

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

The 1980 Christian music song of the year was "He's Alive" by Don Francisco. The song tells the story of the resurrection of Jesus from the perspective of the Apostle Peter. Dolly Parton performed it at the country music awards in 1989 and that's where I heard it. I found

that particular rendition so powerful that I've made it a point to listen to it every Easter Sunday since then (you can find it on You Tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbrPWUHM80M>).

The first verse has Peter saying these words: "The gates and doors were barred and all the windows fastened down. I spent the night in sleeplessness and rose at every sound; half in hopeless sorrow, and half in fear the day would find the soldiers breakin' through to drag us all away."

The sentiment of that verse hit me in Vietnam last Sunday, but it was mainly (because I, as an American, ran little risk of arrest) the first sentence. Most everyone arrived for worship by motor scooter and those who arrived early brought their scooter into the church building (the preacher's home). I counted six in a hallway. Those who came later parked in the small courtyard enclosure so common to homes in Vietnam. Some came from over an hour away. As time for worship drew near, the solid steel doors of the courtyard were closed, blocking off visibility from the street. The riders gathered in the living room (over 60 adults). The glass front door was closed and a large curtain drawn. Though we had fans and a small air conditioner, the heat, for me, was stifling.

And there, we worshiped.

The danger was real. The police could have come at any time. They'd come before and the preacher and some members have been arrested (the location has been since changed).

Freedom to worship without fear and in peace is a divine gift. Unfortunately, it comes with its own danger – the danger we will take worship for granted and treat it with an unholy lack of care and dedication. When God's gifts are treated with disdain, they usually disappear.

More on the trip later.

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 a few Sundays ago, we will be exploring the five purposes found in our purpose statement.

They are: **Equipping, Ministry, Reaching, Praise and Community.**

This week we are going to look at the purposes of **community** (fellowship) and **reaching** (evangelism).

**Purpose Component Community (Fellowship):**  
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28.19)

Making disciples is more than reaching unbelievers; it is more than equipping. It involves bringing unbelievers into a community. Fellowship, or community, is more than just hanging out; it involves friendship, challenge and being real.

**Purpose Component Reaching (Evangelism):**  
"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28.19)

Every Christian is to be evangelizing but not everyone is to be an evangelist. As Christians we need to be sharing our faith whether through our behavior or words. In the youth ministry, we actively equip teens and students with tools to reach out to their friends.

**The tools and knowledge students need are:**  
**Knowledge about the story of Jesus.** We provide this tool by making the life of Jesus central to our Bible classes. Whether we are studying the Gospel of John on a Wednesday night or the Sermon on the Mount on Sunday mornings, Jesus' story is important.

**They also need to know their own story and how it connects to the story of Jesus.** Why did I become a disciple of Jesus? Why was I baptized? What is my story of faith so far? Why do I believe in Jesus Christ? If students and teens can answer these questions for themselves, when friends or classmates have similar questions our teens have an answer.

GRACE + PEACE  
*John Bell*

## 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.

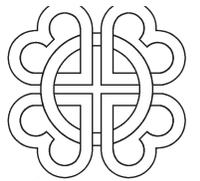
This is an opportunity for each ministry leader to share information about their plans and ongoing activities. All deacons and ministry leaders are urged to attend. Each is requested to have a brief (approximately 5 minute) presentation.

## 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"**



### Congregational Prayer Request for the week of March 16:

*Pray for the success of our missionaries among college students at the Blacksburg Church of Christ which oversees the college ministry at the University of Virginia.*

## Wedding 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.

### Women's Renewal Weekend

Fairfax Church of Christ is having a Women's Renewal Weekend March 28-29th. The theme is Romans 9:20-21, "Why did you make me like this?" Please RSVP by Friday, March 21. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby for more details.

The Falls Church bulletin is sent to all members by email on Friday afternoon. It has come to our attention that some of you are not receiving that email.

If you are not receiving the bulletin electronically, please inform the church office so your name can be added to the list.

It won't do to miss your bulletin!

