

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

Today's daily Bible reading bring us to 2 Chronicles 16 - 19, the bulk of which concerns the reign of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah.

If you look at the amount of space given to each king, four stand out in Chronicles: David, Solomon, Jehoshaphat and Hezekiah. Though

Jehoshaphat seems to have been an outstanding administrator, his real success was in his faith and devotion to the will of God. No other king appears to have had such a biblically literate cabinet. He sent out his executive team to teach Bible classes throughout the land, along with the priests and Levites. No longer did the family of Levi have to be sought out in their respective communities; they moved through all the communities of Judah (cf. 17:7-9). Not only did he send out these "missionaries," but the king himself went to preach (19:4).

In times of great political crisis, Jehoshaphat set a high standard of faith. He called all of Judah together to pray, and he led the prayer himself. And when the prayer was over, having asked God for help, he just stood there, in silence, among all the people, waiting, as if expecting God to answer right then and there. And God did!

But Jehoshaphat had a weakness: he coveted the approval of wicked men. He foolishly married his son into the family of king Ahab – the most vile king of Israel. He made an alliance with him that almost cost Jehoshaphat his life and then, near the end of his reign, he went into business with Ahab's son Ahaziah and suffered tremendous financial loss.

My point, and hopefully the chronicler's point, is that God's people must be careful in their associations. It's not just that "bad company corrupts good character" (1 Corinthians 15:33). There is also the danger that the association of the righteous with the wicked will lend respectability to the wicked and betray a heart not fully devoted to the Lord. In the end, it was the latter that brought Jehoshaphat's downfall.

Our great all congregational pot-luck is next Sunday. I hope you will plan to be here and bring a friend!

Love you all.

Mike



## A Terrible or a Wonderful Choice

"But with loud shouts the crowd insistently demanded that Jesus be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released Barrabas who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will (Luke 23:23–25 NIV).

The crowd choosing one of its own over Jesus seems like a one time event hundreds of years ago. It feels like time, distance and culture remove us from that event.

It would seem that way but the truth is different.

This choice didn't just happen once it happens every day. Every day we are confronted with the choice to blend into the crowd. Every day we choose either to accept or reject the LORD Jesus Christ.

Take a good look around you and you will see people choosing: when a spouse chooses to violate a marriage; when a grown child chooses to neglect his or her parents; when someone chooses to go along with a bully rather than stand up for the weak; when you choose to allow someone else's poor life choices make you feel better. It is in moments like these that we make the terrible choice of Barrabas and the crowd

On the other hand, we see people making the wonderful choices too: when we choose to stop to help a stranded motorist change a tire; when we choose to comfort a friend who has just suffered a loss in life; when we choose to make a bold stand with the weak instead of fearfully following a bully; when we choose to feel compassion, mercy and forgiveness toward the one who hurt us. It is in moments like these that we make the wonderful choice of the LORD Jesus Christ.

The power and truth of many stories from the Biblical narrative is not that they happened long ago and far away, but rather that they are happening in our lives today.

Are you going to make a terrible choice or a wonderful choice?

GRACE + PEACE  
John Bl

## Healthy Snack Collection for Bailey's Elementary School Ends Tonight

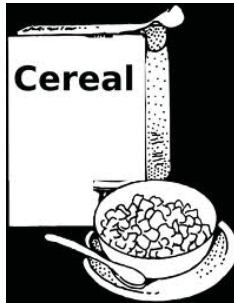
Our annual **Healthy Snack Collection** for children who attend Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences **will conclude after the service this evening.**

The school, located less than a mile from the Falls Church congregation, has many children whose families struggle to provide the essentials of shelter, food and clothing.

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.

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



## M.S. Pledges Are Due by May 8, But Deadline is Extended to May 31

**Kevin Thie** requests that all pledges for the 2014 annual **Multiple Sclerosis Walk** held April 12 be given to him as soon as possible. Kevin notes that he would like the funds by Wednesday, May 7, since the Multiple Sclerosis Society deadline is May 8. However, personally, he will accept all donations made through May 31. Please make out checks to "N.M.S.S." which stands for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, but cash is accepted.

Kevin is the captain of the team, **M.S.Keteers**, which has been walking for many years. This year the co-walkers were Kevin's daughter **Candace Thie & Dorothy Eckert**. Longtime member **Jefferson Ford** missed this year's walk due to illness.



## 2014 Vacation Bible School Meeting Set for Today

"**Jungle Safari - Where Kids Explore the Nature of God**" is the theme for the 2014 Vacation Bible School, designed for children from Cradle Roll through 6th Grade, according to Kelly Shumate, VBS Director.

While the children are engaged in VBS, guest speakers will address the adults.

And on top of all that, dinner AND breakfast will be served, Friday night August 8 and Saturday morning, August 9.



To learn more about the W - I - D - E range of opportunities to help with this program, you are invited to a brief informational meeting today. **The meeting will take place in R. 121 immediately following the morning assembly.**

### Congregational Prayer Request for the week of April 27:

*Pray for the success of our missionaries, My Neighbors,  
in Ethiopia through Habtu Zemech*



**The Missions Committee will meet in  
R. 120 (library) on May 4  
after the fellowship luncheon.**

*Directory Updates*

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 for May Is Moved to May 4; Event is a Potluck Luncheon

Since the 2nd Sunday in May is also Mother's Day, the **Potluck Fellowship Luncheon has been moved to the 1st Sunday - May 4** - after the morning worship assembly.

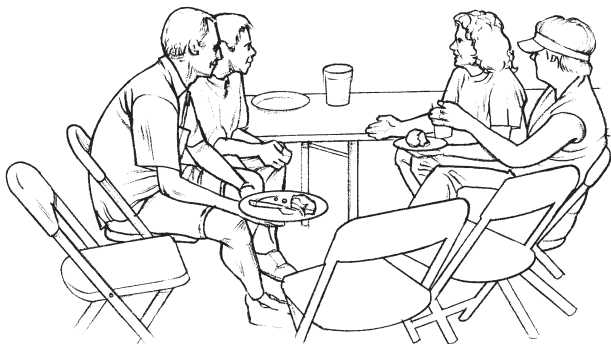
**The Missions Ministry will meet in R. 120 after the dinner.**

It is our custom at Falls Church to dismiss for the day after a large luncheon. **THEREFORE, THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE ON MAY 4.**

**Group #5 of our newly organized Fellowship Crews will be "on duty" for the May 4 luncheon. Group 5 includes Kim Mills, leader, with Becky Bates, Ann Ford, Renee Hoppis, Caleb Mayfield, Scott Mills, Saul Reyes, Kevin Thie & Vickie Witt**

Each family is requested to bring:

- ❖ **A main dish**
- Plus **two** of the following three items:
- ❖ **A vegetable dish - green beans, potatoes, corn, etc.**
- ❖ **A platter of hors d'oeuvres such as vegetables or fruit with/without dip, chips with/without dip, appetizers such as mini-quiche, etc.**
- ❖ **A dessert**



## Fellowship Meals

### **Tickets Are Available for Beauty and the Beast**

Tickets are available now for performances of Disney's classic Beauty and the Beast, by the Northern Virginia Players which includes our own thespian

Three performances each weekend will take place May 2 & 3, and May 9 & 10. and will be held at the Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA 22015.



You may visit [www.nvplayers.com](http://www.nvplayers.com) or call 703-866-3546 for details.



## Weddings

## Baptisms

# May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 2 Chr. 29-31	2 2 Chr. 32-34	3 2 Chr. 35-36; Ezra 1-2  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
4 Ezra 3-6  <i>2nd Sunday Potluck Luncheon after AM service</i>  <i>Missions Cmte. Meets after lunch</i>  <i>NO PM SERVICE</i>	5 Ezra 7-9	6 Ezra 10; Nehemiah 1-2  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	7 Nehemiah 3-5	8 Nehemiah 6-8	9 Nehemiah 9-11	10 Nehemiah 12-13; Esther 1-2  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
11 Esther 3-6  <i>Mother's Day</i> 	12 Esther 7-10	13 Job 1-3  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am— Last class for the Year probably</i>	14 Job 4-6	15 Job 7-9	16 Job 10-12	17 Job 13-16  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
18 Job 17-20  <i>Special Collection for Camp WaMaVa</i>  <i>Adult Education Ministry Mtg., 11:45 am, R. 120</i>	19 Job 21-23	20 Job 24-26  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am (may be held if needed)</i>	21 Job 27-29	22 Job 30-32	23 Job 33-35	24 Job 36-39  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>  <i>"Adventure Night" for Youth Ministry (g. 3-12)</i>
25 Job 40-42; Psalm 1	26 Psalm 2-4  <i>Memorial Day— Office Closed</i> 	27 Psalm 5-7  <i>Ladies Bible Class is concluded until October</i>	28 Psalm 8-10	29 Psalm 11-13	30 Psalm 14-16	31 Psalm 17-20  <i>Spanish Worship &amp; Fellowship Dinner, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>

## 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 27, 2014

Morning	Evening
Jackie & John Arevalo	Levenie
Calanthia Tucker	Hughes

May 4, 2014

Morning	Evening
Kristine Spraker	NO EVENING ASSEMBLY
Vickie Witt	

## Children's Worship

April 27, 2014

2/3 Tammy Cowart, Paige Gregory  
P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

May 4, 2014

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

## Worship Today, April 27, 2014

Hymn #4	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>
Hymn #266	<i>Majesty</i>
Prayer	Jerry Williams
Hymn #642	<i>Let the Lower Lights Be Burning</i>
Hymn #349	<i>Ten Thousand Angels</i>
Communion/Collection	Joseph Tucker
Hymn #53	<i>Father, I Adore You</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Ephesians 4:1-2)	Robert Spiess
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #176	<i>Lamb of God</i>
Announcements	Bill Kincaid
Introduction of Visitors	Brandon Durant
Closing Prayer	Greg Spraker
Song Leader	John Waterston
Ushers	Joshua McKay, Jonah Shumate



Bobby Wilkinson will lead singing this evening. Brandon Durant & Jeff Malcolm will lead the prayers.

April servers are: Jose Arevalo, Matt Bensky,

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
<i>(October through April)</i>	

### 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
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, April 20, 2014

Bible Study	208
Morning Assembly	280
Evening Assembly	104
Contribution	\$17,391
YTD Average	\$12,640
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Classes & Online 76

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Prayer - Joe Bohannon

Song Leader - Clark Richardson