

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes



I was probably in the sixth grade. My father was “on the road” raising money so we could return to Hong Kong as missionaries. In the meantime, we were living in a two bedroom home in Madison, TN. Though my father was perpetually absent, mom took us faithfully to her parent’s home congregation, the Jackson Park church of Christ.

They had a special class for song leaders taught by two Lipscomb University students and that’s where, really, I learned to lead singing. Joe Saunders, head of the religious education department at Lipscomb University was the preacher but I must confess, I hadn’t a clue what his sermons were about. I found him a bit dry.

Until.

One Sunday night, Brother Sanders began a series of lessons on the life of Christ. He just told the story of Jesus, filling it in with the color of a historical framework. I was entranced, but not paralyzed. I reached for an attendance card and a pencil and began writing as fast as I could. Never had I heard such sermons (and my father was “the greatest preacher in the world” – if you didn’t believe it, all you had to do was ask me!). As well as a sixth grader could, I took notes on ideas and phrases. When I got home, Dad had arrived from a trip and I began telling him about the sermon. He tried to be excited too, but he was just exhausted.

I attended all those sermons without fail. Too soon, they came to an end and bro. Saunders was back to the “dry” stuff and I was back to using attendance cards for other, less spiritual pursuits.

It would be nearly two decades before I heard another “narrative sermon” (a sermon that relates a story), but the idea of presenting the Bible text in a historical/contextual framework as a story stayed with me. To this day, it’s a pervasive part of all my preaching and teaching.

The Bible is the story of God and His people, in a set period of time, for His people of all time. Bereft of the that story, the message is dry and not only loses its true meaning, but becomes a cacophony of contradictory ideas.

We have to get back to the story to hear the message, and we can’t do that unless we read it.

Love you all.

Mike



## A Scout is Reverent

In preparation for Scout Sunday (February 2), I want to offer this reflection.

Important to scouts everywhere is the idea of being reverent. At the very beginning of the scouting movements (American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Trail Life USA) you

will find the centrality of faith and a belief in God.

Having two girls in Girl Scout and two boys in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, I have seen how these organizations have encouraged the free exercise of one’s faith or religion. All four of them have participated in the Loving Servant award from the Members of the Church of Christ for Scouting. This award encourages scouts to go deeper into their spiritual disciplines. As part of their Girl Scout troop, my girls have been volunteering at a food pantry. My boys have participated in Scouting for Food. These two activities have helped them feed the hungry. As scouts they have also participated in numerous service projects that have benefitted the community.

I have watched them learn lessons about stewardship and respecting others, lessons that echo what we have taught them at home and what they have learned in church.

Scouting organizations have not limited themselves to one faith group or one religion. Instead there is a desire for all participants to deepen their beliefs. The Scouts encourage all participants to grow deeper in their faith and become stronger in their belief. Scout groups are not religious organizations but are secular organizations that see the importance of religion in the lives of all men and women.

In our congregation you will find girls, boys, moms and dads who are a part of at least two Boy Scout Troops, 3 Girl Scout Troops and 5 Cub Scout packs. You will also find many adult Eagle Scouts and former scouts who continue to use the lessons they learned as scouts in their lives.

This is why we participate in Scout Sunday because we want to encourage the reverence in our scouts.

GRACE + PEACE  
A. H. B. J.

# You're Invited

"The Ladies Bible Class will begin a new and exciting study on February 11, 2014, using *Reading the Bible Without Getting Lost*, written by our own minister Mike Tune. Various ladies from the class will be leading discussion sessions. The book contains a synopsis of Old and New Testament history, a primer on how to read the books of the Bible, and a summary of each book. All ladies are invited to join us at 10:15 AM on Tuesdays. Child care is provided, dress is informal, and a good study with wonderful fellowship are guaranteed! Please contact **Diana Kuhn** or **Lynda Eubank** if you have any questions."



Women's Bible Study

## Prayer Sisters Program to Resume February 2

The women of the Falls Church congregation are invited once again to join the "**Prayer Sisters**" ministry of fellowship and encouragement.

Each member of this group will have a "sister," whose name will be selected in a **drawing planned for February 2**. Each woman will pray for that sister and find ways to encourage her with inexpensive gifts, notes and expressions of care and love.

To participate, please stop by the specially marked display in the lobby to pick up, fill out and return an "All About Me" personal information card. The card has a front and back so **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE BOTH SIDES** before dropping it into the box for the drawing.

**NOTE: If you cannot attend the drawing on Feb. 2, contact Monica Tune who will draw for you!**

Those who join this activity should remember that it is very important to follow through once you've started. Therefore, carefully consider your own time constraints before joining.

For further details, or for those who might be new to this ministry, please talk to **Monica Tune** or **Diana Kuhn**.



