

Family Life

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None of Us Lives to Self*

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

A brick lay in the gutter. Moments before, it had been one of hundreds of brand new bricks on a truck bound for a construction site. But this one had fallen off and had two of its corners battered on its way to the gutter.

The problem was not so much the damage that was sustained but separation from its fellow bricks. You see, a brick's usefulness

depends on taking its place among the entire lot to sustain a beautiful retaining wall or side of a building. Alone, it really doesn't have much utility.



Encourage one another and build up each other....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

Scripture teaches that the Christ-like life is made possible in no small measure by the edification and "building up" of those of like spirit. Since the beginning, followers of Jesus have been taught to "love one another" and exhibit "brotherly love."

There is more to this idea than merely being agreeable friends. "Edification" and "building up" can often be serious matters. "My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:19-20 ESV).

There could be someone in need of you today.

When free from envy, scorn and pride,
Our wishes all above,
Each can his brother's failings hide
And show a brother's love.

Jim Lane, Elder



Authority to Forgive Sins Mark 2.8 - .12

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

- Mark 2:8-12 (NIV)

Our world is broken in many ways. This brokenness can be traced back to our desire to be our own gods. When we try to be gods, we sin against the one true God - the LORD we meet in the Bible. Our sin hurts those around us and breaks the relationships we have with each other. Our sin has broken our relationship with the LORD and all of creation around us.

The LORD does not want this brokenness to remain. Jesus came as a human to teach us how to live as the LORD desires us to live. This new and better way to be human begins to restore our relationship with each other and with creation.

Our relationship with the LORD cannot be restored through good behavior; it can only be restored through forgiveness. The Son of Man - Jesus - also came to forgive us! Jesus is the LORD's solution to heal our relationship with Him.

Mark records the above story to show us that Jesus has the power and authority to forgive our sins. Our job is to have faith in Jesus, surrender our will to the LORD and live the forgiven life.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. J.

2nd Sunday Fellowship Is Set For Next Sunday, Sept. 14, After AM Assembly; No PM Service

The 2nd Sunday Fellowship for September will be a traditional Potluck Luncheon scheduled for next Sunday, September 14, after the morning assembly.

As is our custom, we will dismiss for the day after that luncheon. **There will be no evening service on Sept. 14.**

Fellowship crew #4 will be "on duty" for this event, and that includes leader **Abby Smith** with members **Ruth Amores, ValJean DeLong, Oliver & Janice McDaniel, Kelly Shumate, Anna Souza** and **Roberto Alvarez**.

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)

POTLUCK SUPPER



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

The speaker for Wednesday night, September 10, will be Josh Ray of the Springfield congregation.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of September 7:

Pray for all the sick that God will be gracious to them and heal them of their infirmities and that praise will go up to God for His merciful kindness.

Today, September 7, Is Last Chance to Join the Congregational Retreat in Williamsburg Sept. 19-21

Today, September 7, is your last opportunity to reserve your room for the Falls Church Congregational Retreat scheduled for Sept. 19-21 at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. Space is still available.

If you have already reserved your room, then the FULL PAYMENT IS DUE TODAY. In addition, if you have registered for any of the special challenge activities, then **you must complete and submit your medical release forms by today as well.**



Family Retreat

The theme this year is "One Another: Love, Serve, Teach, Encourage." Since the emphasis will be on this congregation, the speakers will be members here instead of from somewhere else.

For details about the tentative schedule, or for registration forms, please check the board in the lobby. For questions, contact event organizers **Melissa or Brian Collins** or **Lesya or Ken Yeatman**.

Upcoming Excursion to Italy

Mike and Monica Tune cordially invite Falls Church members to accompany them on their next grand excursion which will depart from Washington, DC, on May 28, 2015.

This trip is to Italy - with three days each in the beautiful cities of Florence, Venice and - last but not least - the Eternal City of Rome.



If you are interested in joining this tour, see Monica for a brochure which will include the costs and important details.

Ladies Bible Class Resumes Next Week 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.

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.

Max Lucado's book, *Life Lessons on Ezra and Nehemiah*, will be the text for the class. The class will include scripture, inspirational readings, questions to answer, discussions, space for journaling and prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Diana.



Women's Bible Study

Thank You Note

Directory Update

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.

Today Is Promotion Sunday & Start of Fall Schedule for Children's Classes

The Fall Schedule for Children's Classes starts today, September 7, which also is Promotion Sunday, according to **Jonah Shumate**, Deacon for Pre-K & Elementary School Education Ministry.

