

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

Frankly, I hope you never read this article and my writing it will be a waste of time. But if you never read it, it will be ok. It will mean this crisis is over.

In fourteen days, it will have been 2 months since 276 girls were kidnapped in Nigeria by the terrorist group Boko Haram. I hope you too have been praying for them. Among their number are the following girls, members of four congregations of the Church of Christ in Nigeria.

Kuburbula church of christ – Lugwa Samuel, Tabitha Sila, Saraya Amos, Hauwa Abdu, Rejoise Shaki, Kauna Lalai.

Kumutayahi church of Christ – Ruth Silo, Esther John

Pemi church of Christ – Asabe Lawan, Sarah Nkeki.

Payayesu church of Christ – Nomi Yaga.

I'm not mentioning this because I want you to pray only for these particular girls. I hope you will pray for all of them and their families. But these are the names I have, and we have a special relationship with them in the body of Christ, the family of God. I hope you will join me in praying for them by name, that they will be released, liberated, or escape very soon.

We've all been watching the unfolding drama in the Ukraine. What you may not know is that pro-Russian militants interrupted last Sunday's worship in Gorlovka and told everyone in the assembly to leave. The militants said they were going to destroy everything. After a bit of negotiation, they allowed the members three hours to remove anything they wanted. It was a scary time.

While we should certainly pray for those who would harm God's people, that they, like Saul of Tarsus, might have their hearts changed, it is also quite right to pray for the hand of God to bring judgment, swift, sure and obvious, against all those who would do His people harm or do evil in the name of God – any god. Matters like this stir our emotions – and they should. But rather than simmer in angry juices, we need to be asking God to take care of this situation. Let our response be a part of the solution rather than the problem.

Love you all.

Mike



## Three Things

### 1. Senior Sunday - June 15

During the evening worship service we will honor our graduating high school seniors. We will have video slide shows about our seniors and a blessing from each family for their senior. Please come and honor our class of 2014 which consists of **Abby Bennsky, Ashley Byrd, Luis Reyes and Noah Thomas.**

### 2. This is the first Sunday for our Summer Interns.

**Caleb and Carolyn** will begin their duties this week. If you have a child, student or teen in the 3rd - 12th grade, you are invited to a "Meet the Intern" party at the home of the Sweatnam family on June 14.

### 3. Adventure Night!

"Now that is leadership" was my favorite quote from last weekend. A parent of one of our younger students made this comment after watching our teens host Adventure Night. The teens not only planned the activities but also explained and ran them. It was great to see our older teens and students help our younger students during capture the flag and laugh and giggle with each other during "Take a Hike." They also made great zombies during the Zombie Hunt! Thanks Upper Roomers! **You are awesome!**



GRACE + PEACE  
*John Byrd*

## A Finger Food Dinner Is the 2nd Sunday Fellowship for June, Coming Up Next Sunday

The 2nd Sunday Fellowship for June will be a Finger Food Dinner scheduled for next Sunday evening, June 8, after the evening assembly.

Fellowship Crew #1 will be "on duty" for that event. That group includes: **Clark Richardson, leader, with Martha Ashley, Sally Dasher, Steve Dasher, Nikii Frank, Ellen Horgan, and Heather Jones.**

Each family is requested to bring the following items:

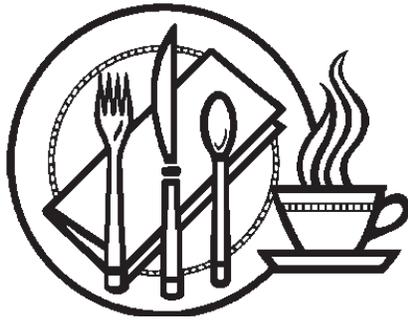
- ❖ A tray of sandwiches

**AND**

- ❖ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres* or a tray of fruit or vegetables with or without dip, or a bowl of chips with or without dip.