## 7th Annual Talent Show PLUS Soup & Chili Night Set for Saturday, February 1, 6 pm

It's still not too late to "Get Your Act Together" for the **7th Annual Talent Show** coming up February 1 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Added to the entertainment extravaganza is the companion dinner - the **Soup & Chili Night**. If you can't bring either of those, please bring the "accessories" such as grated cheese, chopped onion, croutons, bread, corn-bread, crackers, oyster crackers, and whatever else you can imagine to top off soup or chili!

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin for you to let the organizers know your talent - so they can organize the show - OR to let the organizers know how many people to expect for the event. And - of course - to volunteer to help set up and clean up!

You may be asking yourself - "What can I do"?

Well, the last six shows have included:

Vocalists

Instrumental performances on the cello, the violin, the piano, bongo drums, guitar - classical and country, and the recorder

Poetry recitations

Comedy routines

Magic Acts

Soccer skills

demonstration

Original art work

Hula hoop demonstration

Sign language

demonstration

The list goes on, but you get the point. There IS a wide range of talent that we can enjoy and encourage.

And besides, it's just plain fun. It's a great opportunity for this congregation to gather together and to enjoy the blessings of fellowship.



### Congregational Prayer Request for the week of January 26:

*Pray for all of our teachers and those who are in charge of the different programs of this congregation that they will be given the wisdom and knowledge to serve effectively in the family 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.

## Save the Dates - Baby Showers Planned in March for



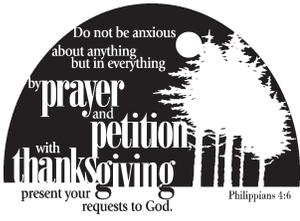
The Falls Church bulletin is sent to all members by email on Friday afternoon. If you are not receiving the email bulletin, please inform the church office so your name can be added to the list. It won't do to miss your bulletin!

*Welcome Our Newest Member*

# February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Leviticus 11-14  <i>Talent Show Plus Soup &amp; Chili Night, 6 pm, FH</i>
2 Leviticus 15-18  <i>Scout Sunday</i>	3 Leviticus 19-21	4 Leviticus 22-24  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	5 Leviticus 25-27; Numbers 1	6 Numbers 2-4	7 Numbers 5-7	8 Numbers 8-11  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
9 Numbers 12-15  <i>2nd Sunday finger food fellowship after pm service</i>  <i>Missions committee will not meet</i>	10 Numbers 16-18	11 Numbers 19-21  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	12 Numbers 22-24	13 Numbers 25-27	14 Numbers 28-30  <i>Winterfest, 6 am</i> →	15 Numbers 31-34  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
16 Numbers 35-36, Deuteronomy 1-3  <i>Return from Winterfest—after pm service</i>	17 Deut. 4-6	18 Deut. 7-9  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	19 Deut. 10-12	20 Deut. 13-15	21 Deut. 16-18	22 Deut. 19-22  <i>Kids for Christ Bowling Night, 5:30-7 pm</i> <i>Spanish Worship &amp; Fellowship Dinner, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
23 Deut. 23-26 <i>Healthy Snack Collection Kickoff Adult Education Cmte. Mtg., 11:45 am, R. 120</i> <i>Spanish Worship Away @ Falls Church, 6 pm</i>	24 Deut. 27-29	25 Deut. 30-32  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am &amp; Lunch</i>	26 Deut. 33-34; Joshua 1	27 Joshua 2-4	28 Joshua 5-7	

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**Continuing Concerns:**

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## 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

January 26, 2014

### Morning

Joanne Carter  
Agnes Jones

### Evening

Leah Durant (Philip)

February 2, 2014

### Morning

Kristine Spraker  
Vickie Witt

### Evening

Levenie Hughes

## Children's Worship

January 26, 2014

2/3 Abby Smith, Joy Hayes  
P-K Wendy Ward, Casey Waterston

February 2, 2014

2/3 Gayla Keller, Dana Hatcher  
P-K Misty Marshall, Meaza Zemech

## Worship Today, January 26, 2014

Hymn #950

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*

Hymn #808

*Abide with Me*

Prayer

Steve Dasher

Hymn #314

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Communion/Collection

Kirk Crews

Hymn #140

*Love Divine*

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

Bible Reading (*Ephesians 1:5-8*)

Jeff Malcolm

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #501

*Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet*

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors

Joshua McKay

Closing Prayer

Joshua McKay

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Kevin Thie, Habtu Zemech



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

John Waterston & Brandon Durant will lead the prayers.

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  
*(October through April)*

### Wednesday

7:15 pm

### Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

## Contact Information

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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

## Missionaries

Amazing Grace International, Mike Tune  
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  
Jay & Piera Young, Italy & Ukraine

## Staff

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

## Statistics

Sunday, January 19, 2014

Bible Study 231  
Morning Assembly 376  
Evening Assembly No Service  
Contribution \$13,834  
YTD Average \$13,293  
Budget Goal

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Classes & Online No Service

**Wednesday, January 29, 2014**

**Prayer - Ken Yeatman**

**Song Leader - Bobby Wilkinson**