

# Family Life

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## Congratulations

We express our most profound congratulations to Falls Church member **Marilyn McDermett** who was presented the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award by her alma mater Lubbock Christian University. The presentation was made during a Sept. 28 ceremony at The Renaissance Hotel in the District.

The award was based on her education, her time in Korea when she served as the Dean of Women at the Korea Christian College, her work experience in the federal service, some of her church activities, and her continued support of Lubbock Christian.



Marilyn accepts the award from her alma mater LCU

We also congratulate Falls Church minister **Mike Tune** who was invited to present the keynote address at the Harding University's 91st Annual Bible Lectureship last week.

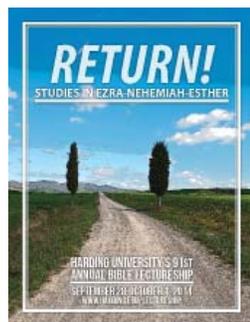
The theme of the lectureship was "Return: Studies in Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther," and Mike's topic, presented Wednesday, was "Return to Providence: Queen Esther."



Mike also presented a class on the topic of "Multicultural Churches: Seeing the Stranger at the Gate."

We at Falls Church are long accustomed to Mike's excellence in studying and presenting the Bible. It is good to know that his prowess is recognized elsewhere.

To hear the presentation about Esther, go to the Harding website ([www.harding.edu/lectureship](http://www.harding.edu/lectureship)) and click on "Keynote Speakers." Then select "Streaming: On Demand Keynotes." Then select Mike's message.



## Authority - What do you think you are doing?

And they [Jesus and the 12] came again to Jerusalem. And as he [Jesus] was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came up to him and said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority that you do these things?"

So Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question. Answer me and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer me!" - Mark 11:27-30 (LEB)

When one reads the Gospel of Mark, the theme of Jesus' power and authority jumps out at the reader.

The religious leaders of Jesus' day enjoyed their own power and authority. It was based on their control of the temple, control of interpreting of scripture and access to the written Word of God. By limiting these resources they secured their place.

Jesus comes along and threatens their control and security. Jesus has been traveling from town to town teaching "the Kingdom of God has come near." Jesus has healed people. Jesus has driven out demons. Jesus has claimed lordship of the Sabbath. Jesus has called disciples. He did all this without the consent of the religious establishment.

To answer their question, Jesus asks them a question about John the Baptist. They waffle on their answer because they know that an honest answer would threaten their power and control. They chicken out, and Jesus refuses to answer them directly.

The implication is that Jesus' authority is from the same place as John's baptism. That would be heaven or from the LORD. Jesus' authority is not based on a tight control of access to religion but directly from the LORD. The LORD's desire is to open this access to all who believe and have faith in Jesus!

GRACE + PEACE  
*John B. L.*

## Western Agape Group to Host a Game Night and Chili/Soup Supper Oct. 18

Western Agape Group will have a **Game Night and Chili & Soup Supper** on Saturday Oct. 18 at 5 pm at the home of **Ann Ford**, 3001 Westhurst Lane, Oakton, VA.

In order to better coordinate the menu, please respond to **Ann** or to **Linda Reagan** by Sunday, Oct. 12, if you plan to bring chili or soup. In addition, remember to bring the toppings, such as crackers, grated cheese, salsa, chips, sour cream, black olives, desserts and appetizers!

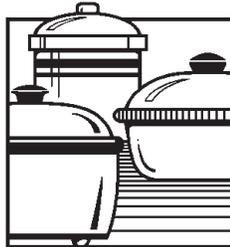


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Last but not least - bring your friends, even if they do belong to a different Agape Group.

Of course, if you have no idea which group you're in, consult the list on the member bulletin board in the lobby!

Since it's a **game night** also, someone should bring - oh let's see - **GAMES!!** Again, please coordinate since it wouldn't be much fun if **EVERYONE** brought



Plan now to attend the **Men's Retreat** which is scheduled at **Camp WaMaVa** for **Friday night Oct. 31** through **mid-afternoon on Nov. 1.**



### Congregational Prayer Request for the week of October 5:

*Pray that the new classes for this quarter will increase our knowledge of God's will for us and inspire us to work harder in His kingdom.*

## 2nd Sunday Fellowship Set for Next Sunday, Oct. 12, After PM Service

**Finger Foods** will comprise the *menu du jour* for the **2nd Sunday Fellowship** coming up next Sunday, Oct. 12, after the evening assembly.

**Crew #5** will be in charge of this dinner. **Ann Ford** is the leader of this crew which includes **Heather Jones, Caleb Mayfield, Saul Reyes, Kevin Thie and Vickie Witt.**

Each family is asked to bring the following:

- ◆ A platter of sandwiches - already assembled and ready to eat

**PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:**

- ◆ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres* or a tray of fruit or vegetables with or without dip or a bowl of chip with dip

**OR**

- ◆ A tray of bite-sized desserts - emphasis on the bite-size since the whole idea of finger food is no flatware

Remember - that's "bite size" for humans - not Nile crocodiles.

[The crocodile comment was just to find out how many people read to the end of the article.]



**Abby Collins** and **Marshall Collins** both have roles in the Northern Virginia Players production of Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.

Abby has the role of Golda, the wife and mother, and Marshall will play Sasha, one of the Russian soldiers.

They will be featured in the performances of Nov. 21 and 22, and the location will be the Lorton Moose Lodge, 9612 Fernedge Lane, Lorton, VA 22079.

