

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

It was very near my last day in Vietnam. A number of us, mostly young people (20 & 30 somethings), were gathered around a table after lunch chatting it up and, as far as I was concerned, trying not to be sad about our impending separation.

One of the young ladies, a senior in high school, decided to put the time to good use and asked if she could practice her English with me. Her name is H'Le (pronounced "Lei") and she has a beautiful voice and loves to sing pop songs. We tried the English practice but were having trouble finding enough common ground on which to carry on a conversation. In a bit of frustration I said: "H'Le, why don't you sing a song?" Someone else said: "Why don't we all sing?"

And that got it started. Someone went and got the hymn books and we started singing. Then, someone asked why there were vertical lines in the music (marking off measures). They wanted to know why there were so many notes (soprano, alto, tenor, and base) and which notes they were supposed to sing. And still another wanted to know why there seemed to be extra words (for alto and base leads) and which words should they sing?

I tried to answer the questions. Hai, preacher for the Can Tho church, could lead singing and he could carry on the lead part so I moved to base and then tenor to show them how the other parts sounded.

And then it hit me. I'd been there a week, two Bible classes a day, and we'd never sung! I decided on my next trip, we'd practice singing every day along with Bible study.

A week from tonight, our evening assembly will be devoted to singing. It's an opportunity to not only to "make a joyful noise to the Lord," but also an opportunity to improve the sacrifice of our lips to God. I expect we will have a number of visitors that night. I'm looking forward to it and I hope you are too.

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 highlighted ministry of the day at the end of February, we have been exploring the five purposes found in our the purpose statement (See above). They are: Equipping, Ministry, Reaching, Praise, Community. This week we are going to look at the purposes of praise.

Purpose Component Praising (Worship) --

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart"

Praising and worshipping our God should be the focus of our lives because we are His people.

How do we worship? Romans 12:1: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your Bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your Spiritual act of worship."

Living as worship means our lives are lived to the glory of God. Praise and worship are not just limited to Sundays and Wednesdays but every moment of our lives.

Praise is when we tell God about how wonderful we think He is, and when we express our thankfulness for what He has done for us. We sing with our voices to express our love for God. We read His Holy Word and what others have written to express the wonder of God. We pray, talking to God and expressing our love and thankfulness. We use our gifts, talents and lives to glorify our LORD.

As you go out into the world this week, think about how how YOU are living day to day as a living sacrifice to God. How are you giving Him praise in every moment of your life?

GRACE + PEACE
John B. L.

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.

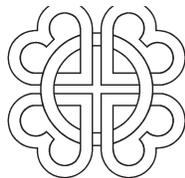
This is an opportunity for each ministry leader to share information about their plans and ongoing activities. All deacons and ministry leaders are urged to attend. Each is requested to have a brief (approximately 5 minute) presentation.

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”*

Thank You Note

Healthy Snack Collection for Bailey’s Elementary School Starts March 30

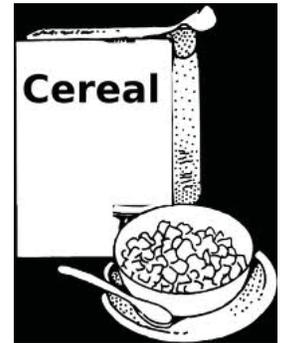
Our annual **Healthy Snack Collection** for children who attend Bailey’s Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences, will begin on **Sunday, March 30** and end on **Sunday, April 27**. The snacks collected will be delivered to the school during the week of April 28.

According to the school’s website, the elementary magnet school has over 1,200 students representing 40+ countries of origin and 30+ languages spoken at home. For the 2012-13 school year, over 800 students (65%+) of students qualified for the free or reduced lunch program. Often those families struggle to provide nutritious meals at home and sometimes must choose between paying rent or buying food.

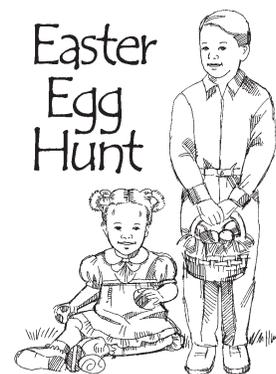
The healthy snacks not only help children develop a taste for healthy food, rather than for junk food, but also help supplement the food and nutrition students receive on school days. The school uses the collected snacks to provide dry, in-school snacks for hungry children, either between breakfast and lunch or before they return home.

