

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Perhaps never were the prospects of the American Revolution more bleak as during the winter of 1777-1778 at Valley Forge. Washington described his troops as “without clothes to cover their nakedness, without blankets to lay on, without shoes, by which their marches might be

traced by the blood from their feet.” He concluded “unless some great and capital change takes place, this army must be reduced to one or the other of these three things: Starve, dissolve, or disperse.”

Two thousand troops died that winter as a result of disease, malnutrition, or exposure.

Ironically, it didn't have to be that way. Valley Forge was the nation's bread basket, producing more grain and livestock than in any similarly sized area in North America.

So why the shortage?

The farmers preferred to sell their produce to the British in Philadelphia. In fact, one observer said that enough flour went to Philadelphia (and therefore the British) each day to feed 10,000 men. The farmers, rather than support the soldiers who were fighting for their freedom, chose self-interest over patriotism.

“Church” is, unfortunately, often a community where the many are served by the few, and equally as often, where the service of the few is unappreciated by the many – whose personal service is often self-interest.

Five times in his writings Paul uses the imagery of a soldier to describe the Christian life. Every member of the Church is a soldier in the Lord's army and must find a place to stand and serve. Your enlistment is not for a period, but for a lifetime. Your duties will (and should) change as your abilities change, but there is a place for you. When your time and energies are significantly given to worldly pursuits over the cause of Christ, you will have sold out to the enemy as did the residents of Valley Forge.

Their self-interest would not serve them well, for in the depth of winter, when rations were low for the farmers (who now had lots of money but little food), the British came and simply took what was left. When we've exhausted ourselves and our resources in pursuits less noble than the Kingdom of God, Satan will do the same to us.

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.

To follow up with the Youth Ministry being the high-lighted ministry of the day a few Sundays ago, we will be exploring the five purposes found in our purpose statement. They are : Equipping, Ministry, Reaching, Praise, Community. This week we are going to look at the purposes of equipping and ministry.

Equipping/Discipleship

Teaching from the Bible is the center of this purpose.

To fulfill this purpose, our youth ministry uses each of our meeting times/Bible classes very intentionally. We are currently using Wednesday nights as a time to delve deeply into the letters and books of the Bible. On Sunday mornings, we focus on how to apply Biblical truth to our lives by using the “LIVE” curriculum from Youth Specialties. Sunday Night Live is a less formal environment in which we are currently exploring the messages of popular culture.

We also try to facilitate learning at home by providing a “Weekly Update” that contains an overview of the Sunday morning lesson and ways families can continue the discussion at home.

Ministry

Meeting the needs of others in love is our definition of ministry.

There are two areas our students can fulfill this purpose as part of our Youth Ministry.

(1) Ministry to those outside our church's community; going to local organizations and helping them with service projects.

(2) Ministry to members of our church community. We do this by writing notes/cards to those who need encouragements or prayers. We do this by working in and with the other ministries in our church. We do this by seeing needs and meeting them even when not asked.

GRACE + PEACE
John Bell

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

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

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

The newly organized Agape Group Fellowship Crew #3 is "on duty" for this event.

Group 3, which does not have a designated leader yet, includes Rachel Bowles, Paige Gregory, Joy Hayes, Janet & 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 9:

Pray for the success of our missionaries Gene & Janice Luna and Gene's continued work in Guatemala and with the Western Bible Institute.

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.



There still may be snow packed into the edge of the parking lot or into piles on the street, but this coming Sunday, **March 9**, will mark the beginning of spring as the time changes to Daylight Savings Time. So set your clocks **FORWARD** one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

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.**



Thank You Note

Ministry Leaders Meeting Set for March 30 at 4:30 pm



The Elders, Deacons and all Ministry Leaders will meet on Sunday, March 30, at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This is an opportunity for each ministry leader to share information

about their plans and ongoing activities.

All deacons and ministry leaders are urged to attend.

Each is requested to have a brief (approximately 5 minute) presentation.



Baby
Shower



A BIG Favor Is Requested:

Falls Church members have a long-standing tradition of deferring actions to the last minute. But you are humbly requested to alter that tradition in relation to showers. It is really tough to collect money in the morning then go shopping & get to the shower on time in the same afternoon. So if you could make your group gift contribution a bit sooner than later, the hostesses would really, truly, deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Spanish Worship Away Draws Over 200 People Plus Many Children

Several congregations in the greater Metropolitan area include Spanish-speaking groups, the *Iglesia de Cristo*.

Each month, the members of these congregations meet together in a "Spanish Worship Away," and they rotate among the different groups. February 23 was the date of the last such large assembly, and it met here, with our own brother **David Rodriguez** as the guest speaker. Over 200 adults & children assembled, and below are photos of the occasion, courtesy of **Ignacio Espinoza** and **David Rodriguez**.



Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua

Pedro & Mireya Batres have served in the mission fields since 1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. His wife Mireya, a native of Nicaragua, holds a degree in social service. They worked in Nicaragua until moving to Guatemala in 1985, returning to Nicaragua in 2000. He is an evangelist in Managua, the capital city, and the surrounding areas, plus he is a popular guest speaker at special programs such as seminars, retreats and workshops. Mireya is a popular guest lecturer at women's events, especially pertaining to marriage and the family.



The following are letters from Brother Batres.

Below is his last letter from his January trip to his home country of El Salvador.

The second letter reports that the Nueva Libia congregation now has elders, deacons, teachers and evangelists as they celebrate their 13th anniversary. We rejoice with them.

Dear Brethren in Falls Church,

I am sending my fraternal regards to you and to my brethren and sisters in the Church of Christ in Falls Church.

It is my last note to you from my native country of El Salvador because I am closing my visit on January 25. I had a successful week here, teaching in two local churches. On Saturday I will teach at one more, specially to a group of Christian youth. In addition, I obtained my new Salvadorean passport because the old one had already expired and without it, it is impossible to travel to Costa Rica, Panama, USA, etc.

Also I had the opportunity to spend these days with my relatives in San Salvador and I had a good time with them. I will go back to Nicaragua at noon tomorrow, and I will arrive about midnight since I am traveling by bus.

I will send to you the photos related to the two elders of the local church in "Nueva Libia." [NOTE: Brother Batres and Roberto Aragon were selected as the first elders of "Nueva Libia," and were installed in January.]

Everybody is praying for it and I ask to my brethren in Falls Church to join us praying to our Father for this new goal that we must reach. Thanks for your spiritual support through your prayers, they are very important as you may know.

I continue to respond to invitations from other congregations to preach the Word of God, including "Villa Alemania," "Jardines de Veracruz" and "San Benito." In December, I traveled to a rural area of Momotombo, a little over an hour from Managua, to address a special meeting of about 60 preachers from all over Nicaragua.

In His service,
Pedro Salvador Batres

Dear Brethren in Falls Church,

I am sending my fraternal regards to each one of you in Falls Church.

The Church of Christ in "Nueva Libia," Managua, Nicaragua, had an advance today, February 23, when the biblical leadership team of elders, deacons, evangelists and Christian teachers was complete!

We now have two elders, two evangelists, six deacons and 9 Christian teachers.

Pedro Salvador Batres & Roberto Aragón - 2 Elders
Jorge Norori & Rommel Aragón - Evangelists
Victor López, Wilton Espinoza, Manuel Barrantes,
Donald González, Ramón Pérez & Engels Hernández - Deacons

Victor López, Silvio Félix Guadamuz, Luis Pichardo, Luis Sánchez, Julio Barrantes, Hamlet Aragón, Daniel Aragón, Armando Ramirez & Jairo Alemán - Christian teachers

A total of 18 Christian men are now members of the local and biblical leadership. Our bro. Victor López will serve as both a deacon and a Christian teacher. Furthermore, the two elders will always teach and preach and will lead the Family of God as pastors.

On March 1, at 5 pm, we will have a special program with all the brotherhood here and from local congregations to share in our joy for this progress and, furthermore, to celebrate our **XIII anniversary** as a local Church of Christ in this area of the Nicaraguan capital city. [Photos below]

It could be nice to have between us a brother from Falls Church Church of Christ and to be with us at this important activity. You are invited to be with us.

Sincerely in His service,
Pedro Salvador Batres



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 9, 2014

Morning	Evening
Tammy Cowart	NO EVENING
Erica Walker-Chenevert	

March 16, 2014

Morning	Evening
Angela E-Hayes	Kelly Shumate
Amy Saxton	

Children's Worship

March 9, 2014

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

March 16, 2014

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

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
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, March 2, 2014

Bible Study	204
Morning Assembly	333
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$17,718
YTD Average	\$12,762
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Classes & Online	77
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Worship Today, March 9, 2014

Hymn #747	<i>Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims</i>
Hymn #810	<i>Listen to Our Hearts</i>
Hymn #979	<i>I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger</i>
Prayer	Scott Mills
Hymn #545	<i>Precious Memories</i>
Hymn #176	<i>Lamb of God</i>
Communion/Collection	Curtis Madeley
Hymn #749	<i>The Battle Belongs to the Lord</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Matthew 5:1-16)	David Rodriguez
Bible Lesson	Josh Byrd
Hymn #907	<i>Hark the Gentle Voice</i>
Announcements	Wayne Doran
Introduction of Visitors	Grant Smith
Closing Prayer	Brian Collins
Song Leader	Clark Richardson
Ushers	Brandon Durant, Ken Yeatman



THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.

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

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Prayer - Clark Richardson
Song Leader - Bobby Wilkinson