Family Life

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Tune's Notes

The night before his death, Jesus told his disciples once again that he was going away. Though physically he would no longer be there, it didn't mean he would not be with them. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to take his place. The spirit "will be in you." Through the Spirit, Christ

would come back. "I will come to you," he said and "on that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."

It seems to me Jesus was promising an even closer relationship than his disciples had ever experienced: a relationship where Jesus *indwelt* them.

In the Old Testament, God dwelt *among* His people – not within them. When Jesus came, it was again God 'pitching His tent' *among* his people, but not living *in* them.

So when Christ ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit, Paul would write (as I've emphasized numerous times recently in our sermons) that God indwells us through His Spirit so that Jesus is with us always.

Jesus also said on that night: "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

I wonder: what kind of place will it be?

But I also wonder, what kind of place have I prepared for the indwelling God?

I began to think about this anew Monday evening at I listened to the Faulkner University Chorus singing at the Arlington church of Christ. It was during the singing of a poem "The Best of Rooms" by Robert Herrick (1591 - 1674). The words are as follows:

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms: Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

The best room for Christ's dwelling is our heart. Have you prepared that room for Him? Is that where he lives in you?

Love you all. Mike



Youth Ministry Updates! The Interns Are Coming!

At the beginning of June our Youth Ministry Summer Interns will be starting their ministry with us. At the beginning of the year we had the opportunity to meet Carolyn Miller and we met Caleb Dillinger on the

Winterfest trip! These two young adults will be working with the teens and students in the Kids for Christ and Upper Room Teen Ministry. More information about them is available on the Youth Ministry bulletin board in the foyer.

Youth Ministry Adventure Night (May 24th, 5:30 - 7:30)

"What is adventure night?" is a question I keep hearing. The answer is simple - The Upper Room Teen Ministry (7th - 12th grade) is planning an evening of fun for the Kids for Christ (3rd - 6th grade). They are still working on all the details but as a hint you might want to stock up on Nerf Darts! More details will be coming soon.

Senior Sunday (June 15th)

As a church family we will use our evening assembly on June 15 to honor our graduating seniors. During this special assembly time we will enjoy a video slideshow for each graduate, and the parents will bless their children as well. There will be a reception afterwards for us to enjoy cake and fellowship together.

Youth Ministry Family Beach Camping Trip (July 31st - Aug 2nd)

This trip has become a Summer tradition and is back by popular demand. If you have a teen or student in the Kids for Christ or Upper Room Teen Ministry, this trip is for you! Once again we will camp at Cape Henlopen State Park in Delaware for two nights. This park has so many places to explore from Fort Miles to the Great Dune. Mark your calendar and look for registration material to be coming soon.

Baptisms

M.S. Pledges Deadline Extended to May 30

The deadline for receipt of all contributions for the **2014 Multiple Sclerosis Walk** has been extended to May 30 by the Multiple Sclerosis organization. The original deadline for the April 12 walk was May 8.

This change was announced by **Kevin Thie**, captain of the fund-raising team known as the M. S. Keteers. The team includes his daughter **Candace Thie** who has logged in 21 years. **Dorothy Eckert** is another longtime member, as is **Jefferson Ford** who was unable to join this year due to illness.



Kevin requests that **checks should be made out to** "**N.M.S.S.**" which stands for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, but cash is accepted.

Habtu Zemech Is Collecting School Supplies for Next Trip to Ethiopia

Habtu Zemech, a Falls Church deacon, will leave May 23 for the first of two trips he will make this year to his home country of Ethiopia.

Working with "My Neighbors," a program supported by the Falls Church Missions Program, Habtu will distribute school supplies for 80 children.

Donations of these school supplies are appreciated. If you would like to contribute, please **bring any of the following items to the building NO LATER THAN NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18**:

#2 pencils erasers

pens pencil sharpeners (no batteries)

rulers glue sticks crayons notebooks

3-hole loose leaf paper

3-hole binders, 1" thick, soft covers pencil pouch to fit in a binder

unlined drawing paper

medium size inexpensive back packs

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of May 11:

Prayer of thanks giving for the long awaited Spring with the nice weather and for blessing many of our family to recover from their illness.

Special Collection for Camp WaMaVa Scheduled for May 18

Camp WaMaVa has been a summer program/spiritual haven/learning experience/fun time for boys and girls for over half a century. In fact, it is 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 146 acres of God's natural world, located near Front Royal, VA.

Each year, the Falls Church congregation holds a special collection just for Camp WaMaVa, and this year that collection will be held on May 18. As usual, this will be taken immediately after the regular collection during the morning worship assembly. Members are asked to make out checks to "Camp WaMaVa" NOT to Falls Church.



This year, much of the money raised will go to renovating one of the Boys' Cabins, according to Perry May, a Falls Church deacon and also a longtime member - since 1988 - of the Camp's Board of Directors.

