# Family Life

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# Vacation Bible School Is Huge Success

With the theme, "Jungle Safari - Where Kids Explore the Nature of God," the **2014 Vacation Bible School** was a terrific success by any standard, said director **Kelly Shumate.** Kelly also expressed her deepest appreciation to ALL the people who worked in some capacity for this event.

At least 60 children attended, between the two sessions. At least 65 volunteers - including many from the Arlington Church of Christ and the Falls Church teens - helped with the logistics of escorting children, preparing and serving snacks, teaching, running crafts and games and puppets, and then cleaning up at the end. In addition, the Arlington congregation provided VBS t-shirts for everyone.

"And that doesn't include all the ladies who sat and cut out leaves for the decorations," she added. Kelly noted that **Linda Reagan** designed the setting in the fellowship hall, with the hut and the trees and the vines and the jungle theme. Linda was absent during VBS because she was caring for her new grandson - lame excuse.

Special thanks go to **Jonah Shumate** who put in a lot of hours setting up the jungle and then served as chef for the meals; to **John Waterston** who donned a pith helmet and a safari vest to lead the children in song; and to **Hal** 



Joe Bohannon,
Marshall Collins &
Clayton Tune.

Swetnam who

revised the role

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And special

"It's impossible to name everyone," Kelly said, "because the whole congregation supported it."

Photos are continued on page 4.



# Youth Ministry Family Beach Camping Trip



Over the last few summers, this trip has become one of our highlight events because of the great chance to fellowship and hang out together. This year was made even more special with the addition of Caleb and Carolyn.

The fun started with a stop at the Sonic in Bridgeville, DE, on our way to Cape Henlopen State Park. After setting up the campsite we enjoyed dinner and ended the evening with a campfire. The next day we went to the beach, explored the dunes, walked in the bay, and climbed one of the watch towers.

Then the rain came. A few of us got wet but we all had fun. After breaking camp, we explored Camp Miles.

The most important part of this trip was the time we spent together encouraging each other and laughing at stories.

Be sure to put this trip on your calendar for next Summer!



John and Cooper (aka Hal)



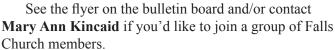
# Trip to the Nationals Faith Day, Sept. 6

The Washington Nationals' annual Faith Day is set for Sept. 6, and the team is offering specially discounted tickets

Ball'Game

for Christians. A FREE postgame A Trip to the concert featuring Lincoln Brewster and testimonials by Nationals player Adam LaRoche will be a special highlight.

The game will feature the Phillies against the Nats, and will start at 4:05 pm.



# **Adult Class Advisory Group to Meet** August 24



The Adult Class Advisory Commttee will meet next Sunday, August 24, in R. 120 (Elders Conference Room/Library) immediately following the morning assembly. Lunch will be provided. John Waterston, deacon for adult education, urges all members to atttend.

## **Wednesday Night Speakers** For 3rd Quarter 2014

August 20 – Clark Richardson – Jesus and race/culture August 27 – John Waterston – Jesus as an Enabler September 3 – Barry Bryson – Jesus and the Opposite Sex September 10 – Josh Ray (Springfield) September 17 – Kurt Norton – Jesus and Ministry Interruptions

September 24 – Clayton Tune – Jesus as a Teacher

Children's Worship is on break during August, but will resume September 7. To learn more about this program or to volunteer your service, contact Gayla Keller.

### Opportunity to Help

A Falls Church family is trying to help family friends who need immediately financial assistance.

The Truitt family, William and his parents Jay & Kathie, are friends with Sophia Sackey and her three sons, Edmund, Edwin and Samuel.

Recently, Sophia quit one of her two jobs to return to school. She fell behind in her rent and now risks eviction and she needs funds immediately.

Anyone who would like to help her may go online to: http://www.gofundme.com/clljn4?pc=14 fb p1

#### Newcomer to Area Seeks Room to Rent

An Alexandria City Police Officer is seeking a room to rent from a Christian family. He is 30 and a member of the church, and he hopes to find a place that includes at least a microwave and small refrigerator.

If you have or know of any such facility, you may contact the church office.



# The Food Pantry Needs...Food!

The Food Pantry organizers are attempting to provide healthier selections for our clients.

To that end, it has a few needs, including:

Canned Fruit - no sugar added Jellies - no sugar added Cereals - no sugar added Vegetables - low sodium Soups - low sodium

Vegetable Oil

INSTANT Corn Flour (notice the instant part one brand is Maseca)

**Tortimasa** 

Milk that can be stored on the shelf; individual units preferred

Crackers

Peanut Butter - SMALL size Canned meats such as tuna, chicken, vienna sausages

# **Congregational Prayer Request** for the week of August 17:

Pray for boldness to talk to others about our faith, the hope that we have in Jesus.

## It's Not Too Late to Join the Congregational Retreat in Williamsburg Sept. 19-21

Space is still available for last-minute registrations - until September 7 - for the **Falls Church Congregational Retreat** scheduled for Sept. 19-21 at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. The center is about 140 miles, and usually about 2 1/2 hours, from Falls Church. It is less than 20 miles from Colonial Williamsburg, the restored city which served as the capital of Virginia in Colonial America times. For details about the tentative schedule, or for registration forms, please check the board in the lobby. **NOTE: Full payment is due by Sept. 7, which also is the deadline for medical release forms for any of the special challenge activities.** 



To my Falls Church Brothers and Sisters,

Words cannot adequately express my feelings of protection by God because of your faithful prayers for me. My heart procedure was very easy on me and all problems were fully addressed.

Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers.
In Him,
Chris Tome

# Ladies Bible Class Resumes Next Month with Max Lucado's "Life Lessons on Ezra and Nehemiah"

The **Ladies Bible Class** will resume September 16, and this year will include women from the Arlington Congregation, according to **Diana Kuhn**, class facilitator.

Max Lucado's book, "Life Lessons on Ezra and Nehemiah" will be the text for the class. Diana explained

that the twelve lessons examine the lives of the two men who were key leaders of the Jewish population which left Babylon for the reconstruction of Jerusalem.

She added that the course will include scripture, inspirational readings, questions to



Women's Bible Study

answer, discussions, space for journaling and prayer.

All women are invited to join the class which meets on Tuesday at 10:15 am in R. 123. Child care is provided, and the class follows the Fairfax County School schedule for holidays and closings.

If you have any questions, please contact Diana at 703-486-2469.

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.

# 4th Annual School Supply Collection Continues

This is the 4th year that Falls Church has collected school supplies to help children at the Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences. The collection will end Sunday, Aug. 24, with the supplies delivered the next week. If you prefer, give your donation to Lynda Eubank; checks should be made payable to the Church of Christ, and please designate "school supplies in the memo line.

#### Please take this list with you when you shop.

- ♦ large glue sticks
- ♦ Elmer's liquid glue
- ♦ Large pink erasers
- ♦ Box of 10 or 12 Black "Papermate" flair finepoint felt tip pens (no ball point)
- ♦ Box of "Crayola" classic markers, 8 ct. washable broad tip
- ♦ Box of "Crayola" classic markers, 8 ct. washable thin tip
- yellow highlighters
- Expo dry erase markers
- ♦ "Crayola" crayons, 24 count
- ♦ "Crayola" color pencils, 12 count
- ♦ #2 pencils presharpened
- ♦ Pencil sharpener, hand held
- ♦ Fiskars scissors 5" blunt cut
- ♦ Fiskars scissors 5" pointed tip
- ♦ black and white marble composition book wide-ruled
- multi-colored 3x3 Post It notes
- ♦ 3-prong folders -green, red, yellow, blue, purple, orange
- ♦ Pocket folders solid colors
- ♦ leaf notebook paper wide-rule
- ♦ 3x5 index cards (100 count)
- ♦ 5x7 index cards, lined
- set of headphones or ear buds any type
- ♦ watercolor set 8 colors
- ♦ Play-Doh, any color/size
- ♦ box of tissue
- ♦ hand sanitizer
- ♦ baby wipes
- disinfectant wipes
- box of 20 count heavy duty gallon size Ziploc bags
- box of 50 count snack size Ziploc bags
- Reusable water bottle (12 to 16 oz size)

## **VBS Photos, Continued from P. 1**

rapt attention (left)

Elijah with the crow bringing food (right)



It was also Kelly's birthday!



Classtime (left)



Crafts (above), puppets (left) and games (below)

(right) This is a photo of the children swishing around their glowin-the-dark bracelets, part of the lesson about Nicodemus approaching Jesus at night.







(Upper left) group ceremony - note the VBS shirts by Arlington (above) Vacuuming is also a service. (right) Close up of the trees with the balloon leaves



(left) Clayton Tune leads singing for the adult class Saturday morning.



#### **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**

August 17, 2014

Morning Evening

Marsha De La Cruz Levenia Hughes

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Worship August 17, 2014

**Ushers** 

2/3 CHILDREN'S WORSHIP IS ON P-K BREAK DURING AUGUST

August 24, 2014

Morning Tek Lim Chea, Melissa Collins

August 24, 2014

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Jose Arevalo, Grant Smith

**Evening** 

Levenie Hughes

# Worship Today, August 17, 2014

P. 935 in Pew Bibles
Reading of Psalm 121
Hymn #778
Be with Me, Lord
Hymn #986
Kum Bah Yah
Bill Kincaid
Hymn #689
Be Still, My Soul
Communion/Collection
Wayne Doran
Hymn #539
Higher Ground

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

Bible Reading (Ephesians 6:14-17)

Bible Lesson

Hymn #23

Our God, He Is Alive

Announcements

Introduction of Visitors

Closing Prayer

Richard Bowles

Mike Tune

Our God, He Is Alive

Joseph Tucker

Joshua McKay

Song Leader John Waterston

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Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening; Oliver McDaniel & Caleb Mayfield will lead prayers.

August servers: Joe Bohannon, Bill Furr, Calvin Lockhart, Clark Richardson, Mark Shannon, Hal Swetnam

#### **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** Ignacio Espinoza Perry May Joshua McKay John Reagan Saul Reves Wilfredo Reves 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, August 10, 2014

 Bible Study
 222

 Morning Assembly
 329

 Evening Assembly
 156

 Contribution
 \$10,845

 YTD Average
 \$12,440

 Budget Goal
 \$12,709

#### Wednesday, August 13, 2014

Classes & Online

85

Wednesday, August 20, 2014
Prayer - Brian Collins
Song Leader - Mike Tune