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.

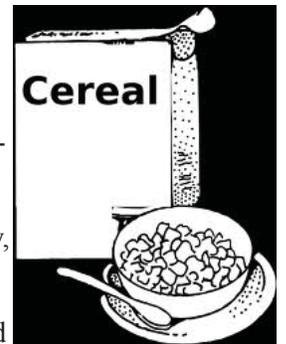


# Baby Shower



Our annual **Healthy Snack Collection** for children who attend Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences, located just a few blocks from the church building, will begin on **Sunday, March 30th** and will be completed on Sunday, April 27th. The healthy snacks collected will be delivered to the school during the week of April 28th.

According to the school's website, the elementary magnet school has over 1200 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. For that reason, families of these students often struggle to provide nutritious meals at home. Occasionally, the families of these children must choose between paying for rent or food. The healthy snacks not only help children develop a taste for healthy snacks, not the usual junk food, but also help supplement the food and nutrition students receive on school days. The snacks we collect are used by the school to provide dry, in-school snacks for students who are hungry prior to their lunch period or in the afternoon, before they return home.



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

**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

## Saying Farewell

## Henry Gutierrez, Nicaragua

*Henry Gutierrez has preached for the congregation in Juigalpa, Nicaragua (about 100 miles east of Managua) since 1989. In addition to his ministerial duties, he conducts evangelistic campaigns, and works with various other congregations in the area of Juigalpa. He and his wife, Rosa, have been married since 1991 and have three daughters Kimberly, Eunice & Aurisol.*



## Santo Tomas Congregation Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Below are photos taken at the 10th anniversary of the congregation of Santo Tomas, near Juigalpa. It was established by the congregation in Juigalpa and a former Falls Church member named Richard Jimenez who also supported the work of Sr. & Sra. Lujan Cruz in Santo Tomas. The anniversary celebration was held Nov. 23, 2013. Below left are the speakers for the event, including Pedro Batres (standing, 3rd from right) and below that is a photo of the audience. Below right shows the baptism of Juan J. Amador Morales, from last October



Left and below are photos of other recent baptisms at the congregation in Juigalpa where Henry Gutierrez is the evangelist. They are (l to r) Ney Antonio Chacon Fernandez, Angelita Mayrena Gozalez and Jose Daniel Urbina.



## 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 16, 2014**

**Morning**

Angela Eckstone-Hayes  
Amy Saxton

**Evening**

Kelly Shumate

**March 23, 2014**

**Morning**

Leah Durant  
Fern Musteen

**Evening**

Levenie Hughes

## 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

## 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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administrator@fallschurchcoc.org  
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### Elders

Steve Dasher Wayne Doran  
Bill Kincaid Jim Lane  
Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

### Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo  
Matt Bennis 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  
Habt 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, Cuernavaca, MX  
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Torrington, CT  
Mike Tune, Amazing Grace International  
Jay & Pira Young, Italy & Ukraine  
Habt Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

### Staff

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

### Statistics

#### Sunday, March 9, 2014

Bible Study 193  
Morning Assembly 333  
Evening Assembly 120  
Contribution \$7,515  
YTD Average \$12,237  
Budget Goal \$12,709

#### Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Classes & Online 73

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

**Prayer - Caleb Mayfield**

**Song Leader - Joseph Tucker**

## Worship Today, March 16, 2014

Hymn #308

*Wonderful Love of Jesus*

Hymn #346

*He Lives*

Prayer

Hal Swetnam

Hymn #332

*Lead Me to Calvary*

Hymn #334

*Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow*

Communion/Collection

Jonah Shumate

Hymn #387

*Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

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

Bible Reading (*Romans 1:16-17*)

Robert Spiess

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #470

*Victory in Jesus*

Announcements

Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors

Grant Smith

Closing Prayer

Jerry Williams

Song Leader

Joseph Tucker

Ushers

Brandon Durant, Ken Yeatman



John Waterston will lead singing this evening; Geosh Saxton & Robert Spiess will lead the prayers.

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