Below is a list of recommended snacks that are easy for children to pick up with their fingers, are low in sugar but high in fiber, are **PEANUT-FREE**, and are enriched with vitamins and minerals. The children **DO NOT** use milk with cereal.

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| Kellogg’s: | Crispix or Wheaties |
| General Mills: | Fiber One, Cheerios, Rice Chex, Wheat Chex, Corn Chex, Multi Grain Cheerios, Total, Kix or Life |
| Kashi: | GoLean |
| Quaker: | Oatmeal Squares |
| Post: | Shredded wheat |

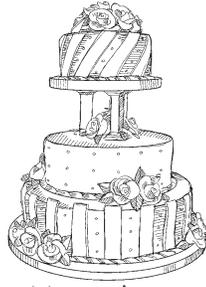


An Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 13, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Brandon Durant is the contact for this event. Further details will be forthcoming.



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.

Wedding
Shower



Baby
Shower



2nd Quarter Adult Classes Are Announced

Class

Teacher

Room

Wednesday Schedule - Classes Begin April 2

Individual Growth

John Reagan

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As a follow on to the recent study of Hebrews, where the Saints are called to run the race, we Christians need to improve in our lives. In this class, we will study growth - how to choose where to grow, how to measure growth and finally how to use our personal growth to help others.

Loving the Way Jesus Loved

Oliver McDaniel, Robert Wilkinson

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The class will explore the deeper truths of 1 Cor. 13. We will study and discuss God's will about love and the true purpose and significance of the chapter. The book Loving the Way Jesus Loves, by Phil Ryken, will guide us. The book compares the love chapter to the life and teachings of Jesus. See Oliver to reserve a paperback version or order your own ebook.

Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin April 6

Exodus

Mark Dawson

FH

We will study the text of Exodus, to understand those events in the time they occurred, but also with frequent reference to their meaning as echoed or fulfilled in the New Testament. In Israel's (and the world's) history, only the saving work of Jesus is a more important event than the Exodus. Moses uses wordplay, different genres, and overall structure to emphasize the establishment of, breaking of, and restoring of, the covenant between God and Israel.

What Jesus said about the Holy Spirit

John Waterston

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In the Gospel of John, Jesus introduces us to the Paraclete -- a Spirit ideally suited for Christians today. Personal, intimate, life-giving, the Paraclete Jesus describes is a Spirit we desire to know. And in fact, this Spirit is no stranger to us -- he is the essence of Jesus. How do we grow a relationship with this Spirit? How do we allow the Spirit to do transforming work in our lives? In this class we will start learning the biblical foundations on the Spirit and end up with an understanding that we can use in our lives.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of March 23:

Pray for the success of our missionaries Josh Grimm and the University Church of Christ as they spread the Gospel at Virginia Tech & Radford universities in the Blacksburg, VA, area.

All area Christians are invited to join the District Heights Church of Christ as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary on April 5 & 6.

The congregation is located at 5922 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, MD 20757

Keith Carpenter will lead a Song Leading Training Class April 12 at the Oxon Hill congregation at 4201 Brinkley Rd., Temple Hills, MD 20748. This is a way for song leaders to improve their skills, for beginners to expand their talents, for women to lead in women's classes, and for all singers to follow and sing more effectively. See the notice on the board; a modest lunch will be served.

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.

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 23, 2014

Morning

Leah Durant
Fern Musteen

Evening

Levenie Hughes

March 30, 2014

Morning

Billie Bohannon
Janice McDaniel

Evening

Leah Durant (& Philip)

Children's Worship

March 16, 2014

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

March 23, 2014

2/3 Tammy Cowart, Joy Hayes
P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

Worship Today, March 23, 2014

Hymn #67

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn #825

My God, My Father, Though I Stray

Prayer

Kelvin Hatcher

Hymn #454

Rock of Ages

Communion/Collection

John Reagan

Hymn #844

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

Bible Reading (*Ephesians 2:19-22*)

Daniel Williams

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #932

O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow

Announcements

Jim Lane

Introduction of Visitors

Grant Smith

Closing Prayer

Jun Amores

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Brandon Durant, Ken Yeatman



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

John Waterston & Clark Richardson will lead the prayers.

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

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:30 am
Morning Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Assembly 6:00 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
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 16, 2014

Bible Study	No Count
Morning Assembly	No Count
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$12,901
YTD Average	\$12,297
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Classes & Online No Count

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Prayer - Habtu Zemech

Song Leader - Clark Richardson