**OR**

- ❖ Bite-sized dessert. Remember - this is finger food so we try to avoid flatware.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Vacation Bible School workday coming up June 21. Specific times will be announced later.**



## Registration Opens for Congregational Retreat Sept. 19-21 in Williamsburg

Registration is OPEN for our **Congregational Retreat!** Plan now to join the family on September 19-21 at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. The theme this year focuses on how we treat "One Another."

Registration forms are located on the foyer table. Accommodations will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Get your forms (and a 30% nonrefundable deposit) turned in as soon as you can.

More information will be coming as the date gets closer. If you have questions, ask **Brian & Melissa Collins OR Ken & Lesya Yeatman.**



**Family Retreat**

## Teachers Are NEEDED for Childrens Worship

Even if you have never taught a children's class in your life, it's never too late to add that marvelous experience to your life's repertoire! The first time a precious child comes up to you to hug you - you'll be glad that you did!

Besides, **Children's Worship** needs YOU!!!! Many of the current teachers are moving by the end of June, and the volunteer list has really shrunk. **Both men and women are welcome in this program. Just contact director Gayla Keller to become involved! She will be happy to work you into the rotation.**

Ideally, there are enough personnel so that each set of teacher/helper works only one week per month, although each set is asked to work on extra Sunday when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. But that's only once a quarter.

Don't worry, you won't have to miss ALL of Mike's marvelous sermons. Besides, his sermons are available on the website!

And keep in mind that Children's Worship takes a break during August!

This is a worship service geared to the understanding of pre-school children, ages 2 through pre-kindergarten. It includes a Bible lesson, but one that is taught by visual aids, songs and a simple craft. Frequently, the lesson includes a puppet show by the year-round Lads to Leaders youth.

The program takes place during the second part of the regular worship assembly, starting right after the communion service. In fact, you've probably noticed an exodus of small children at about the midpoint of the service. They are heading for Children's Worship.

This is NOT babysitting. In fact, it is worship training. And one skill is learning to sit quietly.

There is a curriculum, so teachers don't have to "start from scratch." And there are at least two teachers per class. Typically, one teaches the lesson while the other helps with all the other aspects of the class.

The lessons are set up before class, and generally, more experienced teachers are paired with new teachers. In addition, there are helpers who can take the children to the restroom.

Some of you are thinking, "I've never been around small children and don't know what to do with them." Don't worry. Small children are loving and accepting, and they don't know what they are doing either!

And a hug is a sweet reward!



# Saying Goodbye

# Thank You Note

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## Financial Needs Analysis Is Offered

a member here at Falls Church, has recently acquired his insurance license. As part of his job, he must become proficient in “Financial Needs Analysis,” which helps consumers use their financial resources in the best possible manner as they plan for their future needs.

In order to practice this skill, he is offering a free consultation to Falls Church members or their friends. This is not a sales promotion, and those who participate are under NO OBLIGATION to purchase anything. The information they provide will be kept in strictest security.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact him. He is available to meet with you here at the building or at your home, at any mutually agreeable time.

### **Congregational Prayer Request for the week of June 1:**

*Pray that all of our little ones who were born in the last several years will grow up to become strong in the faith of our Lord Jesus and faithful to His cause.*

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## Alumni News

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## Congratulations

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.

## Camp WaMaVa Opening Day Coming Up; Still Time to Donate Needed Supplies

**Camp WaMaVa** will open its gates to the first set of campers three weeks from today.

Below is a list of items that this congregation has been asked to provide. A specially marked box is located in the lobby for you to deposit your donations.

### KITCHEN:

- 5 lb container of baking powder
- 20 bottles AND 8 gallons of pancake syrup
- 7 bottles of grape juice
- 20 boxes of graham crackers
- quart AND gallon sizes of zip top bags
- 12 oz. SOLO cups, 1,000

### RECREATION:

- 2 (two) 50-foot garden hoses
- 2 nozzles for those hoses
- 100 foot outdoor extension cord
- 2 buckets of sidewalk chalk

### NURSE'S STATION:

- Children's Tylenol chewables (100)
- Benadryl tablets (50)
- Bandages, all sizes, about 200

### OFFICE SUPPLIES:

- 1 case (5000 sheets) of copy paper
- 12 rolls of 1" wide masking tape (small rolls are ok)
- 5 yellow legal pads
- 20 AA batteries
- 10 AAA batteries

### OTHER:

- 4 large rolls of duct tape

Also, we have some photos of the Memorial Day picnic at the camp last weekend.

