◆ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, macaroni, etc.)

OR

◆ a dessert (not limited to bite-size)

Please note that the Agape Groups are no longer “on duty,” but are being replaced by a group of volunteers.

If you would like to join this group, just add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or contact John Reagan.



**The Missions Committee will meet in
R. 120 (library) January 12,
after the fellowship luncheon.**

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of January 12:

*Pray that this year we will grow closer together in
our love and care for one another.*

The Elders announce that \$3,245.00
was collected on behalf of

Orphans Lifeline of Hope,

in a special opportunity of Nov. 10 and 17, 2013.

The Elders commend the members of this congregation for their compassion and generosity.

“**Lifeline of Hope**” provides love, a Christian home, 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 an estimated 18.5 MILLION who have neither parent.

Talent Show PLUS Soup & Chili Night Set for February 1, 6 pm.

Keep planning and practicing
your act for the
Annual Talent Show
PLUS
Soup & Chili Night
coming up February 1.
It will start at 6 pm.

A sign up sheet is on the board!



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



Welcome Reception for Yeatman Family Set for January 18

A “**Welcome Reception**” is planned for the Yeatman family on Saturday, January 18, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity to welcome the newest family members and to “gift” them with some sorely needed items.

It’s also a time of fellowship. Dinner will be served, although your name needs to be on the SIGN UP SHEET on the bulletin board. **If you would like to bring food or help with the setup/cleanup, please talk to the organizers Melissa Collins and Monica Tune.**

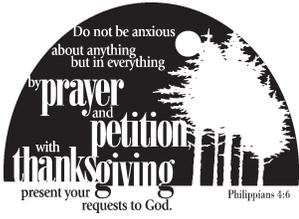
Melissa & Monica also are the collectors for the gift fund, which they will use to purchase items from a special list provided by the Yeatmans. Due to the specific nature of that list, Falls Church members are asked to give money only, not other types of gifts.



This “welcome reception” is the way that the Falls Church family can welcome the new children and to demonstrate our love and support for the family’s “expansion team.”

Ken is one of our deacons and also provided oversight to the installation of new phones and sound system. Lesya teaches and works with Lads to Leaders. Both have served as Agape group leaders.

Continuing Concerns:



Good News:

Prayer Requests:

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

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Morning	Evening
Ruth Amores	NO EVENING
Kathie Truitt	SERVICE

January 19, 2014

Morning	Evening
Patty Woods	Kelly Shumate
Angela & Rebecca	Eckstone-Hayes

Children's Worship

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

January 19, 2014

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

Worship Today, January 12, 2014

Hymn #794	<i>Unto Thee, O Lord</i>
Hymn #100/101	<i>Holy Ground/Holy Ground</i>
Hymn #555	<i>Seek Ye First</i>
Prayer	Kirk Crews
Hymn #410	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>
Hymn #269	<i>Thomas' Song</i>
Communion/Collection	Joe Bohannon
Hymn #448	<i>The Greatest Commands</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>)	Greg Spraker
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #490	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>
Announcements	Joseph Tucker
Introduction of Visitors	Jonah Shumate
Closing Prayer	Daniel Williams
Song Leader	Clark Richardson
Ushers	Kevin Thie, Habtu Zemech



THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING

January servers are: Lee Cassetty, Brian Collins, Richard Gunselman, John Reagan, Hal Swetnam, Beni Venkatesan

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 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, Cuemavaca, MX
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Torrington, CT

Staff

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

Statistics

Sunday, January 5, 2014

Bible Study	188
Morning Assembly	No Count
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$12,751
YTD Average	\$12,751
Budget Goal	To Be Determined

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Classes & Online 105

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Prayer - Joe Bohannon

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker