

Family Life

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Lads to Leaders “Success Story” to be Presented Today During Fellowship Luncheon

The Falls Church Lads to Leaders team that participated in both the convention as well as the year-round events will be highlighted during the Fellowship Luncheon today. We congratulate them not only for their work but also for their achievements in learning the word of God and how to serve Him.

The team included:

Below are just a few photos from the convention.



Doubt

Spoilers - Jesus didn't stay dead! On the evening of the first day of the week after His crucifixion and resurrection, the LORD appeared to his disciples. They were afraid and had locked the doors and windows but he was there in their midst in spite of their fear. It should go without saying that they were amazed and astonished to see the man they had seen executed standing in their midst.

They should not have been so surprised. Mary had told them earlier he was alive. Peter and John had both run to the empty tomb. Now here He was. First he tells them to be at peace. Then he shows them his wounds. Overjoyed they see and touch, realizing that something more wonderful than they could have imagined has happened. Jesus is alive.

But one of them was missing. We aren't told why Thomas wasn't there. When he hears the news he is skeptical and doubtful. Thomas also wants to see and touch the body of Jesus. He is not going to simply take their word. He needs the same experience they had.

A week later Thomas gets his chance. Once again the disciples have locked themselves in and once again Jesus walks right in. Thomas experiences the resurrected Jesus and is the only person in the Gospel of John to correctly identify him as "My Lord and my God!"

To Thomas Jesus is not simply a lord or a god. Jesus is his lord and his God. He over comes his uncertainty and doubt and believes!

We are challenged by this story to look closely at our doubts and seek truth to answer them. We are to move past doubt to faith and belief. Jesus tells them they are blessed because they see. He also declares that we who did not see but believe are also blessed.

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

GRACE + PEACE
A. B. J.

2nd Sunday Potluck Luncheon Set for Today

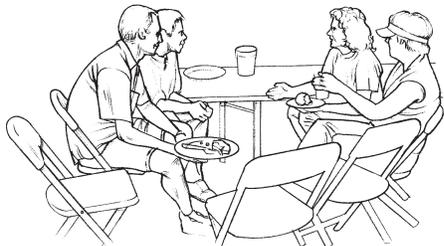
The Potluck Fellowship Luncheon for May will take place today, **May 4**, after the morning worship assembly.

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

Group #5 of our newly organized Fellowship Crews will be “on duty” for the May 4 luncheon. **Group 5** includes **Kim Mills**, leader, with **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, mini-quiche, etc.
- ❖ **A dessert**



Fellowship Meals



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

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of May 4:

Pray for the success of our missionaries James (Jay) & Piera Young and their work in Italy and the Ukraine. We pray also for peace and political security in Ukraine.

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.

Thank You Note

Dear Falls Church Family,

Thank you all so much for all your ongoing prayers, support and encouragement over the last 2 years as I waited to have both my hips replaced. The surgeon says everything is perfect, and I am growing stronger every day.

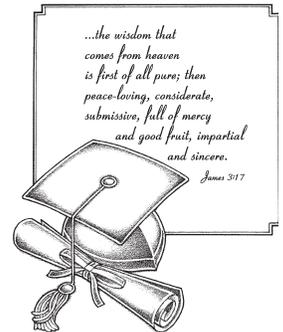
Your assistance with transportation and meals, as well as the many cards, presents, cheerful wishes, and green plant you sent show me how much God's love shines through the Christian family here and what a wonderful blessing all of YOU are. I thank God for His healing and for YOU!

In Him,
Diana Kuhn

Congratulations

The Olango family wishes to share the delight in the graduation of their daughter **Elizabeth** from the University of Virginia College at Wise, located at 1 College Ave., Wise, VA 24293.

We express our joy and congratulations to Elizabeth upon this achievement.



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.



Saying Goodbye



Today is the final Sunday in which we can enjoy the company of **Brandon & Leah Durant** and their wonderful children. We pray for their safe travel and for an easy transition into a new home.

They placed membership here on Sept. 18, 2011, after moving here so that Brandon could obtain an M. A. in Strategic Communications from George Mason University. He completed that in December 2012, and has worked at the Pentagon since that time.

They immediately became involved with this congregation, teaching classes and serving in multiple ways. In recognition of his service, Brandon was installed as a deacon on June 2, 2013.

Tickets Are Available for Beauty and the Beast

Tickets are still available for the last three performances of Disney's classic Beauty and the Beast, by the Northern Virginia Players which includes our own thespians - **plural - Abby & Marshall Collins**.

The performances are next weekend, May 9 & 10, all at the Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA 22015.

You may visit www.nvplayers.com or call 703-866-3546 for details.



2nd Annual Congregational Retreat Set for Sept. 19-21 in Williamsburg

Mark your calendars for the **2nd Annual Congregational Retreat** set for September 19-21, again at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center.

This year's theme will focus on the "One Another" passages. We will learn ways to love, to encourage, to teach and to serve each other.

Registration will begin soon, so watch for more information. If you have questions, please ask **Brian or Melissa Collins**.



Family Retreat

Faulker University Chorus Performance Monday at Arlington Church of Christ

All are invited to the **Arlington Church of Christ** on Monday, May 5, at 6:30 pm to hear the **Faulker University Chorus**, currently on its spring tour. Faulker is a Christian University located in Montgomery, AL.

The Chorus is the school's large, mixed choral ensemble which performs a wide variety of sacred, a cappella music. Membership is open to both music majors and non-music majors, but is determined by audition. The group's performance schedule includes many local and regional appearances as well as an annual, extended spring tour during which the group travels throughout the United States.



