

Family Life

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All of Us Are Missionaries!

Falls Church has been blessed over its 65 years with a tremendous missions program. While that program has changed in terms of specific people or areas, mission work remains one of the strongest and most defining “missions” of this congregation.

As members of this congregation, we are also missionaries. We share that work through our giving, through our prayers and through our interest and understanding.

To encourage a better knowledge and understanding of the current missionaries and their ministries, the **Missions Ministry will highlight all those efforts next Sunday morning, Sept. 28.**

This will be held in the lobby before and immediately after the morning assembly. **Geosh & Amy Saxton** have put a lot of work into preparing this documentary about all the mission interests that Falls Church sponsors.

You might be surprised to learn that we share in works in Chile, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Vietnam, as well as in Connecticut and Rhode Island and a prison ministry/Bible study ministry, and in three college-age programs at Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia and Delaware. That is quite a spread.

Some of the programs are long-standing, such as our relationship with **Pedro & Mireya Batres**. Some of these interests are newer, including “My Neighbor” in Ethiopia, with our own **Habtu Zemech** as the principal leader. Some of our support is just a contributing portion, but we are extremely privileged to sponsor **Kevin & Deanna Amores** who are working in Concepcion, Chile.

Tonight we’ll have a special presentation about “My Neighbor” when Habtu Zemech will talk about his most recent trip to Ethiopia. An article about the emphasis of that trip was published in *Family Life* in the Sept. 7 issue.

And attached to this bulletin is the latest report from **Gene & Janice Luna with the Western Bible Institute.**



Autocorrected

As many of you know, last week we published in the *Family Life* my new email address.

Finally I could turn off my old email. Thanks to a large amount it has been essentially useless since the beginning of the Summer.

Unfortunately I sent the wrong address to Mary Ann and when she read it back to me I didn’t hear the fact that I had sent her the wrong email address.

Instead of youthfc@fallschurchcoc.org I had sent “youthful”! As much as I like to think of myself as youthful, it was the wrong address. I had been “autocorrected” by my computer!

Several people over the last week have told me their own stories of being autocorrected by their computers or mobile phones. Like any tool these devices have the ability to make life easier but they also bring their own problems with them. Tools require us to pay attention while using them. A pocket knife is small and useful. It can also cause you to need a trip to the emergency room. (Another story for another time)

In my opinion paying attention and having self control are important characteristics of a follower of Jesus. It is hard to live by the precepts found in the Sermon on the Mount - especially if we live our lives without paying attention or maintaining control over ourselves. Paul also writes about self-control on a number of occasions (Acts 24.25, 1 Cor 7.5, 1 Tim 3.2, 2 Tim 3.3, Titus 1.8, 2.2. 2.5 - .6 and 2.12). He even lists it as part of the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5.23.

In a society that promotes a lack of self-control or discipline, we must have a different lifestyle.

Amazing what one can learn from a typo!

GRACE + PEACE
John B. Bl

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.

PLEASE NOTE: It is getting close to that time when actual RESERVATIONS are required in order to complete these arrangements. Monica says, "We are encouraging everyone who is interested to register by the end of the month. We have to start making some of the reservations for the places/events we are going to."

Anyone who is truly interested should talk to Monica soon or just go online and register.



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



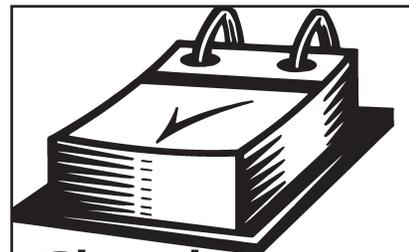
A combined meeting of the **Elders, the Deacons and all Ministry Leaders** is scheduled for next Sunday, Sept. 28, from 4 to 6 pm, in Room 121

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.

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

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.

The speaker for Wednesday night, September 24, will be **Clayton Tune** whose topic is "Jesus As a Teacher."

