

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

The last major engagement of 1777 in the revolutionary war was the Battle of Edge Hill – really more a series of skirmishes than anything else. British General William Howe marched out of Philadelphia to squash Washington's army once and for all. He failed. Washington did not win;

he simply escaped losing.

Washington determined to winter his soldiers at Valley Forge, and the story there is one of the most heart-breaking of the war.

First (and all we will have space for this week) was the attitude of the soldiers themselves. To their credit, they had enlisted in a most noble cause and put their lives on the line. Underpinning their patriotism however was a fiercely independent spirit that, in the words of Joseph Ellis, “resisted anyone telling them what they must do” and “recoiled at the imposition of military discipline as a violation of the very values they believed they were fighting for. . . . They felt perfectly free to ignore the orders of their officers, whom they had elected and therefore regarded as chosen representatives rather than superiors. Leaving their posts for a few weeks to return home struck them not as desertion, but instead as a wholly sensible exercise of the very freedom they were defending.”

This provides us with an additional perspective on that winter at Valley Forge, but it should cause us to think about our lives at Christian soldiers. When we allow God to adopt us into His family, we are not entering a social club where we can claim unfettered membership and expect to be served. We become soldiers with a responsibility to serve with the greatest commitment.

In the Church, heaven's army, Bible classes must be taught. Worship assemblies must be led. Youth must be mentored. The poor must be fed, the sick nursed, and the discouraged strengthened. The wayward must be searched for and led home. All must be encouraged and shepherded and God must be worshiped and glorified.

There is no “leave” in the Lord's army – and there are no reserves, for our enemy is ever vigilant. Everyone is called to active duty.

Love you all.
Mike



The purpose of our Youth Ministry is to equip our students to hear God's call to ministry, reach out to unbelieving students and bring them into a community that praises God's Holy name.

For many years the statement above has served as the purpose statement for our Youth Ministry. It has been the filter our Youth Ministry has used to determine why we do what we do. Each activity and meeting time is examined to determine how it fits our purpose, and if it helps balance all 5 of the purposes found in our purpose statement.

To follow up with the Youth Ministry being the highlighted ministry of the day last week, we will be exploring the five purposes found in our purpose statement.

1. equipping (discipleship) “Teach them to obey”
2. ministry (ministry) “Love your neighbor as yourself”
3. reaching (evangelism) “Baptizing them”
4. community (fellowship) “Go and make disciples”
5. praise (worship) “Love the Lord your God”

All five purposes come from the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19 – 20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37 – 40).

The Great Commandment: Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Over the next few weeks we will look closely at each of the 5 purposes and see how the Youth Ministry fulfills each purpose and will fulfill each in the future. As you pray for our Youth Ministry, please pray that we will be able to fulfill the purposes that God has laid out for not only ministries but also for the church as well.

GRACE + PEACE
John Bell

2nd Sunday Fellowship Will Feature a Potluck Dinner Next Sunday, March 9, After Morning Assembly; No Evening Service on March 9

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Potluck Luncheon** next Sunday, March 9, after the morning worship service.

As is our custom, following the luncheon we will dismiss for the day. **There will be no evening assembly on March 9.**

The newly organized Agape Group **Fellowship Crew #3** will be “on duty” for this event.

Group 3, which does not have a designated leader yet, includes Rachel Bowles, Paige Gregory, Joy Hayes, Janet Lane, Jim Lane, Dennis Musteen, Marilyn McDermett, Mulloy Robertson, Cherry Washington & Peggy Williams.



Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring the following:

- ⌘ a main dish (usually a meat or casserole to feed your family and a few others)

PLUS two of the following **three** items:

- ⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes, etc.)
- ⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip

OR

- ⌘ a dessert



The Missions Committee will meet in R. 120 (library) March 9, after the fellowship luncheon.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of March 2:

Pray for the success of our missionaries Henry & Rosa Gutierrez and his family in spreading the gospel in Nicaragua.

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.

C.A.R.E. Committee Meets Today

The **C.A.R.E. Committee** (formerly Benevolence) will hold a luncheon meeting in R. 120 (library/elders conference room) today, 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 Thursday, March 6



Gary Allmond, coordinator for the **Financial Peace Seminar**, invites anyone who is interested to attend the first class session starting next Thursday, March 6.

Those who like the class may then purchase the materials. But there is no commitment just to attend the first session. The class will run from 7 to 9 pm.

The program involves a plan to manage finances through responsible and credible ways, and is presented by the popular consultant **Dave Ramsey**.

Video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities will be employed. The goal is to offer 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.

For more details, talk to Gary Allmond.



*Baby
Shower*



Thank You Note

Dear Church Family at Falls Church,

We want to thank you so much for your prayers and concern about the surgery and biopsy. All came out fine and we are truly blessed by our Father above and friends everywhere.

Thank you again for your concern and thoughtfulness during our time of need.

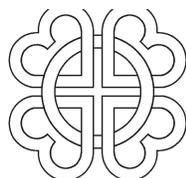
Love, your sister and brother in Christ,

Agape Group 3, Westfield Woods, Plans Luncheon on March 30

Agape Group 3 - Westfield Woods - will host a potluck luncheon on March 30 after the morning assembly.

Members are requested to bring a main dish plus a vegetable, a salad or a dessert.

Leaders for Group 3 are **Ann Ford, Martha Ashley & Amanda & Beni Venkatesan.**



**“One in the
Bond of Love”**

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

March 2, 2014

Morning

Lisa Swetnam
Susan Wilson

Evening

Levenie Hughes

March 9

Morning

Tammy Cowart
TBA

Evening

NO EVENING SERVICE

Children's Worship

March 2, 2014

2/3 Gayla Keller, Dana Hatcher
P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

March 9

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

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 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 23, 2014

Bible Study	193
Morning Assembly	333
Evening Assembly	345 (SWA)
Contribution	\$12,459
YTD Average	\$12,142
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Classes & Online 72

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Prayer - Oliver McDaniel

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid

Worship Today, March 2, 2014

Hymn #121

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing

Hymn #2

We Praise Thee, O God

Prayer

Joshua McKay

Hymn #262

Thine Is the Glory

Hymn #134

The Lord's My Shepherd

Communion/Collection

John Hilboldt

Hymn #882

No Tears in Heaven

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

Bible Reading (Acts 2:42-47)

Luis Reyes

Bible Lesson

Josh Byrd

Hymn #396

No Not One

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors

Grant Smith

Closing Prayer

Ben Scandlen

Song Leader

John Waterston

Ushers

Brandon Durant, Ken Yeatman

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John Reagan will speak this evening; Clark Richardson will lead singing; Beni Venkatesan & Jerry Williams will lead the prayers.

March servers are: Gary Allmond, Jeff Malcolm, Dave Miller, Mark Shannon, Mark Ward, Bobby Wilkinson