

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Until 1940, the main congregation of churches of Christ in this area was the 14th Street church in the District of Columbia. With the beginning of the second world war however, our area expanded exponentially and many found more affordable housing across the river in Arlington. The 14th street church sponsored a congregational plant in Arlington and in 1940, the Arlington church of Christ was born.

The war effort continued to bring people here from all over the United States. The population of Arlington County went from 60,000 to 123,500 in the following eight years. As they came, folks settled westward and it wasn't long before another congregation was needed a little farther out. Following the example of the 14th Street church, the Arlington congregation sponsored a new congregation in Falls Church. On the first Sunday in September, 1949, 46 members from Arlington began meeting at 232 W. Broad Street. They would constitute what would become the Church of Christ in Falls Church.

Of the 49 present that day, three remain with us: Barbara May (mother of Nikii Frank and Perry May), Mildred Smith (mother of Barry), and Roxie Weese (mother of Susan).

I mention all this because last Sunday was our 65th anniversary.

Think of what it takes to begin a church. Think of all it takes to keep it going (even small things). Dick Smith (Barry's father) used to tell of having to get to church early because the Broad Street facility was a rented lodge hall in which people partied on Saturday night. "We had to get there early to clean up the beer cans" he'd say.

Churches don't just happen, and there's no guarantee they will continue. It takes dedication and a participating membership. We always imagine that wherever we go, there we will find a vibrant church family. But that's only true if wherever we go, we each do our part to make a vibrant church family. We owe a great "thank-you" to our spiritual ancestors in this place, a debt that can be best paid by following in their footsteps and finding a place to serve in the family here.

Love you all
Mike



Mark 6:6–13 (NIV)

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

- Mark 6.6 - .13 (NIV)

Earlier in Mark's gospel he tells us of Jesus calling or appointing 12 men that he wanted for a special purpose. (Mark 3.14) Mark gives us two primary reasons the 12 are called. First, Jesus wants them to be with Him. They are to observe and watch Jesus. Jesus is trying to mentor them with His life and action. The second purpose they are called is for Jesus to give them some authority over demons or impure spirits.

Jesus shares his lifestyle, message and authority with the 12 so that they may be "Jesuses" when they are sent out. They are to behave and act towards others as Jesus himself behaved and acted. They are to teach and preach as Jesus taught and preached. They are to drive out demons and perform other miracles as Jesus did. They are to be Jesus in their own lives.

The truth is we are also to be "Jesuses" in our lives too. Just like the early disciples, we are to learn from Jesus and take what we learn and make it part of our lives.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. Bl

2nd Sunday Fellowship Is Set For Today, Sept. 14, After AM Assembly; There Will Be No Evening Service

The 2nd Sunday Fellowship for September will be a traditional Potluck Luncheon scheduled for today, 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.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of September 14:

With all of the turmoil going on in the world let us pray that God will grant opportunities for the name of Jesus to be witnessed and that we His people have the courage to take advantage of them.

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.

Ladies Bible Class Resumes Tuesday; Ladies Are Invited to Come at 10 am For Coffee & Muffins

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

PLEASE NOTE TWO THINGS:

1. Due to the size of the group - now up to 35 - the class has been moved to Room 121.

2. For the opening class on Tuesday, everyone is invited to come at 10 am for coffee and muffins.

The class itself will begin at 10:15 am. 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

Joint Meeting of the Elders, the Deacons and All Ministry Leaders Set for September 28



A combined meeting of the **Elders, the Deacons and all Ministry Leaders** is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28, from 4 to 6 pm, in Room 121

This is an opportunity to learn about all the different programs and ministries. Each leader is requested to prepare and present a brief (no longer than 5 minutes) report about his or her particular program.

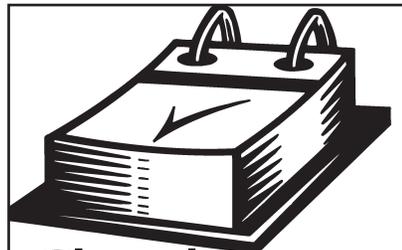
All leaders are urged to attend.

The speaker for Wednesday night, September 17, will be Kurt Norton whose topic is "Jesus and Ministry Interruptions"

New Baby

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Plan now to attend the **Men's Retreat** which is scheduled at **Camp WaMaVa** for **Friday night Oct. 31** (NO Halloween jokes, please although **Perry May** says it will be a scary event) through **mid-afternoon on Nov. 1.**



**Check Your
Calendar**

Directory Updates

Fall Schedule for All Youth - Infant through High School

The schedule that was published last week did not include the youth from grades 6 through 12. That information is included below. Please note that there is an overlap of Grade 6, to allow those children to select the best class for them.

Sunday AM

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

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

Special Class Through September Only

6th through 12th grade, Room 324

Regular classes for the older youth will resume in October; they are:

6th through 8th Grade - Year One: God's Big Story

Room 302

9th through 12th Grade - Year Four: Lasting Commitment - Living Out God's Purposes Room 324

Sunday PM

2's & 3's
4's & 5's
1st & 2nd Grade
Kids for Christ - 3rd-6th Grade
Upper Room Teen Ministry - 7th-12th Grade

Kelly Shumate
Yvonne May
Mary Ann Kincaid
TBA
Topic: Walking With Mark, R. 325

Wednesday PM

2's & 3's and Cradle Roll:
4 & up: Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes
7th-12th Grade

Lynda Eubank administers a rotating teacher schedule
Ken and Lesya Yeatman, Brian and Melissa Collins
Topic: Reflections on Life and the Psalms R. 325

Singing Services Are Offered at Arlington and Waldorf Congregations

A Saturday “Evening n Song” will be held Sept. 27 from 7 to 9 pm at the Arlington Church of Christ. A special guest from the Louisville congregation in Ohio will lead the singing.

The address of the Arlington congregation is:

20 N. Irving St.
Arlington, VA 22201

This is about a half mile east of the intersection of Glebe Rd. and Arlington Boulevard.



The Waldorf Church of Christ is sponsoring their 10th Annual All-Night Singing on Friday, Oct. 3. The event will start at 7 pm and continue until the last singer says “good night.”

The program will be held at their building at:

30 Village St.
Waldorf, MD 20602

(240-222-3242)

office@waldorfchurchofchrist.org

See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Guest Speaker to Address Area-Wide Spanish-Language Program Sept. 26-28 at Falls Church

Josue Isaac Ramirez Vicente, a prominent speaker from El Salvador, will address the Area-Wide Spanish-Assembly here at Falls Church from Sept. 26-28.

The dates and times are:

Friday, Sept. 26	7 pm
Saturday, Sept. 27	6 pm
Sunday, Sept. 28	6 pm followed by fellowship dinner

Vicente was born March 11, 1986, in Yayantique, La Union, El Salvador. He married Tabitha Michelle Dodson in 2011, and they have a daughter Eimi Ramirez Lee Dodson born Aug. 17, 2014. They worship at the congregation in Barrio San Nicholas town of San Miguel.

As a boy, he and his mother were part of a small congregation in the town where she was baptized. Later he and his siblings attended the congregation in San Miguel, and he was baptized on Sept. 14, 1997, after hearing a sermon about independence after being cleansed of sin through Christ.

He then became very active, and at a program for adolescents, he gave his first 15-minute speech. In 2003, after completing high school, he enrolled in the Baxter Institute of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and was awarded a Bachelor of Theology in 2006. He returned to San Miguel and became more involved as he developed ministries for young people, while he conducted visitations, evangelism, house meetings, a radio program, and additional Bible studies for adults. He also works with groups from the United States as they visited San Miguel, serving as translator.

Since 2008, he has served as the head of the Ministry of Youth for the San Miguel church. He has worked with the young people both in Biblical studies and in social activities. Through his work, he recognized a need to better understand human behavior in order to help people. So in 2008 he enrolled in a program at the Universidad de Oriente in San Miguel and in 2014 was awarded a degree in psychology.



Josue Isaac Ramirez Vicente shown with his wife Tabitha Michelle Dodson and daughter Eimi

In addition to that work, he hosts a radio program called “Breaking Strengths” on Chaparrastique 106.1 FM Radio in the city of San Miguel. This allows him to spread the word of God throughout the east. The program airs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:45 to 3 pm. It is administered by Bro. Efrain Gutierrez with whom he works in broadcasting the message.

His ministry is not limited to his home congregation. Since 2011, he has served as Associate Preacher in the El Platanar Church of Christ, Moncagua, San Miguel. He started this after they lost their Preacher Rafael Antonio Lopez Lara. In that capacity, he preaches once each month.

The newest ministry - begun last year in conjunction with the Woodmont Baptist Church in Nashville - is for children.

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 14, 2014

Morning
Erica W-Chenevert
Wendy Ward

Evening
NO EVENING SERVICE

September 21, 2014

Morning
Fern Musteen
TBA

Evening
Janice McDaniel

Worship

September 14, 2014

2/3 A. Smith, J. Estes, S. Wilson
P-K Jessi Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez

September 21, 2014

2/3 A. Smith, A. Souza, S. Zemech
P-K Wendy Ward, TBA

Worship Today, September 14, 2014

Hymn #67	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>
Hymn #700	<i>More Love to Thee, O Christ</i>
Prayer	Jim Lane
Hymn #350	<i>When My Love to Christ Grows Weak</i>
Communion/Collection	Kirk Crews
Hymn #10	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>
<i>Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>)	Kelvin Hatcher
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #822	<i>Sweet Will of God</i>
Announcements	Oliver McDaniel
Introduction of Visitors	John Reagan
Closing Prayer	Ben Scandlen
Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Perry May, Habtu Zemech



THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.

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
(*October through April*)

Wednesday

7:15 pm

Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Contact Information

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administrator@fallschurchcoc.org
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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, Cuernavaca, 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, September 7, 2014

Bible Study	207
Morning Assembly	330
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$15,520
YTD Average	\$12,282
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Classes & Online 81

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Prayer - Hal Swetnam
Song Leader - Bill Kincaid