

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Is there a difference between doing the “will” of God and following the “law” of God?

Our daily Bible readings this week provide some insight.

Ahab was the most wicked king of the Old Testament. The writer of Kings says there never was a fellow like Ahab who so sold himself to do evil. In fact, God detested him so much that the Lord decreed the death of his whole family (this was God’s will).

Along comes Jehu who is given Ahab’s kingdom (Israel) and whose task is to destroy the house of Ahab. What does he do? He has the heads of all Ahab’s descendants (70 of whom were minors) lopped off and piled in a heap at Jezreel.

It was what God wanted, right?

Not exactly.

Was this to be the way a king, anointed by the Lord, behaved?

David was anointed by God, but he did not raise his hand against Saul.

Ultimately, Jehu was condemned because he did not “keep the law of the Lord with all his heart” and God never sanctioned the massacre at Jezreel (see Hosea 1:4).

Sometimes, the problem with Christians is that in our zeal to accomplish the will of God, we ignore the way of God, which is why, in all we do to fulfill His will, we should ask: “Is this the way Christ would do it? How does God want me to act?”

Perhaps a New Testament example will be helpful. Jude wrote to urge Christians to “contend earnestly for the faith,” a passage that has been a justification for all kinds of boorish behavior in the name of Christ. And yet, God does not leave us to our own devices in our earnestness. He tells us to build ourselves up in the faith, pray, be the kind of people God can love, and be merciful to those weak in faith, and rescue the perishing with a surgeon’s skill (vss. 22-23). God’s “what” must always be accomplished by God’s “how.”

Love you all.

Mike



Fun Winter/Spring!

One of the purposes of our Youth Ministry (3rd - 12th grade) is to encourage our teens and students to develop friendships with fellow believers. The “churchy” word for this is “fellowship.” Over the last few months we have had some fun fellowship in the Kids for Christ (3rd - 6th grade) and Upper Room Teen Ministry (7th - 12th

grade).

In February, not only did the URTM travel to Gatlinburg, TN for the Winterfest Conference, but also the Kids for Christ went bowling!

We had a great group of students meet at the AMF Lanes in Annandale. There was about 2 hours of bowling and a ton of pizza eaten that night!

If your student missed this don’t worry; another KFC Night will be coming up in May.

Just last Saturday, March 29, the URTM had a great time at Nerf Night. Once again a ton of pizza was eaten



as about 15 teens played capture the flag using Nerf dart guns. (We try to pick up all the darts but if you

happen to find a foam Nerf dart please let me know.)

Keep your eyes and ears open for up coming Youth Ministry events for your 3rd - 12th grade student or teen.



GRACE + PEACE
John B. L.

Easter Egg Hunt Set for April 13

The **Young Professionals Group** will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 13 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. There will be hunting opportunities for all ages, including adults.

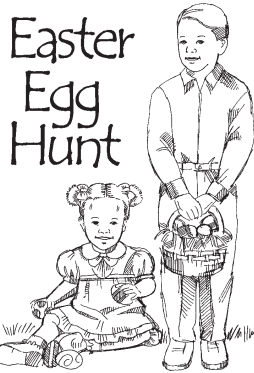
Eggs will be provided, so if you plan to attend, please advise someone **NO LATER THAN APRIL 12**. The contacts include **Brandon Durant, Clark Richardson, Ashley Shelton, Bobby Wilkinson or Daniel Williams**. They need a good head count to make sure there are enough eggs.

If you would like to contribute to the "egg" supply, please bring plastic eggs already stuffed with candies or sweets.

Please give the eggs to any of the group listed above. Donations are welcome on the afternoon of April 13, or you may drop off your contribution at the Easter Egg Table in the foyer.

If you have questions please contact Brandon or anyone in the group.

Lastly, word on the street is that the Easter Bunny will make an appearance.



Easter
Egg
Hunt

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of April 6:

*Pray for the success of our missionaries
Gary & Sue Babcock in Kent County, RI.*

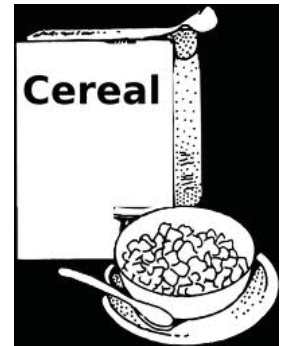
Healthy Snack Collection for Bailey's Elementary School Continues

Our annual **Healthy Snack Collection** for children who attend Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences, which began last **Sunday**, continues through the end of April. The school has many children whose families struggle to provide the essentials.

