

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Michelle Singletary writes a regular financial advice column for *The Washington Post*. This week she wrote about her lecture to her 16 year old son who was starting his first job this summer. Singletary noted a T. Rowe Price survey that found 28 percent of parents said:

"I am not good with money, so I should not be the one to teach my kids about money."

I loved her response: "If you're not a good money manager, learn to become one. As you learn, teach your children, who will then teach their kids. Model good financial behavior and they are more likely to emulate you."

It is in the spirit of learning better that we have offered Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace Seminar two years in a row. This year, it was facilitated by Gary and Mary Jo Almond.

The class ended two weeks ago and Gary reports the following:

- * Six families attended the seminar.
- * During the seminar, the number of credit cards among the families was reduced by half.
- * Non-mortgage debt was reduced during the nine week period by over 10%. Two families paid off all their non-mortgage debt.
- * While almost all of these families were not members here, all but one reported an increase in their charitable giving and one is now giving 12% of their income.
- * One family took the class as a last ditch effort to save a marriage wrecked by financial mismanagement. By the end of the class, they had reconciled, divorce proceedings had been terminated, and they were holding hands.

Gary and Mary Jo, thanks for making this class possible! I know it was a blessing to everyone who participated.

In Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Polonius advises his son: "Neither a borrower nor a lender be; For loan oft loses both itself and friend, And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry." But long before Shakespeare, Solomon wrote: "The rich rule over the poor and the borrower is a servant to the lender." The Apostle Paul wrote: "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

Part of following Jesus is learning how to value and manage wealth.

Love you all.
Mike



What's the Meaning?

During Sunday Night Live the Upper Room has been examining popular songs to discover the message in these songs.

Some of the music we have explored has positive messages such as "Let it Go" from the movie *Frozen* or "Happy" by Pharell Williams. We have seen music with mixed messages like "Wake Me Up" by Avicii and One Republic's "Counting Stars."

Last Sunday we explored Fun's song "We are Young." This was our first song that really promotes an unhealthy lifestyle. In it we hear the story of 20 somethings out one night getting high, drunk and looking for someone to spend the night with. After a little research I discovered that this song was inspired by the lead singer's self described "worst drinking night of all time." Not a good start for a song!

So why did we discuss this song?

Many people just hear music playing and don't really listen to what the message of the song is. We needed to examine carefully a biblical response to this song, which is that nothing good comes from drunkenness. The stories of drunkenness we find in the bible are about fools, shame, nakedness, vomiting and violence. Another important reason was to ask "Should I continue to listen to this song?" If a song or any media we consume has an unhealthy message then we shouldn't associate ourselves with it.

Finally on the flip side I agree with the chorus of the song:

*We are young
So let's set the world on fire
We can burn brighter than the sun*

I truly believe that our young people have the opportunity to be a bright light to our world. They have strength, energy, creativity and new ideas to make this world the kind of place the LORD wants it to be.

The young people in the song we examined will not set the world on fire. They will not burn brighter than the sun because they are squandering their opportunities with casual sex, drugs and alcohol.

If we stay sober and are filled with the Holy Spirit, we can be lights in this dark world!

GRACE + PEACE
John Bl

Meet Your Current "Secret Sister" and Visit With Previous and Potential Ones at Secret Sister "Reveal" Tea Today

The "Secret Sister" Reveal Tea is coming up TODAY at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is the time to reveal yourself to your "secret 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.

In addition, **Diana Kuhn** has issued an invitation to any woman who has not participated in this program but would like to learn more about it, to attend and visit with other participants.

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**.



School Supplies for 80 Youth in Ethiopia Are Due Today

Today is the deadline for purchase of school supplies that **Habtu Zemech**, a Falls Church deacon, will take with him on his next trip to Ethiopia.

Working with "My Neighbors," a program supported by the Falls Church Missions Program, Habtu will distribute school supplies for 80 children. Without these supplies, the children are unable to attend school - see article on p. 4.

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 TODAY, MAY 18:**

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| #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 18:

Pray that the Spirit of our God will embolden each of us to talk with our friends and neighbors about our faith.

Special Collection for Camp WaMaVa Scheduled for Today

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 today, 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/>



Adult Education Committee to Meet Today After Morning Assembly



The **Adult Education Committee** will meet in R. 120 after the morning assembly, according to Committee Chair **John Waterston**. Lunch will be served and all members of the committee are urged to attend.



The Elders - and the rest of this congregation - extend their deepest appreciation to **Heather Jones** who organized and purchased and lugged and toted and set up for the "continental breakfast" provided for the Mothers of this congregation last Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day!
THANK YOU, HEATHER, AND THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED SERVE OR CLEAN UP!

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. Next Sunday, May 25, is the last Sunday to give your pledge to Kevin or Candace Thie.

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.



New Baby



Thank You

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.

Habtu Zemech Plans Trip to Ethiopia, Needs School Supplies for This Trip; Finds “Thanksgiving” in Serving those in Need

NOTE: The following is a report of Brother Zemech’s last trip to Ethiopia, last year.

Project Demekech

Demekech was a 9 years old girl when he first met her. She had a club foot and needed to correct the problem. In 2011 Demekech was taken to Addis Ababa where she went through the corrective surgery, and now her feet are totally normal.

When the community learned of the help we provided for Demekech, families began to bring their own children to receive the same kind of assistance. They also flooded the local congregation as they sought to learn about the gospel as a result of the good that has been done for the children.

Over the last two and a half years, over 69 children have registered for this surgery, and to date, the organization “My Neighbors” has financed 21 surgeries. That work was financed by the generosity of the supporters, and Habtu expressed his appreciation for this support. He added, “Because of you, we are able to do many great things for the needy and under privileged in Ethiopia and God is glorified.” Below are two of the children who received medical assistance recently.



Parents of the children who received medical assistance and those who are waiting for an appointment, were invited to a meeting at the Shone congregation to discuss the importance of the follow up required for the children after the operation. The children must receive the correct post-operative care to avoid infection. All the children were given cloth, and crutches were given to those in need.

Preachers’ Training School and Shone Church of Christ

A one day bible seminar was conducted for 10 students enrolled in the Preacher’s Training School and also for preachers who came from four different districts. The ten students and four teachers were given shirt and ties.

Wolliso Church of Christ

Wolliso church of Christ is a new congregation located about 55 miles west of the capital city Addis Ababa. The

congregation requested that Habtu visit them during one of her trips to help devise a way to help needy children in the area as well as some of the widows and elderly who are members of the church.

Habtu met with the preacher and his family and a couple of church leaders discussed ways to reach out to the community. He was concerned that so many of the needy children couldn’t attend school because they lacked school supplies or couldn’t afford the minimal payment required. Although the public schools are free, they must charge a fee to compensate for budget shortages. The fees pay for tests and other supplies.

However, most of the children, whose parents are farmers, can’t pay the fee because their parents don’t generate enough crops to cover all the families’ expenses or are unable to sell their crops or for enough money. Some youth try to raise the funds by selling firewood, but then miss school. Therefore many students are forced to discontinue their education. In spite of the problems, Habtu reports, the children are eager to attend school whatever the price may be.

The local government gave land to the church to build a meeting place and conduct humanitarian work. Habtu is involved with local public school leaders and leaders in the Wolliso congregation to organize this effort. They plan to reach out to at least 80 children to make a path to education possible for them, and also an opportunity to reach out to more people in the community with the message of Christ.

Celebrating Thanksgiving in Ethiopia & My Neighbors

Thanksgiving is one of Habtu’s favorite holidays, and he usually avoids traveling at that time. Alas, the holiday fell during his last trip so, for the first time since coming to America, he celebrated Thanksgiving in Ethiopia.

But he decided to make the best of the situation, so, on Thanksgiving, he formed a team with brethren from the Addis Ababa congregation. They bought soda and bread for 100, and distributed it to children in the streets or out into the country.



Habtu commented, “I would say it was one of the best experiences I had about remembering the blessings that God has poured on me and my family and I was ever so grateful to God’s family who meets here at the Falls Church of Christ for partnering with me in this great ministry.”

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 18, 2014

Morning

TBA

Wendy Ward

Evening

Levenie Hughes

May 25, 2014

Morning

Tek Lim Chea

Melissa Collins

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

May 18, 2014

2/3 Tammy Cowart, Lori Kobs

P-K Gayla Keller, Heather Musser

May 25, 2014

2/3 Abby Smith, Joy Hayes

P-K Misty Marshall, TBA

Worship Today, May 18, 2014

Hymn #474

Thank You, Lord

Hymn #103

He Has Made Me Glad

Hymn #242

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

Prayer

John Hilboldt

Hymn #100 & 101

Holy Ground (2 hymns)

Hymn #176

Lamb of God

Communion/Collection

Rick Schneider

Hymn #634

We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

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

Bible Reading (*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*)

Greg Spraker

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #608

He Gave Me a Song

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors

Kelvin Hatcher

Closing Prayer

Mark Dawson

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

Jose Arevalo, Ken Yeatman



Bobby Wilkinson will lead singing this evening;

Caleb Mayfield & John Reagan 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
<i>(October through April)</i>	

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 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, May 11, 2014

Bible Study	216
Morning Assembly	311
Evening Assembly	96
Contribution	\$14,382
YTD Average	\$12,501
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Classes & Online 85

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Prayer - Jonah Shumate

Song Leader - Andrew McDaniel