

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Sometimes, as I read through the Psalms, I am struck by comparisons between them that I've never seen before. It happened this week as I read Psalms 76 and 80.

Psalm 76 describes the city of God (Jerusalem in the Old Testament, the Church in the New Testament) as a ground so protected by God that citizen and enemy alike recognize the Lord's shielding presence. In fact, His care is so obvious that those who are not God's people come to worship Him and share in His holy city. There is a subtle message here: In days of triumph, God must be exalted by our lives so that everyone who hears of our blessing will want to serve the God who made it possible.

Psalm 80, on the other hand, was written by the same fellow – Asaph – and it describes God's city as a smoldering hulk vulnerable to any passerby.

It's tempting, and easy, to draw the conclusion that Israel's misfortune in Psalm 80 was due to some sin meriting the judgment of God.

But be careful. There is no mention of transgression there and no request for forgiveness.

As loved as we are, sometimes life hands us an unexplainable misfortune. It may be from God to punish us. It may be from God to test us. It may be from God to strengthen us. It may not be from God at all! We may not know where it is from or why.

Asaph's message, I think, with these two Psalms, is that life is not constant. There are mountaintops of glory and valleys of despondency.

In either situation, the faithful remember to go to God – in thanks, or for deliverance. Wherever we are, our thoughts must never be far from the one who makes everything possible.

Love you all.

Mike



Dark Power of Sin

“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness.”

- Jesus (Matthew 6.22 - .24)

A few weeks ago there was a dramatic event in my neighborhood. During the serving of an eviction notice by the sheriff's department, a barricade situation developed. This lasted almost 12 hours. In the end no one was injured and the resident was taken into custody.

But as this unfolded I began to learn more about the man in the house. At one point he had done well but recently had fallen on hard times. During the hard times the utilities had been turned off to the house and he moved into the garage/shed behind the house. From the outside his world seems to have shrunk, becoming smaller and smaller until all that was left was him.

While these aren't all the facts, it caused me to reflect on the power of sin in our lives. Sin draws us into ourselves. Sin feeds on our selfishness. So when outside help comes - instead of accepting it graciously, we barricade ourselves in our little houses. Instead of allowing the light to come into our lives, we prefer to stay in the darkness and hide from the truth.

The Good News of Jesus is that His redemptive power can take our dark, selfish and broken lives and make us something new. No longer do we need to hide our sins but rather we confess them. No longer do we need to hide our troubles, but rather we bear them together.

I don't know the entire story of the man in the barricade situation. I still think about him and pray for him. I hope one day he can find healing. I also pray and hope that we will all accept the hope and healing Jesus offers.

GRACE + PEACE
AHLB

A Finger Food Dinner Is the 2nd Sunday Fellowship for June, Coming Up This Evening

The 2nd Sunday Fellowship for June will be a Finger Food Dinner scheduled for this evening, 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:

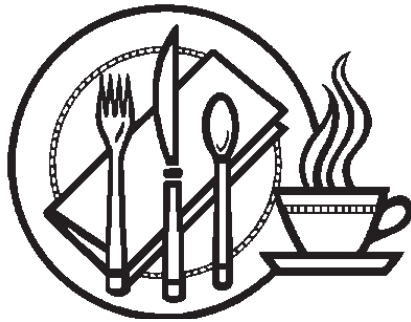
- ❖ A tray of sandwiches

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.



Congregational Prayer Request for the week of June 8:

Pray for our enemies, those who seek to harm us because of the word of God and our testimony of Jesus Christ.

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

Children's Worship Needs YOU!

There still are openings for both men and women for the **Children's Worship** program that meets during the regular worship service. Just check with **Gayla Keller** to volunteer.

Children's Worship is open to children ages 2 through pre-kindergarten. The children attend the worship assembly through the communion service and then depart the auditorium to attend a Bible-based class which is taught with stories, songs and crafts.

New volunteers are teamed with more experienced teachers, plus the lessons are already planned.

Teachers operate in teams that teach one Sunday out of the month, except for an occasional 5th Sunday.

Summer is a great time to volunteer. You get off the whole month of August!!!



Volunteers Needed for VBS Workday Coming Up On June 21

It is a bit more than eight weeks until **Vacation Bible School 2014!** You may be thinking, "It's too early to think about that!"

Please think again.

Probably everyone in this congregation has worked on SOME kind of large group project sometime in your life. You **know** the feeling you get when you are dragging around at the last minute to finish some job that seemed like such a great idea! Or the sense of panic when you recognize, "Oops, I never thought of that!" And then you have to scurry around to fix the problem.

Well, you can avoid exhaustion and those annoying last-minute crises by getting a head start on the task.

And that's why there is a **VBS workday** coming up June 20! After all - there has to be a major league effort to get this building to resemble a jungle - right??

