

# Family Life

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## 8th Annual Church Picnic was a BIG Success and Besides That, Was a LOT of Fun!

Picnic organizers **John & Linda Reagan** have nothing but good words about all the cooperation and participation that made our 8th Annual Church Picnic a great success!

The weather helped, along with all the people who picked up tables at the church building and lugged them to the picnic. He thanks all the people who helped grill the burgers and the hot dogs and the *chorizo*, a Spanish food favorite. He said “thank you” to everyone who brought salads and desserts and drinks with ice and all the goodies that we enjoyed thoroughly! He expressed appreciation to **Richard & Rachel Bowles** for preparing the Agape Group lists from which the various assignments were made.

Below and on p. 4 are photos from the July 5 event. Many thanks to resident photographer **Dorothy Eckert!**



Above is Oliver McDaniel starting the event with a prayer. Beside him is David Rodriguez who led the prayer in Spanish.

In the next photo, John Reagan, co-organizer, mans the grill.

At right - as you can see, there was no shortage of food!



## Youth Ministry Update

### Senior Saints - Youth Ministry Game Day (Thursday, July 17, 2 - 4 pm)

One of most anticipated Summer events is this coming week!

The Youth Ministry (grades 3-12) and the Senior Saints will get together for a fun afternoon of games and fellowship. Bring your favorite game and be ready for a great time.

## Authority to Call (Mark 1.16-20)

At the very beginning of Mark's gospel we, the readers, are told the true identity of Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. This information is given to us but those in the story are still not certain as to who truly is Jesus.

Early in the story they know Jesus is a teacher or a rabbi. Like every teacher or rabbi, he needs to call followers. Since Jesus didn't go thru the normal steps to become a rabbi, he doesn't have that kind authority to call followers. He doesn't need this kind of institutional authority to call followers, because He has authority from a different place. His authority comes from the fact that **He** is the Son of God and the Anointed One (Messiah).

The other big question is why do the disciples follow Jesus? I think it is His message and teaching. He is proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1.15). It is this message that draws people to Him. Jesus doesn't just want a crowd to follow Him around. He wants disciples who will actually put what Jesus does and teaches into practice.

This is why He uses His authority to call disciples and later to set aside the 12. He will mentor them and equip them in a special way to be little “Jesuses” in the world around them.

This is our task today. We are not to be the crowd around Jesus but the disciples who are close to Him and emulate His in our lives.

GRACE + PEACE  
*John Reagan*

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on p. 4

## 2nd Sunday Fellowship Is a Potluck Luncheon Today After Morning Assembly; There Will Be No Service This Evening

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Potluck Luncheon** today after the morning worship service.

As is our custom, following the luncheon we will dismiss for the day. **There will be no assembly this evening.**

**Fellowship Crew #2 is the "duty group" for this event.** That group includes Genia Deibler, Dorothy Eckert, Ida Goetzing, Jenni Madeley, Wilfredo Reyes, Mark Shannon, Staci Shannon, Robert Spiess, Lisa Swetnam & Joseph Tucker

Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring the following:

⌘ a main dish (usually a meat or casserole to feed your family and a few others)

**PLUS** two of the following three items:

⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)

⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe

a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip

**OR**

⌘ a dessert (no description necessary)



**The Missions Committee will meet in R. 120 (library) after the fellowship luncheon.**

## Quarterly Meeting of C.A.R.E. Committee Set for Sunday July 20 After Morning Assembly

The **C.A.R.E. Committee** will hold its quarterly meeting next Sunday, July 20, after the morning worship service. This is a luncheon meeting in the fellowship hall.

The fall "School Supplies Collection" to benefit the Bailey's Crossroads Elementary School will be among the chief topics.



## Vacation Bible School: Speakers Are Announced; Work Day Set for Aug. 2

Children from ages 6 months through 6th Grade AND all adults are invited to join the **Vacation Bible School** scheduled for Aug. 8-9.