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 |



Plans for the Ladies Lock-In of April 25-26 Are Lining Up; Now is the Time to Sign Up

Now that you know both the date and the location for the Ladies Lock-In, there is only one thing left to do - **SIGN UP!!!**

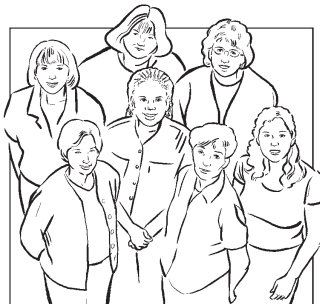
The Friday night meal will be catered, so Monica Tune must have an accurate head count in order to place the correct order. So please sign up - pretty please??

The program will begin on Friday April 25 at 6:30 pm, break later that evening, and resume at 8:45 am on Saturday April 26 with breakfast. Since the program will conclude around noon on Saturday, there won't be a lunch.

And in case you've forgotten since last week, the lock-in will be held at the home of

The theme is "Titus 2:3-5" as follows:

3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled



and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. NIV

There **WILL** of course be guest speakers, and this year they will be our own Falls Church sisters. There will be three presentations, one Friday evening, and two Saturday morning, beginning at 9:45 am.

Your brains are probably whirring away, trying to guess the most likely candidates. However, they are sworn to secrecy, so don't even think of asking the ones you suspect.

As usual, following the program on Friday we will have time to visit with each other. All of us are blessed with many friends - the ones we know already and the ones we just haven't met yet.

But one thing is certain - we **NEVER** have enough time to catch up. But this gives us the opportunity to kick back, relax and put a dent in the conversational backlog!

Wedding Shower



Baptisms

“Senior Saints” Workday Announced for April 12

A “**Work Day**” is planned for NEXT SATURDAY, April 12 to assist some of the **Senior Saints** of this congregation with a variety of household chores.

Please note that this is a work day FOR not BY the Senior Saints.

Some **possible** suggestions for work that they might perform for you - *a Senior Saint* - are:

- ◆ Yard clean-up in time for spring planting
- ◆ Preparing flower beds for planting
- ◆ Cleaning the garage
- ◆ Washing the car
- ◆ Doing some minor repair work - remember, they

aren’t necessarily licensed electricians/plumbers/etc.

Talk to **Jonah Shumate**, the point of contact for this event, or submit your request to **Mary Ann Kincaid**.



A brief informational meeting for the **2014 Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, R. 121, after the morning assembly. **Kelly Shumate**, director, invites anyone who is interested in learning more about the program for this year.

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.

2nd Sunday Fellowship Set for April 13 After Evening Assembly

The next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** is coming up next Sunday, April 13, following the evening assembly. Since this will be a finger food event, each family is asked to bring the following:

- ❖ A tray of sandwiches

AND

❖ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres*/fruit or veggie tray with or without dip/chips and dip

OR

- ❖ A bite-sized dessert.

Please note that “bite size” is best limited to something you can pick up with your fingers, hence the term “finger food.”

The “Fellowship Crew” for the April event will be Group 4, under the leadership of

ratefully
accepts volunteers for this service, so if you are interested in becoming part of this program, talk to him.



Welcome Our Newest Members

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

April 6, 2014

Morning

Ruth Amores
Kim Mills

Evening

Levenie Hughes

April 13, 2014

Morning

Joanne Carter
Kathie Truitt

Evening

Kelly Shumate

Children's Worship

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

April 13, 2014

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

Worship Today, April 6, 2014

Hymn #794 *Unto Thee, O Lord*

Hymn #648 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Hymn #768 *Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You*

Prayer John Reagan

Hymn #155 *Highest Place*

Hymn #364 *Come, Share the Lord*

Communion/Collection Bill Kincaid

Hymn #102 *Great Is the Lord Almighty!*

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

Bible Reading (*Ephesians 3:14-21*) Grant Smith

Bible Lesson Mike Tune

Hymn #881 *Mansions over the Hilltop*

Announcements Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors Brandon Durant

Closing Prayer Jeff Malcolm

Song Leader Clark Richardson

Ushers Joshua McKay, Jonah Shumate



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

Brandon Durant & Jerry Williams will lead the prayers.

April servers are: Jose Arevalo, Matt Bensusky, Frank Estes,
Caleb Mayfield, Geosh Saxton, Jay Truitt

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 30, 2014

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| Bible Study | 183 |
| Morning Assembly | No Count |
| Evening Assembly | 91 |
| Contribution | \$15,041 |
| YTD Average | \$12,624 |
| Budget Goal | \$12,709 |

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Classes & Online 94

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Prayer - Joseph Tucker

Song Leader - Bobby Wilkinson