So get in on the action and the fun and the camaraderie (big word for fellowship) and plan to be **HERE** about 9 am. **Kelly Shumate**, Director, is a very well-organized person, and she says, "There will be lots of tasks to accomplish each requiring varying levels of skill. So, that means everyone is welcome to come and contribute."

Besides, there **WILL** be coffee and donuts! Is that a deal or what?



Saying Goodbye

Saying Thank You and Goodbye at the Same Time



Parents Night Out To Be Hosted by Young Adults on Friday June 20

The **Young Adults (Professionals)** are hoping to host a **Parents' Night Out** on Friday, June 20, in the Fellowship Hall.

Parents will have the opportunity for an evening to themselves while the children will have responsible supervision. The contacts for this event are **Ashley Shelton, Clark Richardson and Keisha Vaughn.**

Toby Tomerlin is offering free Financial Needs Analysis to Falls Church members or friends. This is practice for him as part of a recently acquired insurance license, but it comes with NO OBLIGATIONS to purchase anything. All information will be held in strictest security. He can meet at the building or your home, at a mutually acceptable time.

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's opening day for 2014 is June 22 - just two 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

Recardo & Monica Reyes, Mexico

Recardo & Monica Reyes are part of a church planting team in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Natives of the state of Washington, they were employed in private industry until they committed to fulltime ministry among people of Spanish descent. Recardo holds a B. A. in Biblical Studies from Sunset International Bible Institute of Lubbock, TX, and both are graduates of the School of Missions. They have four daughters, Dominique, Jesenia, Deasha and Serenity.

*Below is a letter from former members **Joe and Teresa Bryan** regarding missionaries **Recardo & Monica Reyes** who work in Mexico. Joe worked closely with missions and he and Teresa made many trips to Central and South America on mission work. Currently, Joe, a physician, works for the Center for Disease Control on a project in Guatemala. Joe talks about meeting with the Reyes family while on a trip to Mexico City.*

In addition, here are several prayer requests from Recardo, all associated with his work.

Brethren,

Recardo mentions in this update that Mario gave his first sermon. We met Mario and his family with the Reyes during our visit to Mexico City.

The Reyes just completed four years in Mexico. They mention one of their team families, the Sims, just moved back to the US so now there are two US families in the team. It was a blessing to be with the Reyes and Mario and his family in Mexico.

Joe and Teresa Bryan
Guatemala

Prayer Partners,

We want to thank everyone for all of your prayers, our Lord is working. Yesterday we had an awesome Sunday assembly. Mario who has been growing in his spiritual life, preached his first sermon and did a great job. We had 62 in attendance which was really good because our attendance



has been down lately. We also presented 9 certificates to members who have completed Bible courses through our Bible Study Center.

We have just finished teaching three more people the gospel. All, Alma, Alberto and Consuelo, were baptized previously. Alberto wishes to be baptized again because he doesn't think he understood the concept of baptism at the time. Alma & Consuelo believe they were baptized Biblically but want to study. I am excited that all agree with the scriptural basis for baptism. Alberto and Consuelo are praying for the opportunity to share this message with their son Alberto Jr. Thank you for praying for these studies!

A "Let's Start Talking" team is coming in July so please pray that we will make plenty of good contacts and see lots of fruit from this effort.

The City of Angels orphanage is slowly coming along here in Cuernavaca. Please pray as Gary Gardner and others keep encountering obstacles.

Our teammates the Sims family returned home today, and our family is really affected by their departure, but we are excited about the Mexican leaders who are stepping up to fill the responsibilities of the Sims. Although many will help, three leaders in particular will be key in this transition, **Mario, Miguel Angel, and Chucho**. Please pray for them. All three have already been accepted to the Texas International Bible Institute.

Please keep those prayers coming, as they are making a big difference. God is good! Let's win souls for Jesus!

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 8, 2014

Morning

Tammy Cowart
Linda Reagan

Evening

Kelly Shumate

June 15, 2014

Morning

Marsha De La Cruz
Susan Wilson

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

June 8, 2014

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

June 15, 2014

2/3 Abby Smith, Gayla Keller
P-K Heather Musser, TBA

Worship Today, June 8, 2014

Hymn #3

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Hymn #718

We Shall Assemble

Hymn #180

Jesus Is Lord

Prayer

Sam Gregory

Hymn #484

You Are My All in All

Hymn #269

Thomas' Song

Communion/Collection

Hal Swetnam

Hymn #810

Listen to Our Hearts

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

Bible Reading (Acts 2:1-8)

Matt Benskysky

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #853

When We All Get to Heaven

Announcements

Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors

Dave Miller

Closing Prayer

Joe Bohannon

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

Perry May, John Waterston



Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening;

John Reagan and Wayne Doran 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

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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*
Gina Tune, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, June 1, 2014

Bible Study	209
Morning Assembly	No Count
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$17,901
YTD Average	\$12,503
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Classes & Online 76

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Prayer - Peter Franco

Song Leader - Mike Tune