**Many thanks go to photographer Dorothy Eckert.**



Several Falls Church members were there!

At right are some of the children playing on the giant slide.



A tranquil site! (above)

(right) Now that is a kitchen!



## Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua

*Pedro & Mireya Batres* have served in the mission fields since 1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. His wife Mireya, a native of Nicaragua, holds a degree in social service. They worked in Nicaragua until moving to Guatemala in 1985, returning to Nicaragua in 2000. He is an evangelist in Managua, the capital city, and the surrounding areas, plus he is a popular guest speaker at special programs such as seminars, retreats and workshops. Mireya is a popular guest lecturer at women's events, especially pertaining to marriage and the family.

For my brethren in Falls Church Church of Christ, I am sending my fraternal regards to all of you at the beginning of this new month, May. The grace and peace from our Lord may stay with you now and always. It is a pleasure for me to write this report about the Lord's Church in "Nueva Libia," Managua.

Today, May 1, Labor Day in Central American so everyone was off. For two hours, 26 Christians from



"Nueva Libia" did personal evangelism in the neighborhood, and as a result, a young girl was baptized. Furthermore, 22 persons gave their names for future biblical studies in their homes. Those names will go to the Evangelism Team of the congregation.

In addition, the biblical leadership team - elders, deacons, teachers and evangelists - are working in a good way having between us Christian fellowship and unity and everybody is faithful with our duties and functions.

The public attendance each Sunday is going very well and is now about 350, with the higher attendance on Sunday morning. It is lower in the afternoon and at night.

We already began the cell programs in several Christians home and, for now, we have eight cells studying the Bible. We hope that our Lord will bless this new effort of this local church.

Our radio program is going ahead each Sunday morning at 6:30 and it is one of my tasks in the Nicaraguan mission field.

Dear Church, thanks so much for your support to my ministry in every sense and God bless you now and always.

For His love,  
**Pedro Salvador Batres**

## 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

June 1, 2014

### Morning

Agnes Jones  
Amy Saxton

### Evening

Levenie Hughes

June 8, 2014

### Morning

Tammy Cowart  
Linda Reagan

### Evening

Levenie Hughes

## Children's Worship

June 1, 2014

2/3 TBA

P-K Misty Marshall, TBA

June 8, 2014

2/3 TBA

P-K TBA

## Worship Today, June 1, 2014

Hymn #67

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Hymn #57

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Prayer

Jose Arevalo

Hymn #71

*As the Deer*

Hymn #48

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Communion/Collection

Kirk Crews

Hymn #76

*How Great Thou Art*

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

Bible Reading (*Ephesians 4:28-5:2*)

Gordon Rampy

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #75

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Announcements

Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors

Dave Miller

Closing Prayer

Hal Swetnam

Song Leader

Joseph Tucker

Ushers

Perry May, John Waterston



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening;

Lee Cassetty & Grant Smith will lead the prayers.

June servers: Richard Gunselman, Curtis Madeley, Luis

Reyes, Jonah Shumate, Barry Smith, Daniel Williams

## 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

P. O. Box 1036  
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Fax: 703-820-1348  
Sick/Shut in call in: 703-820-2064  
administrator@fallschurchcoc.org  
Website: www.fallschurchcoc.org

### 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*  
Gina Tune, *Secretary*

### Statistics

#### Sunday, May 25, 2014

Bible Study 188  
Morning Assembly 320  
Evening Assembly 85  
Contribution \$ 9,654  
YTD Average \$12,246  
Budget Goal \$12,709

#### Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Classes & Online 72

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Prayer - Clark Richardson

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker