

Family Life

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This is the third week of the summer/3rd quarter Adult Education Schedule. This summer we have two adult classes. One is "Exploring Songs of Worship" taught by Bill Kincaid, Fellowship Hall, and the other is "The Book of James" with Dave Wilson as the teacher, R. 123.

Today you'll get a little touch of Bill Kincaid's class, and next week this column will highlight Dave Wilson's. If you aren't availing yourself of the opportunity to attend Bible classes, then perhaps these articles will spark your attention.

Title: Nearer, My God, to Thee, #684

Author: Sarah Flower Adams (1805-1848)

Sarah Flower lived in Harlow, England, north of London. She wanted to be a stage actress, and achieved her dream when she played the role of Lady MacBeth. However, the physical strain was too much for her and she withdrew from acting, turning her attention to writing poetry and composing hymns. Her sister Eliza was an accomplished musician, so they made a great team.

After her marriage to John Bridges Adams in 1834, she and Eliza undertook to compile a new hymnal for their congregation. The minister also challenged her to come up with a suitable hymn to accompany his lesson on Jacob's dream as recorded in Genesis 28.

Sarah captured the images of this well known account of Jacob's flight to Padden Aram to find a bride - and to avoid his brother's anger. He fell asleep with a stone as his pillow, and in his dream, he envisioned a stairway to heaven, with angels treading up and down. When he woke, he took his stone pillow and placed it on top of a pillar. He then poured oil over it, calling the place Bethel which means "House of God."

Eliza wrote the melody and the hymn was published in the hymnal in 1841. However, both Sarah & Eliza died of tuberculosis within five years and didn't live to see it become popular.

But their hymn has become one of the most powerful expressions of dedication, service and comfort in life's darkest hours. As he lay dying from an assassin's bullet in 1901, President William McKinley was heard whispering the chorus. As the Titanic sank on April 14, 1912, taking with it over a thousand souls, the ship's band played this beautiful testimonial.



Youth Ministry Family Beach Camping Trip

July 31st (Thursday) - August 2nd (Saturday) at Cape Henlopen State Park, DE.

Cost is \$40 per family

This will be our 3rd Youth Ministry Family Beach Camping Trip and it has become a highlight of the Youth Ministry's Summer.

We will be tent camping on the dunes of the camp ground, while enjoying the historic Camp Myles and of course the beach.

We have about 5 families' RSVP's already, but we have room for more!

If you have any questions or wish to come and enjoy a great end of the week of fun and fellowship, please let me know.

#URTMDCDAY

Last Tuesday morning/afternoon, 10 teens, a youth



minister and an intern enjoyed a Metro ride to the National Mall for some fun. The best part was hanging out at lunch - talking, laughing and eating with a great group of teens.

We also wandered the Air and Space Museum,



a sculpture garden and the National History Museum.

You can see pictures on the Youth Ministry's instagram account @cocfcym or on twitter @cocfcym.

GRACE + PEACE
A. B. J.

Quarterly Meeting of C.A.R.E. Committee Set for Today After Morning Assembly

The C.A.R.E. Committee (formerly Benevolence) will hold its quarterly meeting **today** in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service this morning.

The fall "School Supplies Collection" to benefit the Bailey's Crossroads Elementary School will be a major agenda item.



Registrations Are Needed by August 3 for the 2nd Annual Congregational Retreat

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

The theme for 2014 is "One Another: Love, Serve, Teach, Encourage." It is a natural followup from last year's theme of "God's Family," according to one of the retreat organizers **Melissa Collins**.

Melissa continued that, "Our post-retreat survey [last year] found that attendees were interested in more interactive lessons. So, this year, the schedule will include short devotional thoughts followed by structured activities to dig deeper and to build stronger relationships. It's more of a practical 'how do we do this' concept."

She also emphasized that members should turn in their registration forms BY AUGUST 3 to ensure that they will get their desired accommodations. The forms are available in the lobby and must be accompanied by a reservation fee.

The Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center will hold spaces until after Aug. 3 after which room selection will not be guaranteed. Of course, as with any such event, room assignments are made on a first come/first serve basis.

If you have any questions, you may contact any of the organizers who are **Brian & Melissa Collins** and **Ken & Lesya Yeatman**.



Family Retreat

There will be a meeting of all the Deacons next Sunday, July 27, in the Fellowship Hall from 2:30 to 5 pm. This is an important meeting so that deacons can re-organize following the departure of three men this year.

Talk to Jonah Shumate for further details.

Vacation Bible School - Next Work Day is Aug. 2; VBS "Wish List" Announced; Children Urged to Register

With the next **Work Day** less than two weeks away, VBS Directory **Kelly Shumate** has a "Wish List" of items for the BIG event coming up Friday night Aug. 8 through Saturday morning Aug. 9.

The items requested are:

- About two dozen plants - real preferred but fake would work as well
- Large stuffed animals (sea creatures and land animals welcome) as lifelike as possible
- Pillows and sleeping bags

This is all part of the theme of "Jungle Safari - Where Kids Explore the Nature of God."

PLEASE REGISTER

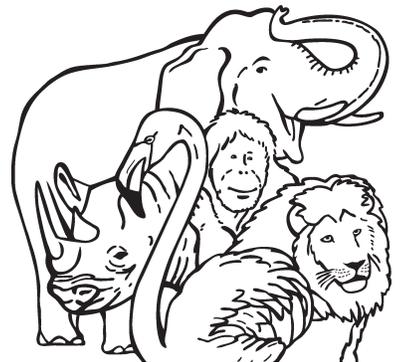
YOUR CHILDREN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

This helps immensely to ensure adequate supplies, snacks and helpers.

Kelly also needs a few more volunteers to bring desserts on Friday night. Also, if you have any individual drinks in boxes or pouches or individual bags of chips please bring in and deposit the items in the box in the fellowship hall. Kelly will have to purchase anything that isn't donated.

VBS is provided for children as young as 6 months - Cradle Roll - through the 6th grade.

But it isn't just for children. Adults will have a message too, and the adult program is open to everyone, not just parents whose children are attending VBS. This is a special opportunity to learn and enjoy Christian fellowship.



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.**

Josh Ray of the Springfield congregation will speak Friday evening about God as creator. On Saturday morning, **Dorn Muscar** of the University Park congregation will present a lesson around Daniel.

Also on Saturday, Falls Church's **Mike Tune** and his son **Clayton Tune**, now at the Arlington Church of Christ, will lead a singing class.

Also remember that the dinner Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning are offered free of charge, but **it is critical to add your name to the signup sheets in the lobby so the chefs will know how much to prepare.**



Thank You Notes

New Baby

**Congregational Prayer Request
for the week of July 20:**

*A prayer of praise and thankfulness for all that
God has done in our lives this year.*

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.

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.

Greetings to the congregation in Falls Church,

Attached is a photo of the members of the biblical board of the church in *Nueva Libia*.

1st Row, left to right: Victor López, married with one daughter, a deacon and Bible teacher; Ramón Pérez, married with three sons and a daughter, also a deacon; Wilton Espinoza, married with two sons, also a deacon; Manuel

Barrantes, married with two sons and is a deacon; Rommel Aragón, married with a daughter and one of our evangelists; Jorge Norori, married with two sons and two daughters and is the other evangelist; Roberto Aragón, married with three sons and a daughter plus three grandchildren, and also an elder; Pedro Salvador Batres, married with three sons, a daughter and four grandchildren, and also is an elder.

2nd Row, left to right: Engels Hernández, married with a son and a daughter and is a deacon; Donald González, married with three sons and is a deacon; Luis Sánchez, single and a Bible teacher; Julio Barrantes, single and a Bible teacher; Armando Ramirez, single and a Bible teacher; Luis Pichardo, married with one child, and is a teacher; Daniel Aragon, married but no children, a Bible teacher; Silvio Félix Guadamuz, single and a Bible teacher; Jairo Alemán, single and a Bible teacher; Hamlet Aragón, single and a Bible teacher.

I am glad to share this news with you and with my brethren and sisters in Falls Church Church of Christ.

Fraternally in Jesus our Lord,
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

July 20, 2014

Morning

Angela E-Hayes
Patty Woods

Evening

Levenie Hughes

July 27, 2014

Morning

Joanne Carter
Agnes Jones

Evening

Levenie Hughes

Children's Worship

July 20, 2014

2/3 Allison McKay, TBA
P-K Gayla Keller, TBA

July 27, 2014

2/3 Gayla Keller, Levenie Hughes
P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

Worship Today, July 20, 2014

Hymn #827

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hymn #478

Nearer, Still Nearer

Prayer

Joe Bohannon

Hymn #48

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Communion/Collection

Kelvin Hatcher

Hymn #900

The Sands of Time

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

Bible Reading (*Ephesians 5:22-33*)

Curtis Madeley

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #479

Peace, Perfect Peace

Announcements

Oliver McDaniel

Introduction of Visitors

John Hilboldt

Closing Prayer

Jonah Shumate

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Hal Swetnam, Kevin Thie



Andrew McDaniel will lead singing this evening;

Caleb Mayfield & Mark Dawson will lead prayers.

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

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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
Habt 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
Habt Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*
Gina Tune, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, July 13, 2014

Bible Study 192
Morning Assembly 272
Evening Assembly 93
Contribution \$ 7,334
YTD Average \$12,428
Budget Goal \$12,709

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Classes & Online 93

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Prayer - Lee Cassetty

Song Leader - Caleb Dillinger