

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

“Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 2:3).

Paul uses the word “soldier” five specific times to refer to the life of a Christian. There are other times when he uses military imagery without using the word, talking about “put-

ting on armor” (Romans 13:12) and waging war (especially Ephesians 6:12ff).

But I want to focus on this one: “No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer” (2 Timothy 2:4).

It is also possible for churches to get so caught up in programs and events they forget their mission.

I think this is what happened with the disciples early in Mark’s gospel. Jesus was involved (so the disciples thought) in a healing ministry that was astoundingly successful (1:32-34). They were, then, confused when Jesus appeared to suspend that ministry order to go preach in other towns (1:35-38). The crowds come for healing of the body, but Jesus is fundamentally interested in healing of the soul. He will not continue to spend time on those whose focus is the former and excludes the latter.

The mission of the Christian and the mission of the Church are one. You cannot be a faithful Christian separated from the body of believers. As the “army of heaven,” our mission is four-fold. Its mission may be carried out in a variety of ways, but the “ways” are not the mission and must not get in the way of the mission.

First, we are called to be Christ on the earth (Ephesians 1:23; Colossians 1:29). That means not only acting as Jesus would act in our personal lives, but making sure Christ can be seen in our corporate activity as the Church.

Second, we must bring others to join this life (Matthew 28:18-20). Third, we must support one another in these undertakings, for only together can we succeed (1 Corinthians 12:12ff). Finally, we must make sure that God is glorified in all that we undertake to accomplish these tasks (Ephesians 1:3-14).

It takes focus, dedication, devotion, commitment and hard work to achieve important objectives. Ask anyone who has ever been a soldier.

Love you all  
Mike



## Winterfest 2014: WEAVE

I hope you look carefully at the group picture (below) from last weekend’s Winterfest trip. It is a beautiful picture of how the LORD has woven us together as the church. You will see kids, student, teens, and parents. You will see men and women. You will see new followers of Jesus and those who

have been following for decades.



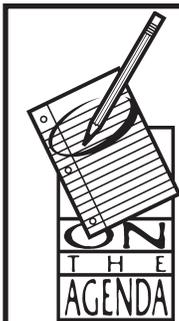
On a grand scale the LORD opens the door to all nations, languages and peoples to become part of His people and members of His Church. As I like to call it, this is the “Big C” church that stretches across time and space. The LORD has always had a people; early on He had Adam & Eve, then the Israelites and now we are part of His people. Everyone has the opportunity to be a part of the new people that He creates.

On the small scale you can look around you on a Sunday or a Wednesday and see the variety of people who belong to our congregation. Our “small c” church is a local gathering of the LORD’s people who carry out His will on a local level. The number and variety of people who are members of the Church of Christ in Falls Church is a wonderful blessing.

The LORD has woven us together into this new thing we call the church. During the teaching sessions at Winterfest church was the central theme. We turned church upside down and inside out to explore it. Who is the church? What is the church? How is there a church? Why is there a church? When is church? All these are the questions that we visited and answered.

Over the next few weeks I am going to use this space to highlight some of the big points we learned about.

GRACE + PEACE  
*John Bell*



**The Adult Education Group** will meet today, February 23, in R. 120, the library/elders conference room. The meeting will begin right after the morning assembly and include lunch.

### C.A.R.E. Committee Will Meet March 2 to Plan the “Healthy Snack Collection”

The C.A.R.E. Committee (formerly Benevolence) will hold a luncheon meeting in R. 120 (library/elders conference room) next Sunday, March 2 immediately following the morning assembly.

A major topic will be the 3rd annual “Healthy Snacks Collection” to benefit Bailey’s Elementary School.



### Financial Peace Seminar Scheduled at Falls Church; Starts March 6



A plan for using money, through responsible and credible ways to manage finances, is the goal of the “**Financial Peace Seminar**” presented by the popular consultant **Dave Ramsey**. The nine-week course will begin March 6 and is being coordinated by **Gary Allmond**. **The class will meet from 7 to 9 pm.**

Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, the seminar presents practical steps to achieve the dream to become debt free, to manage one’s money, to spend and save wisely, and much more.

More than one million families have attended this seminar and, on average, have paid off \$5,300 in debt and have been able to save \$2,700 in just 90 days.

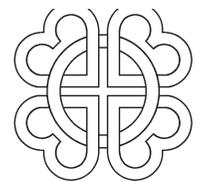
**Registration is required. To register online, go to:** <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/39241/class/251045>. The cost of the seminar is \$93, which is more than \$100 less than the average cost.

### Agape Group 6 Plans Luncheon Today, February 23

**Agape Group 6** - Potomac Acres - will host a luncheon today, February 23.

This will be a potluck event, so all members are requested to bring a main dish plus a vegetable, a salad or a dessert.

Leaders for Group 6 are **Jackie & Jose Arevalo** and **Vickie Writt**.



“One in the Bond of Love”

### “Love for a Lifetime” Is Theme for Marriage Retreat Set for March 21-23

**Dr. Ed Gray** is Professor of Counseling at Harding University, and is the guest speaker for the Marriage Seminar hosted by the Silver Spring congregation at the Hunt Valley Inn, Maryland, March 21-23.