**PLEASE NOTE: The next Work Day is August 2!**

"Jungle Safari - Where Kids Explore the Nature of God" is the theme for the children's portion of VBS. That includes Cradle Roll (6 months to 2 years) through 6th grade.

**But adults will have classes as well.** **Josh Ray** from the Springfield congregation will speak Friday night, while **Dorn Muscar** of the University Park congregation will be the speaker on Saturday.

And if that isn't enough - our own **Mike Tune** and his son **Clayton Tune**, now at the Arlington Church of Christ, will lead a singing class.

These classes are open to all adults, not just to the parents of the children attending VBS. The Friday night and Saturday morning meals are open to adults as well, also at no charge. **However, it is critical to sign up on the sign up sheets in the lobby so the chefs will know how much to prepare.**

**Kelly Shumate**, VBS Director, said, "A big thanks to everyone who has helped with VBS so far this year." She adds, "We are looking for a few volunteers to prepare a dessert for dinner on Friday night." Contact her about that need.

In addition, any excess supplies from the picnic such as bottled water, bags of chips, fruit juice pouches are welcome. Please deposit those items at a table - identified with a VBS sign - in the fellowship hall.

Kelly also urges parents to register their children! They can go online ([www.fallschurchcoc.org](http://www.fallschurchcoc.org)) or use a paper form located on a table in the lobby.

### Times & Dates for VBS

**Friday, August 8**

**Dinner @ 5:15 pm**

**Program: 6-8:15 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 9**

**Breakfast @ 8 am**

**Program: 9-11:30 a.m.**

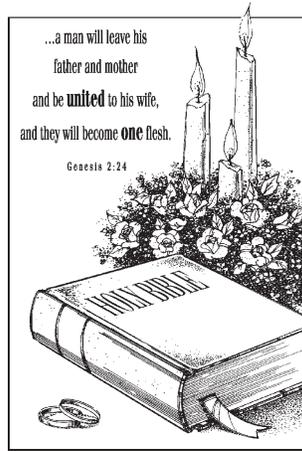
### Congregational Prayer Request for the week of July 13:

*Pray for patience, kindness and a gentle spirit as we work to live in harmony with one another.*

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.

Wedding  
Shower  
Planned for

on August 3



Ladies!

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring

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## Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

I want to say thank you to everyone who gave me well wishes, cards and gifts.

I was not expecting such kindness at all and was so surprised and thankful.

I will miss this church and never forget your kindness.  
God Bless you all.

Love,  
**Noah Thomas**

Dear Falls Church Members,

Every year my daughter **Candace** and friends like **Dorothy Eckert** join me in the "Walk For a Cure" sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. This year the walk was held on April 12.

I am pleased and humbled to announce that our team, the **M. S. Keteers** raised \$14,654.67 for this cause.

The money will be put to good use, for research for a cure to this disabling disease and also to provide help to those who suffer from the disorder.

I know that this team couldn't raise these funds without the support and encouragement of this congregation, now and over many years.

We sincerely and deeply appreciate your generosity and all that you've done.

Sincerely,  
**Kevin Thie**  
**Candace Thie**  
**Dorothy Eckert**

## Saying Goodbye

### A Solemn and Heartfelt "Goodbye" From Bob Pigg

Today is **Bob Pigg's** final Sunday as a member of this congregation. He and his family first placed membership here on June 6, 1949 and, with the exception of a two-year tour to complete his Naval service, he has been here ever since. He served as an Elder from Sept. 15, 1966 to January 11, 2009. He has preached, taught classes, prepared funeral messages, entertained us at all kinds of programs, has been our dearest friend and confidant, and has brought God's spirit to our fellowship. We will miss his counsel.

He will depart here on Wednesday, July 16, as his son-in-law Ken Link drives him to a new home in Charlottesville..

Below is a statement he has requested be printed for us.