The Arlington building is located at 20 N. Irving St., Arlington, VA 22201. This is less than a half a mile east of the intersection of Arlington Blvd. (Rt. 50) and Glebe Rd. (Rt. 120).

Habtu Zemech will leave May 23 for his semi-annual trip to Ethiopia, his home country.

Working through the organization **My Neighbor** he will distribute clothes, school supplies and other articles to many of the extremely poor people in that ancient land.

Next week we'll have a list of the items that **Habtu** will take with him on this trip.

Special Collection for Camp WaMaVa Slated for May 18

Camp WaMaVa may generate warm memories for many Falls Church members, but for others it may produce blank stares. It has been around for over 50 years, but may be totally unknown to many new members.

Camp WaMaVa has been a summer program and spiritual haven and learning experience and fun time for thousands of boys and girls from the greater Metropolitan Washington area. It is, in fact, the only such facility operated by the Greater Metropolitan Washington area churches of Christ. It provides urban youth the opportunity to worship and study and develop friendships amid God's natural world.

The special collection will be taken immediately after the regular collection during the morning worship assembly on May 18.

This year, much of the money raised will go to renovating one of the Boys' Cabins.

But the money also helps the Camp reach out to youth who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend. The cost for each child for a week is \$230.

Members are asked to make out checks to "Camp WaMaVa" NOT to Falls Church.

Camp WaMaVa's first camp session was held Aug. 11 to 25, 1956, with 76 campers and 21 staff members. This was just a year after the formation of a corporation to purchase 146 acres near Linden, VA. To raise the funds, the corporation sold "shares" at \$25/share.campers.

Although it has been an area effort, the camp still has a special relationship with this congregation. The late

Gene May and his wife Barbara contributed their time, money, expertise and talents to the camping effort. Gene, an area builder, help develop the site. Their son Perry and his wife Yvonne likewise have bene dedicated supporters as have their three daughters Megan, Becki & Tatum. Perry has been on the Board of Directors since 1988, he and Yvonne met at Camp, he was baptized at camp and he baptized two of his daughters there!

Kevin Thie and the Thie family have been longtime supporters, along with Barbara & Kevin Gallagher and their son James, who now attend elsewhere.



The first line of the mission statement is: "Camp WAMAVA's primary mission is spiritual. It exists to provide camping in a Christian environment and to glorify God. Emphasis is also placed on the physical and emotional growth of the young people who attend the camp."

Camp Sessions for 2014

NOTE: ALL SESSIONS START ON SUNDAY AND END ON SATURDAY

Week	Dates	Camper's Grade as of Fall 2014
1	June 22-June 28	3, 4, 5
2	June 29 - July 5	4, 5, 6
3	July 6 - July 12	6, 7
4	July 13 - July 19	7, 8, 9
5	July 20 - July 26	8, 9
6	July 27 - August 2	10, 11,12 & 2014 High School Graduates

There are a few staff positions still open for 2014.

Please contact Lisa Bosley to help out.

LBosley@fxcc.org

These include:

Week 2	1 RN
Week 3	2 teachers, 2 kitchen help
Week 4	1 teacher
Week 6	1 kitchen help

Bible teachers are needed for two 45-minute class sessions per day, from Mon-Fri of their selected week. The teaching curriculum will be provided in advance before you arrive for your week of camp. Bible teachers will serve under the guidance of the Service Chief.

Kitchen assistants are needed from 4 pm Sunday to 9 am Saturday of their selected week. They will help cook and serve meals for the entire camp. Kitchen assistants will

serve under the guidance of the Kitchen Chief.

Air-conditioned quarters are available for volunteers who are encouraged to stay for the week.

Another way to help is to purchase basic supplies. That may include paper products like paper towels, bathroom tissue and napkins. You may bring those items with you to the Memorial Day picnic Saturday May 24 or during any of the camp sessions - see list above.

You may also go online and "purchase" from a shopping list of perishable food items. Just check the item you wish to buy and pay with PayPal.

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

May 4, 2014

Morning	Evening
Kristine Spraker	NO EVENING SERVICE
Vickie Witt	

May 11, 2014

Morning	Evening
Agnes Jones	Kelly Shumate
Meaza Zemech	

Children's Worship

May 4, 2014

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

May 11, 2014

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

Worship Today, May 4, 2014

Hymn #646	<i>Onward, Christian Soldiers</i>
Hymn #662	<i>All to Jesus I Surrender</i>
Prayer	Habtu Zemech
Hymn #648	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>
Hymn #667	<i>Savior, Thy Dying Love</i>
Communion/Collection	John Reagan
Hymn #647	<i>Soldiers of Christ, Arise</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Ephesians 4:1-16)	Jeff Grimm
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #627	<i>There's a Royal Banner</i>
Announcements	Oliver McDaniel
Introduction of Visitors	Kelvin Hatcher
Closing Prayer	Rick Schneider
Song Leader	Joseph Tucker
Ushers	Jose Arevalo, Ken Yeatman



THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.

May servers are: Jun Amores, Chantha Chea,
Kirk Crews, Sam Gregory, Grant Smith, Dave Wilson

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 27, 2014

Bible Study	216
Morning Assembly	296
Evening Assembly	95 (SWA)
Contribution	\$10,035
YTD Average	\$12,487
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Classes & Online 48

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Prayer - Jerry Williams

Song Leader - Mike Tune