In addition to teaching, he has a private practice and has written several books dealing with different types of marital situations - for those in the military, those facing health issues, seniors and caregivers. He holds a B.A.



Dr. Edward A. Gray

in Speech & Bible from Lipscomb University; an M.Th. (Master of Theology) from Harding University Graduate School of Religion; and an Ed.D. in Counseling Psychology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The first session, to begin at 6 pm on Friday, is “Honoring Our Differences.” The three Saturday sessions, starting at 9 am, are: “Falling Out of Your Family Tree;” “Communicating Well;” and “Loving With All Your Heart.” The Saturday program will conclude at 6 pm with the rest of the day as a “date night.”

The program will conclude on Sunday with a session at 9 am, “Improving Our Forgiveness Skills” and, during a worship service, “Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit.”

The cost is \$350/couple, and is due by next Sunday, March 2. Checks should be made payable to the Silver Spring Church of Christ.

The Hunt Valley Inn is located at 245 Shawan Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21031. This is north of Baltimore and a little over an hour’s drive from the Falls Church building.

For further details, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby. It also lists people you may contact.

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.



## Agape Group “Fellowship Crews” Are Announced

Five “Fellowship Crews” have been assembled and are set to begin their duties for the fellowship in March, according to **John Reagan**. John and his wife **Linda** along with **Richard & Rachel Bowles** are the leaders for the Agape Group Ministry. John said, “I want to thank everyone for volunteering to help with our monthly fellowships.”

The fellowship crew program will be initiated with the March 9 potluck fellowship, with Group 3 in the lead.

The crews will set up, serve and clean up for the monthly fellowship events.

In previous years, the Agape

Groups were responsible for this duty, but the participation level was sporadic. These crews consist of volunteers.

Each group has approximately 10 members, so that each will be asked to assist about twice a year, once for an afternoon dinner and once for an evening event.

Ideally, there are enough members of each group so that there won't be a problem even if some members are unable to attend.

There will be a designated leader for each group, and those leaders are:

Group 1	Clark Richardson
Group 4	Abby Smith
Group 5	Kim Mills

There is no specific leader for Groups 2 and 3 yet. John welcomes any volunteers.

The groups and their members are listed below:

**Group 1** - Clark Richardson, leader, with Martha Ashley, Sally Dasher, Steve Dasher, Nikii Frank, Ellen Horgan, Heather Jones, Joe Kobs, Lori Kobs and Christal Pendergrass

**Group 2** - (leader not designated yet) - Genia Deibler, Dorothy Eckert, Ida Goetzinger, Jenni Madeley, Wilfredo Reyes, Mark Shannon, Staci Shannon, Robert Spiess, Lisa Swetnam & Joseph Tucker

**Group 3** (leader not designated yet) - Rachel Bowles, Paige Gregory, Joy Hayes, Janet Lane, Jim Lane, Dennis Musteen, Marilyn McDermott, Mulloy Robertson, Cherry Washington & Peggy Williams

**Group 4** - Abby Smith, leader, with Roberto Alvarez, Ruth Amores, ValJean DeLong, Agnes Jones, Janice McDaniel, Oliver McDaniel, Joshua McKay, Kelly Shumate & Anna Souza

**Group 5** - Kim Mills, leader, with Becky Bates, Ann Ford, Renee Hoppis, Caleb Mayfield, Scott Mills, Saul Reyes, Kevin Thie & Vickie Witt



### Congregational Prayer Request for the week of February 23:

*Pray for the success of our missionary Pedro Batres and his family in spreading the gospel in Nicaragua.*

## 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

February 23, 2014

Morning

Tek Lim Chea

Melissa & Abby Collins

Evening

Levenie Hughes

March 2, 2014

Morning

Amy Saxton

Lisa Swetnam

Evening

Levenie Hughes

## Children's Worship

February 23, 2014

2/3 Amanda Venkatesan, Joy Hayes

P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

March 2, 2014

2/3 To Be Announced

P-K To Be Announced

## 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

## 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 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  
Mike Tune, Amazing Grace International  
Jay & Piera Young, Italy & Ukraine  
Habtu Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

## Staff

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

## Statistics

### Sunday, February 16, 2014

Bible Study	264
Morning Assembly	284
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$12,086
YTD Average	\$12,097
Budget Goal	\$12,709

### Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Classes & Online 77

**Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2014**

**Prayer - John Reagan**

**Song Leader - Bill Kincaid**

## Worship Today, February 23, 2014

Hymn #139

*In Heavenly Love Abiding*

Hymn #478

*Nearer, Still Nearer*

Prayer

Oliver McDaniel

Hymn #896

*Ivory Palaces*

Communion/Collection

Kelvin Hatcher

Hymn #681

*More Holiness Give Me*

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

Bible Reading (*Ephesians 2:11-22*)

Gordon Rampy

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #822

*Sweet Will of God*

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors

Hal Swetnam

Closing Prayer

Mark Dawson

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Brian Collins, John Reagan



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

Hal Swetnam & Jonah Shumate will lead the prayers.

February servers are: Joe Bohannon, Greg Citizen,  
Bill Furr, Jeff Grimm, Calvin Lockhart, Clark Richardson