Tickets are available online at [NVPlayers.com](http://NVPlayers.com)

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.

# Thank You Note

The following note expresses appreciation for the school supplies that Falls Church members contributed to the Baileys Elementary School.

September 5, 2014

Ms. Wendy Ward  
Church of Christ-Falls Church  
6149 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22041

Dear Ms. Ward:

On behalf of Bailey's Elementary and Bailey's Upper School for the Arts & Sciences I would like to thank you and the fellow members of the Church of Christ for continued assistance in helping our students throughout the year with your generous donations. Your constant commitment to helping our students is sincerely appreciated.

Each year the Church of Christ continues to advance its mission in helping our wonderful students by providing donations of school supplies; because of your generous donations we are able to help our students get off to a spectacular school year at Bailey's. We are very appreciative of your generosity. We also realize that we are not the only school in the area and we are very thankful that you are aware of the great need that our school has.

Again, on behalf of our staff and students we thank you and look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
Marie Lemmon  
Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts & Sciences

## Budget Meeting Set for Nov. 8

The **Annual Budget Meeting** is set for Nov. 8, according to **John Reagan** who is the deacon for Budget Planning. The meeting will be held from 9 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall.

All Ministry Leaders/Deacons will receive, about mid-October, worksheets based on the budget for their ministry/ministries from the previous year. Leaders are requested to review those worksheets and present their budget proposals for 2015. Those proposals should include any new initiatives or any specific plans.

The revised worksheets should be returned to the treasurer, **Ben Bohannon**, by Oct. 26. Ben will compile the information for review at the meeting.

This is a major aspect of planning for 2015, and all deacons and leaders are urged to attend this meeting.



### Request for a Roommate or a Room

A young Christian woman who is moving to this area for work is seeking a room to rent or to become a roommate with another young woman.

She will be working in Alexandria.

If you have a room or are seeking a roommate, please contact the church office for further details.

## 4th Quarter Adult Classes Are Announced

### Class

### Teacher

### Room

#### Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin Today, October 5

##### Postcards From the Bible

John Waterston

FH

This class will study the 5 one-chapter books of the Bible: Obadiah, Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, Jude. While short in length, there is purpose in their texts. We will explore the background of the books and the messages contained within.

##### Muscle and a Shovel by Michael Shank

Caleb Mayfield

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This book is a raw, gritty, true story about young newly-weds, Michael and Jonetta Shank, who move to the city to pursue the American Dream. In the middle of their pursuit they're befriended by a man who turns their beliefs about God, their church and their faith upside-down!

#### Wednesday Schedule - Class Begins October 8

##### What We Believe

Mike Tune

FH

This class will cover a variety of foundational topics basic to Christian belief. Everything from Salvation and Baptism to Judgment and the hereafter will be covered. Come study with us and strengthen your understanding and faith.

## Area-Wide Spanish Meeting Culminates with Over 200 Sunday Night

A possible record of 232 people - not including children who were counted in their classrooms - crowded into the Fellowship Hall last Sunday to hear guest speaker **Josue Isaac Ramirez Vicente** on the last night of a 3-day Spanish Language Meeting held here at the Falls Church building.

The Falls Church *Iglesia de Cristo* handled all the organizational details for the program, including arrangements for the guest speaker who is a native of El Salvador. Vicente serves as the head of the Ministry of Youth for the San Miguel congregation, and also preaches one Sunday a month for the El Platanar congregation.

*Below are photos, courtesy of Ignacio Espinoza.*



Josue addresses the assembly



This was one of the largest groups assembled.



(l to r) Blanca Alvarez, Ignacio Espinoza, Roberto Alvarez, Josue Vicente, Wilfredo & Saira Reyes and their daughter Jessica



(at left) Adrian Rodriguez shown at the front of the group; he is one of the longest-serving members of the *Iglesia de Cristo en Falls Church*.

## 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

October 5, 2014

### Morning

Jackie Arevalo  
John Arevalo

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

October 12, 2014

### Morning

Ruth Amores  
TBA

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship

October 5, 2014

2/3 G. Keller, TBA

P-K M. Marshall, C. Waterston

October 12, 2014

2/3 A. McKay, A. Souza, S. Wilson

P-K Jessi Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez

## Worship Today, October 5, 2014

Hymn #266

Majesty

Hymn #282

O, Praise the Lord

Hymn #230

Worthy Art Thou

Prayer

Rick Schneider

Hymn #354

I Gave My Life for Thee

Hymn #287

There Is a Redeemer

Communion/Collection

Steve Dasher

Hymn #134

The Lord's My Shepherd

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

Bible Reading (Matthew 7:24-29)

Jeff Grimm

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #904

Have You Been to Jesus?

Announcements

Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors

Jonah Shumate

Closing Prayer

Habtu Zemech

Song Leader

Joseph Tucker

Ushers

John Reagan, Hal Swetnam



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening;

Wayne Doran & Jim Lane will lead the prayers.

October servers: Jose Arevalo, Matt Bensusky, Frank Estes, Caleb Mayfield, Dave Miller, Geosh Saxton

## 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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Sick/Shut in call in: 703-820-2064

administrator@fallschurchcoc.org

Website: www.fallschurchcoc.org

## 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 28, 2014

Bible Study	225
Morning Assembly	268
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$ 9,521
YTD Average	\$12,053
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Classes & Online

55

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Prayer - Steve Dasher

Song Leader - Wayne Doran