Thank You Note

Dear Falls Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement for Dale Miller's funeral. We appreciate your kindness and prayers during this difficult time,

Dave, Leslie & Lauren Miller

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of September 21:

*Pray that the retreat was successful
and that many blessing will come in the future
from this fellowship.*

Singing Services Are Offered at Arlington and Waldorf Congregations

A **Saturday "Evening n Song"** will be held next Saturday, 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.



Habtu Zemech Work in Ethiopia Featured in Tonight's Presentation

Habtu Zemech is a native of Ethiopia. While brought up as a Muslim, he was baptized into Christ as a teen. Since that time, he has worked for the Lord wherever he can.

Recently, he established **My Neighbor Foundation**, a not-for-profit organization to finance a wide variety of needs. **A report of his work and of the foundation will be the topic of the evening assembly tonight, Sept. 21.**

He and his wife Meaza placed membership here in August 2001, and in 2007, he made his first trip back to Ethiopia in many years. For the last four years, he has made semi-annual trips, to comfort the elderly, to bring clothes to orphans or to the students at the school for preachers, to visit children and adults in the school for the deaf, to encourage the congregations around the country.

However, a major component of his work last spring was with children affected by club foot. Working in conjunction with the organization CURE Ethiopia, which provides doctors to 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



Habtu Zemech with his wife Meaza, their daughter Sophia and their son Sam who is a student at Oklahoma Christian.

- a phenomenon which has not been explained. This area is in the country, so the children and an adult 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.

To learn about this and the many aspects of the work in that ancient land, come tonight. You'll be glad you did!

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

Josue Isaac Ramirez Vicente will address the **Area-Wide Spanish-Assembly** here at Falls Church next weekend, 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 and Tabitha Michelle Dodson were married in 2011, and they welcomed a daughter Eimi Ramirez Lee Dodson born Aug. 17, 2014. They worship with the Barrio San Nicholas congregation of San Miguel.

After his baptism in 1997, he became very active in the congregation's work, giving his first speech - 15 minutes long - at a youth program. In 2003 he was awarded a Bachelor of Theology from the Baxter Institute of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He then returned to San Miguel congregation where he developed ministries for young people and worked in visitations, evangelism, house meetings, a radio program, and additional Bible studies for adults.

Since 2008, he has served as the head of the Ministry of Youth. Through his work, he recognized a need to better understand human behavior in order to help people. So 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.

Since 2011, he has served as Associate Preacher in the El Platanar Church of Christ, Moncagua, San Miguel., where he preaches once each month.

His newest ministry - for children, began last year in a working relationship with the Woodmont Church of Christ in Nashville.

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 21, 2014

Morning	Evening
Angela E-Hayes	Janice McDaniel
Fern Musteen	

September 28, 2014

Morning	Evening
Bill Bohannon	Janice McDaniel
Janice McDaniel	

Worship

September 21, 2014

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

September 28, 2014

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

Worship Today, September 21, 2014

Hymn #387 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

Hymn #681 *More Holiness Give me*

Prayer *Jerry Williams*

Hymn #314 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Communion/Collection *Clark Richardson*

Hymn #507 *Does Jesus Care?*

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

Bible Reading (*Matthew 3:1-10*) *Greg Spraker*

Bible Lesson *Mike Tune*

Hymn #698 *My Jesus, As Thou Wilt*

Announcements *Joseph Tucker*

Introduction of Visitors *Joseph Tucker*

Closing Prayer *Grant Smith*

Song Leader *Bill Kincaid*

Ushers *Perry May, Habtu Zemech*



Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening;

Geosh Saxton and Steve Dasher will lead the 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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Sick/Shut in call in: 703-820-2064
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, 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, September 14, 2014

Bible Study	215
Morning Assembly	347
Evening Assembly	No Service
Contribution	\$ 9,955
YTD Average	\$12,219
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Classes & Online 80

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Prayer - Jose Arevalo
Song Leader - Mike Tune