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.

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.

Naturally, volunteers are integral to the camp program, and positions are still open for the 2014 season which begins on Sunday, June 22. **NOTE: ALL SESSIONS START ON SUNDAY AND END ON SATURDAY.**

In addition, the camp has a long list of supplies, including perishable (dairy or meat) food items or paper supplies. If you would like to volunteer your services at camp, contact Lisa Bosley at LBosley@fxcc.org. To purchase any of those supplies, go to the camp's website at: http://www.wamava.com/

Meet Your Current "Secret Sister" and Visit With Previous Ones at Secret Sister "Reveal" Tea on May 18

The "Secret Sister" Reveal Tea is coming up next Sunday, May 18, at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is the time to reveal yourself to your "sister."

All current Secret Prayer Sisters are encouraged to attend. Please bring a wrapped gift - one that costs no more than \$5 - for your "sister." Write her name on the outside and your name on the inside.

As each woman opens her gift, she will learn the identify of her secret sister.

All former "Secret Prayer Sisters" who have participated in the program in previous years are invited to join the assembly around 5 pm. Then all the "sisters" may enjoy a mini-reunion with fellowship and refreshments.

If you cannot attend, please be sure to let Monica Tune know. Give Monica your gift for your "sister" and she will make sure it gets to the right person. After all, you don't want your "sister" to feel left out.

For questions, contact Monica or Diana Kuhn.

Falls Church Team for Lads to Leaders Recognized for Bible Knowledge and Service

Falls Church hosted a team of 19 young people for the **2014 Lads to Leaders** Program which culminated with the convention held in Nashville, TN, during the weekend of Easter.

However, the Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes is a year round program, with many young people who participate and are acknowledged for their achievements but who do not attend one of the conventions.

We congratulate all the young people who worked so hard in this program. Their achievements are good, but the skills they have learned will benefit them and all of us now and in the future.

Below are the different categories of awards and the Falls Church youth who were recognized.

PRE-CONVENTION EVENTS:

Know the Books:

Level 1:

Gold: Bronze:

Level 2:

Gold: Bronze:

Centurion of Scripture: Bronze

Year Round Bulletin Board: Bronze -

Art Says It:

Drawing/Sketching
Division 5-6:
Division K-2:
Original Photography
Division K-2 -

Good Samaritan: Bronze

Keepers: Information Resources, Home Safety, Hospitality:

Year Round Bible Reading/Study:

Bronze:

Teach to Teach: Level 1 -

Year Round Song Leading: Bronze

Year Round Puppets:

Team 7A - Bronze

Team 4A



THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED AT THE CONVENTION:

Puppets:

Junior Team -

Senior Team - 3rd Place in the 7th Grade Division

Oral Bible Reading:

Song Leading:

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.

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**.

The assembly shown below was for a Fasting Service





Above and below are photos of studies and assemblies in the homes of members of the Juigalpa congregation.



Photos from February & March for the Congregation in Juigalpa, Nicaragua



Children's Class



Above is a photo of the baptism of **Humberto Ruiz Gomez**. Brother Gomez is physically unable to make the journey to the building, so Henry Gutierrez baptized him in a barrel at his home.

Below is a photo of **Rosita Alvares**, who was baptized at the building. The Juigalpa congregation has been blessed with many baptisms in recent months.



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 11, 2014 May 18, 2014

MorningEveningMorningEveningAgnes JonesLevenie HughesMarsha De La CruzLevenie HughesMeaza ZemechWendy Ward

Children's Worship

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2/3 Allison McKay, Sophia Zemech
 P-K Jessi Arevalo, Carol Alvarez
 2/3 Abby Smith, Lori Kobs
 P-K Heather Musser, TBA

Worship Today, May 11, 2014

Hymn #10 A Mighty Fortress

Hymn #770 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Prayer Ben Bohannon

Hymn #350 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

Communion/Collection Joseph Tucker

Hymn #139 In Heavenly Love Abiding

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

Bible Reading (Ephesians 4:17-24) Andrew McDaniel

Bible Lesson Mike Tune

Hymn #479 Peace, Perfect Peace

Announcements Oliver McDaniel

Introduction of Visitors Kelvin Hatcher

Closing Prayer Geosh Saxton

Song Leader Bill Kincaid

Ushers Jose Arevalo, Ken Yeatman

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Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening; John Reagan & Jerry Williams will lead the prayers.

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

(October through April)

Wednesday 7:15 pm

Office Hours 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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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 Reves 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, May 4, 2014

Bible Study 205
Morning Assembly 354
Evening Assembly NO SERVICE
Contribution \$10,551
YTD Average \$12,379
Budget Goal \$12,709

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Classes & Online 76

Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Prayer - Brian Collins
Song Leader - Bobby Wilkinson