

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

A couple of weeks ago, the Wall Street Journal ran an article on the Pope's then up-coming visit to the Middle East. Much of the article was devoted to the dwindling population of Christians in the Holy Land. Fifty years ago, over half of the population of Bethlehem was Christian. Now, it's

only 15%.

In the Middle East in general, the Christian population was (100 years ago) 10% Christian. Now it is only 5%.

Little reason was given for this decline but a reader recently attributed it to harassment by Muslim extremists. The reader overlooked that in our own country, where Christianity is the majority, Christianity is also declining.

Let's not be misled.

Christianity's decline is not due to persecution. Christianity was born in a culture of total opposition and persecution. They crucified Jesus, remember? They beheaded Paul. Countless Christians were jailed and murdered.

And yet, Christianity prevailed.

There is only one reason Christianity is declining. Just one. We are not sharing our faith. It cost Jesus his life. It cost his early followers theirs. But the Kingdom of God was more precious than life and the blood of Christ's cross carrying followers marked every road of the ancient world until the earth was covered in it – and then the Church triumphed.

But the triumph could not be permanent. It requires an on-going battle carried on by dedicated disciples marching in every age against the continually repaired gates of hell. The gates only prevail when we stop assaulting them.

Christians did not set out to change their world. They knew their world was only temporary. They set out to bring their world into the eternal kingdom of God by living as Christ lived and calling others to do the same. A by-product of that was a changed world.

We waste time when we just bemoan the loss of Christian culture. Only by making the Kingdom of God our life, sharing its message with cross shaped lives and words will it grow. And it will, inexplicably, against all odds. It can never be stopped. Our larger communities will then be changed. But mostly (and better), more of us will be ready to greet Christ when he comes.

Love you all.

Mike



Mark 1:16 - 45

As humans we are attracted and addicted to control and power. We are naturally drawn to people who wield power. Some people use this natural tendency to guide people toward "good" such as George Washington, Winston Churchill or Nelson Man-

dela. Others use their power for evil such as Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin or Pol Pot. People see the power or authority of these people and are drawn to them for guidance and direction.

Conversely we also are addicted to our own control and power. We don't like to think that someone else is in control of us. We like to think we can make it in the world on our own without anyone else's help. We look to ourselves to try to find our own guidance and direction.

On the other hand Jesus truly exercises power and authority. A couple of Sunday mornings ago we began a study of Mark's Gospel during our Sunday Morning Bible Class (7th - 12th grade). As part of this study we looked at least to 5 areas in which Mark specifically shows how Jesus exercised His authority.

Authority to call disciples (Mark 1:16 - 20)

Authority to teach (Mark 1:21 - 28)

Authority over dark spiritual powers (Mark 1:21 - 28)

Authority over spiritual illness/disease (Mark 1.29 - 39)

Authority over Himself (Mark 1.35 - .45)

On and off over the next few weeks I am going to explore these areas of authority.

When we try to exercise power, control and authority, we realize that we can't find a god to follow and still be our own god at the same time!

However, when Jesus exercises power, control and authority, He is showing us that He is God to whom we should surrender and whom we should follow.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. L.

8th Annual Falls Church Picnic Set For July 5 at Bluemont Park, Arlington

The Agape Group assignments are ready - just in time for the **8th Annual Falls Church Picnic** scheduled for Saturday, July 5, at Bluemont Park, 601 N. Manchester St., Arlington, VA 22203. The picnic starts at 11 am, with food at noon.

The park is 1.6 miles from the church building. It is .2 of a mile to the park entrance from the intersection of Rt. 50 (Arlington Boulevard) and North Manchester St.

Assignments are determined by Agape Groups, which have been reorganized. There are now four groups instead of the original six. A list of the members of each group will be posted on the member board in the lobby and emailed to all members. Copies can be found on the round table in the lobby for those who don't have or use email.

Please arrive before 11 am with your assigned food, according to the list below. Please bring all foods "ready to eat," since the picnic area doesn't have a place to finish fixing anything.

Below are the new groups and picnic assignments:

CENTRAL—Leader- Janice McDaniel **CLEAN UP

- Green salads and dressing
- 60 pieces of lettuce washed and torn ready to use—in a zip bag
- desserts
- juice boxes - **ON ICE**
- soda - **ON ICE**

SOUTH—Leader- Vickie Witt **CLEAN UP

- 120 bags Chips - bags of individual bags, available at Walmart
- Dips
- Precut fruit trays
- Bottled water and Gatorade - **ON ICE**

EAST—Leader- Young Professionals **SET UP AND CLEAN UP. Please arrive by 9 am

- Desserts
- Onions - 5 large onions sliced and 5 large onions diced—in zip bag (To avoid small, bring in a doubled zip bags.)

- 60 slices of tomato—in a zip bag
- 5 medium jars of sliced pickles

WEST—Leaders—Ann Ford and Martha Ashley **CLEAN UP

- 2 LARGE cans of baked beans—can be in 2 crockpots
- 60 pieces of lettuce-washed and torn ready to use—in a zip bag
- 60 slices tomato—in a zip bag
- cold salads—potato, macaroni, bean etc.

SPANISH - **CLEAN UP

- Chicken and Chorizo

Mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup and relish will be provided.

Any left over drinks, juice boxes or chips can be taken to the church and used for Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School still is collecting newspapers to be used for decorations.

Please deposit your papers in the plastic box in the hall from the fellowship hall to the upper level where the bathrooms are located.

Registration Kicks Off for VBS 2014! A Message From the Director

I hope everyone has marked their calendars and is planning to be a part of VBS 2014. This year's theme is "Jungle Safari, Where Kids Learn about the Nature of God," and we have all kinds of fun activities planned.

Also, we are combining the Arlington congregation this year and will have classes available from Cradle Roll to 6th grade. The adults will have guest speakers on Friday night and Saturday morning, with more details to follow soon.

The dates and times are:

Friday, August 8, 6 to 8:15 pm

Saturday, August 9, 9 to 11:30 am.

Go online to the church website at

www.fallschurchcoc.org

and follow the link to register your children or to volunteer for VBS. You can also pick up a paper form in the lobby and return to the table.

We will have a hot dog supper on Friday night starting at 5:15 pm, and a pancake breakfast on Saturday starting at 8 am. **Both of these meals will be free, but we ask that you sign up so we can plan the food accordingly.** Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board or you can put a note on your online registration form if you plan to come.

I hope everyone will make plans to attend and join us for a wild time at our Jungle Safari!

And mark your calendars for our next work day - August 2 at 9 am. We will need lots of help that day as we start decorating our jungle!



Congregational Prayer Request for the week of June 29:

Pray that we the people of God in this location will let our lights shine that it may brighten the way for those around us who are walking in darkness.

Thank You Notes

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.

3rd Quarter Adult Classes Are Announced

Class	Teacher	Room
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Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin July 6

Exploring Songs of Worship	Bill Kincaid	FH
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Get ready to join your voices in song! This class will explore new and old songs to give worshipers a better knowledge of some songwriters and the meaning of what we sing. In addition students will learn basic sight reading and musical notation, so each can more fully understand and participate in worship. Join Bill Kincaid in filling the Fellowship Hall with music.

The Book of James	Dave Wilson	121
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In this short and powerful book, the apostle James gives us practical guidance on issues that measure true and living faith. Through an emphasis on spiritual fruitfulness, James calls all believers - then and now - to live a life that demonstrates genuine, saving faith marked by godly behavior.

Wednesday Schedule - Classes Begin July 9

Learning from the Example of Jesus	Teachers will vary	FH
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On Wednesday evenings, we are continuing our Summer tradition of inviting area preachers to teach in coordination with teachers from our congregation. It is the goal of this class to learn life lessons from the life of Christ. Join a new teacher each week as he engages the narrative of Jesus' life to provide a practical lesson for application in your life today.

Registration Continues for 2nd Annual Congregational Retreat Sept. 19-21

Registration continues for our **Congregational Retreat**, scheduled for 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 draws nearer to the event.

If you have questions, ask **Brian & Melissa Collins** OR **Ken & Lesya Yeatman**.

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 29, 2014

Morning

Billie Bohannon
Tek Lim Chea

Evening

Levenie Hughes

July 6, 2014

Morning

Jackie Arevalo
John Arevalo

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

June 29, 2014

2/3 Anna Souza, TBA
P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

July 6, 2014

2/3 Jennifer Estes, Dana Hatcher
P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

Worship Today, June 29, 2014

Hymn #193	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>
Hymn #767	<i>In the Hour of Trial</i>
Prayer	Ben Bohannon
Hymn #342	<i>We Saw Thee Not</i>
Communion/Collection	Greg Spraker
Hymn #763	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>
<i>Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Ephesians 5:15-21</i>)	Paul Bohannon
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #701	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>
Announcements	Oliver McDaniel
Introduction of Visitors	Dave Miller
Closing Prayer	Jeff Grimm
Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Perry May, John Waterston



There will be a "5th Sunday Singing" this evening.

Bill Kincaid will direct the program which will involve many song leaders.

Joe Bohannon and Habtu Zemech 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
<i>(October through April)</i>	

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
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 22, 2014

Bible Study	203
Morning Assembly	272
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$14,674
YTD Average	\$12,416
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Classes & Online	81
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Wednesday, July 2, 2014

Prayer - Bill Kincaid

Song Leader - Caleb Dillinger