Children should go directly to the class they will attend this year, and the classes and teachers are listed below.

Class room numbers can be found on the directory in the lobby, or you may inquire of one of our deacons.



Sunday AM

Cradle Roll (6 mo.-2 years)
2's & 3's
4's & 5's
1st & 2d Grade
3rd through 5th Grade

Janet Lane, Mary Ann Kincaid
Candy Thie, Angela Eckstone-Hayes
Mendy Crews, Casey Waterston
Grant & Abby Smith
Dana & Matt Bensusky

Sunday PM

2's & 3's
4's & 5's
1st & 2nd Grade
Kids for Christ - 3rd-6th Grade

Kelly Shumate
Yvonne May
Mary Ann Kincaid
TBA

Wednesday PM

2's & 3's and Cradle Roll:
4 & up: Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes

Lynda Eubank administers a rotating teacher schedule
Ken and Lesya Yeatman, Brian and Melissa Collins

Special Needs Are Focus of First Ethiopia Trip This Year, Possibly of Second Trip Scheduled This Fall

Meeting the needs of specific groups in different parts of the country was the focus of **Habtu Zemech's** first trip to Ethiopia this year, and may be the primary focus for his second trip scheduled for Oct. 29-Nov. 16.

He worked through **My Neighbor Foundation**, which was established by Habtu to finance a wide variety of needs. A report of his work and of the foundation will be the topic of a presentation Sept. 21 at the evening assembly.

A major component of the work last spring was with children affected by club foot. Working in conjunction with the organization CURE Ethiopia, which provides doctors who will perform the corrective surgery without charge, Habtu's organization provides collateral support.

CURE's medical facility is located in the capital city of Addis Ababa. However, nearly all the children afflicted with the club foot problem live in roughly the same region - a phenomenon which has not been explained. This area is in the country, so the children and at least one parent need transportation for the surgery and for the follow-up care, food and shelter while in the city, any needed medications, required special shoes and all related expenses for up to a year. The cost per child is \$860, and during the last trip they took care of 9 children.

Habtu also worked with the Wolliso Church of Christ, southwest of Addis Ababa, to provide school supplies and uniforms for 50 students enrolled in three different public schools. It should be noted that 95% of the children helped are orphans who live with some extended family member such as a grandparent. The photos below (clockwise from upper left) show the children waiting to be measured, the process of measuring, manufacturing the outfits and displaying the new outfits. At right are photos of the school supplies and of children in uniforms for other schools.



Hopeful families (above) waiting for help for their children. At right are some of the children helped last spring.



Another major ministry in Ethiopia is for the deaf. The woman in the photo below is **Hadara**, who is hearing impaired. She has considerable skill with sewing and makes items that she sells in order to help support her family. She now has her own sewing machine and will be able to train others who will receive a machine upon completion of their training.



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

September 7, 2014

Morning	Evening
Billie Bohannon	Levenie Hughes
Linda Reagan	

September 14, 2014

Morning	Evening
Erica W-Chenevert	NO EVENING SERVICE
Wendy Ward	

Worship

September 7, 2014

2/3 Heather Musser, Dana Hatcher
P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

September 14, 2014

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

Worship Today, September 7, 2014

<i>Hymn #410</i>	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>
<i>Hymn #450</i>	<i>Give Me the Bible</i>
Prayer	Brian Collins
<i>Hymn #453</i>	<i>Love Lifted Me</i>
<i>Hymn #344</i>	<i>Low in the Grave He Lay</i>
Communion/Collection	Joe Bohannon
<i>Hymn #452</i>	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>
<i>Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Acts 8:1-12</i>)	Rick Schneider
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #457</i>	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>
Announcements	Jim Lane
Introduction of Visitors	John Reagan
Closing Prayer	Curtis Madeley
Song Leader	Joseph Tucker
Ushers	Perry May, Habtu Zemech



John Waterston will lead singing this evening;
Jonah Shumate & Hal Swetnam will lead prayers.

September servers: Gary Allmond, Mark Dawson, Jeff Malcolm, Andrew McDaniel, Robert Spiess, Mark Ward

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
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, August 31, 2014

Bible Study	210
Morning Assembly	279
Evening Assembly	59
Contribution	\$ 9,666
YTD Average	\$12,190
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Classes & Online	77
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Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Prayer - John Reagan
Song Leader - Clark Richardson