

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Last Sunday evening, I told the stories behind three of our hymns. Most hymns meant nothing to me when I learned them. They were just “church songs.” As I learned more about their background, their sentiments resonated with me more, additionally enhanced by personal experiences that made them even more meaningful.

That’s the way with music. (Good music anyway.)

Singing is specifically mentioned 146 times in the Bible. Heaven is full of it (Revelation 5:13). Jesus sang the praises of God while on earth (Hebrews 12:12) and his brother James required it of the happy heart (James 5:13). Paul urged it as a way of encouraging one another and by the way, the two texts where Paul most obviously does this are Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 – passages often used to encourage singing in the assembly. There is no evidence however that Paul was talking about the assembly in either of those passages. What’s my point? That one of the ways God expects us to communicate His truth to each other is in song.

But isn’t that a bit weird? Singing to one another instead of just talking?

I suppose it is. But perhaps it’s just a part of being that cross-shaped counter-cultural community of the redeemed. We never were supposed to look like the world – or fit in.

Can’t sing?

I’ve met a few folks who couldn’t, but most of the time, it’s just because they never learned or practiced. If singing is to be such an obvious part of the Christian life, every one of us ought to take the time to learn to do it – and learn hymns that facilitate it. It’s not just singing. It’s the communication of the heart to God, and a communication of the truths of God to one another in a godly way.

To that end, beginning in July, one of our Sunday morning classes will be devoted to singing. We will learn to sing, learn some new hymns, and practice some old ones. The class will be led by Bill Kincaid. I plan to be a part of it. I hope you will too.

Love you all.

Mike

Congratulations to Our Graduates



Remember
your creator
in the days of
your youth.

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Today is **Senior Sunday**, the day when we honor our graduating high school seniors.

During the evening service, there will be a video slideshow about each of our seniors along with the now-traditional blessings that parents write to their graduating son or daughter.

A photo and biographical article about each of these young people can be found on p. 3 of *Family Life*, while an article can be found on p. 4.

Following the assembly, a cake and coffee/tea/lemonade reception will be held in the fellowship hall. Each student will have a designated table where you may deposit your gifts. Blue chip stocks are especially welcome this year.

Saying Thank You and Goodbye at the Same Time

Our dear brother **Bob Pigg** will be moving from here July 16 to Charlottesville where he will be closer to his daughter **Barbara Link**.

A **Come and Go Goodbye Reception** for him is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, from 2 to 4 pm at the home of **Mike and Monica Tune**. Their address can be found in the green pocket directory.

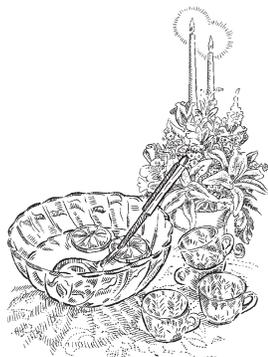
Bob and Jewel Pigg and their children **Barbara** and **Steve** placed membership here on June 6, 1965, 49 years ago Friday! From 1967 to 1969, he served his final Navy assignment. That is the only time he has NOT been here.

He was installed as an Elder on Sept. 15, 1966, along with a former member Robert Kendrick. Another long-time member was appointed a deacon on that day also - Don Thie.

Except for the time away from here for his last Navy assignment, Bob served in that capacity until January 11, 2009.

There are few people here who have not been blessed by this loving man.

This is an opportunity to say a heart-felt "Thank you," even as we say a reluctant "Good bye."



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

The **Young Adults (Professionals)** are hosting a **Parents' Night Out** on Friday, June 20, from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children must be old enough to use the restroom independently.

This event gives parents the opportunity for an evening to themselves while the children will have responsible supervision. **Parents are asked to sign up, using the sign up sheet on the lobby bulletin board.**

The contacts are **Keisha Citizen, Jenna Mayfield and Clark Richardson**.

A kid-friendly movie such as *Frozen* will be shown, and there will be snacks such as popcorn, fruit snacks and Cheerios, along with boxes of juice. If you don't wish your child to have such items, please pack refreshments for your child for the evening.

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.

VBS Workday Coming Up On June 21

A **VBS Workday** is coming up next Saturday, June 21, starting at 9 am.

There are **TWO** things you need to know, according to **Kelly Shumate, Director**

1. Childcare will be provided during the workday.
2. There will be coffee and donuts for those of us who function better with a dose of caffeine.

This is the time to get a head start on the planning and designing. That way, everyone has a good idea of what to do, a plan for getting it done and the materials to work with.

It avoids that "last minute" rush and those crush work sessions that are finished just before the children arrive!

Kelly, a very well-organized person, 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."

The theme this year is "**Jungle Safari - Where Kids Explore the Nature of God.**" VBS is open to children from Cradle Roll through 6th grade.

Adults are encouraged to stay during the Friday night and Saturday morning sessions, since there will be special guest speakers for them.



UPDATE

Regarding the progress of the court case related to the adjacent property development at the end of Peace Valley Lane, near the neighboring townhouses, the Elders, with the concurrence of the Church Trustees, reached an agreed resolution of the case after negotiations with Fairfax County and the builder. Under the terms of the resolution, the County will eliminate the requirement that the builder install a concrete device preventing left turns from Peace Valley Lane onto Leesburg Pike. The builder agreed to make a payment to defray costs and legal fees. The builder is barred from using our existing parking lot for any purpose during the property development. The builder will otherwise proceed with the development, construct the homes, and extend and pave Peace Valley Lane for access. For additional information, please contact the Elders.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of June 15:

Pray that God will grant our petition for all those on our prayer list.

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 15, 2014

Morning

Marsha De La Cruz
Susan Wilson

Evening

Levenie Hughes

June 22, 2014

Morning

Levenie Hughes
Fern Musteen

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

June 15, 2014

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

June 22, 2014

2/3 Heather Musser, Joy Hayes
P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

Worship Today, June 15, 2014

Hymn #759

Shall We Gather at the River?

Hymn #704

Bind Us Together

Prayer

Mark Dawson

Hymn #432 *How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?*

Hymn #153 *Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

Communion/Collection

Jerry Williams

Hymn #548

The Lily of the Valley

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

Bible Reading (*Ephesians 5:3-14*)

Frank Estes

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #480

Blessed Assurance

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors

Dave Miller

Closing Prayer

Jeff Grimm

Song Leader

John Waterston

Ushers

Perry May, John Waterston



Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening;
Jonah Shumate and Geosh Saxton 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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Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

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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 8, 2014

Bible Study 208
Morning Assembly 340
Evening Assembly No Count
Contribution \$11,865
YTD Average \$12,476
Budget Goal \$12,709

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Classes & Online No Count

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Prayer - Joseph Tucker

Song Leader - Andrew McDaniel