#### A Fond Farewell to Those I Love

There are many honors and tributes one can receive in life. But there is none greater than the Falls Church Family has bestowed on me during the last several months and, especially, the "going away" get together on June 28th.

One is quick to add your words of kindness and expressions of love to the top of my vanity list. But, deep in my heart you should know that I am made humble and overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and graciousness. A special "thank you" to Mike and Monica Tune for hosting the occasion and the ladies who prepared the delicacies that were enjoyed by all.

I have been blessed to be a part of the Falls Church congregation for 47 years and most of that time it included my precious Jewel. While just to say how much you have meant to my family seems so inadequate, this loving congregation will ever have a special place in my storehouse of treasured memories.

And so, "parting is such sweet sorrow" for sure, but I pray that all us may remain faithful children of God and receive the promise of that joy that comes in the morning.

Moving to Charlottesville begins a new chapter in my life. Fortunately, it is not so far away that we will not be able to see each other in the future.

With heartfelt love and overflowing gratitude,

**Bob Pigg**

## Senior Saints and Youth Ministry Host Game Day on July 17

The annual “Game Day” between the Senior Saints (undefined age range) and the Youth Ministry (grades 3 through 12) is scheduled for Thursday, July 17. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall between 2 and 4 pm.

Participants are asked to bring a favorite game.

If you don’t have a favorite game, you might wish to stop at Toys ‘r Us which has loads of them.

There will - of course - be snacks. After all, what would a Game Day be without snacks?



## Scenes from the Picnic...

Food, Fun & Fellowship - it was a perfect day for lovely relaxing and chatting with friends.



Atticus, Lynn Barham's puppy (below)



## Registration for 2nd Annual Congregational Retreat Requested By August 3

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT BY AUGUST 3.**

This is the request by retreat organizers **Brian & Melissa Collins** and **Ken & Lesya Yeatman**. The Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center does have other clients for its space, so they cannot hold the Falls Church reservations indefinitely. While there might still be space available after the August 3 deadline, the chances are diminished.

**Registration forms are located on the foyer table.** Accommodations will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

The theme this year focuses on how we treat “One Another.” More information - such as biographical material about the guest speaker - will be available as the date draws closer. If you have questions, ask **any of the organizers listed above.**



**Family Retreat**

The children were in the bouncing games...



or in the creek...



or just “hang-ing out” like this precious sweetheart and her parents (at right)

## 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

### July 13, 2014

#### Morning

Ruth Amores  
Erica W-Chenevert

#### Evening

NO EVENING  
ASSEMBLY

### July 20, 2014

#### Morning

Angela E-Hayes  
Patty Woods

#### Evening

Levenie Hughes

## Children's Worship

### July 13, 2014

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

### July 20, 2014

2/3 Abby Smith, Joy Hayes  
P-K Gayla Keller, TBA

## Worship Today, July 13, 2014

Hymn #140

*Love Divine*

Hymn #453

*Love Lifted Me*

Hymn #477

*There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

Prayer

Kirk Crews

Hymn #881

*Mansion over the Hilltop*

Hymn #350

*When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Communion/Collection

Habtu Zemech

Hymn #859

*When All of God's Singers Get Home*

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

Bible Reading (*Ephesians 5:21-24*)

Gordon Rampy

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #628

*Will You Not Tell It Today?*

Announcements

Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors

John Hilboldt

Closing Prayer

Joe Bohannon

Song Leader

Jon Hessling

Ushers

Hal Swetnam, Kevin Thie



**THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.**

July servers: Greg Citizen, Brian Collins, Dorian Degrandes, Jeff Grimm, Andrew McDaniel, John Reagan

## 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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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  
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, July 6, 2014

Bible Study 209  
Morning Assembly 273  
Evening Assembly 152  
Contribution \$20,014  
YTD Average \$12,616  
Budget Goal \$12,709

### Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Classes & Online 83

**Wednesday, July 16, 2014**

**Prayer - John Reagan**  
**Song Leader - Mike Tune**