

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

“We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one

Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.”

So goes (partially anyway) a Christian statement of faith now over 1500 years old.

If required to write down what you, or better yet, what Christians should believe, what would you write?

We could take the easy way and say: “We believe whatever the Bible says.”

But what does it say? And does it all apply to us now? And do we hold all these things with the same level of conviction? Should we?

Scripture leads us to believe there is a body of tenets Christians ought to hold as true, a belief system that underpins our religion and gives direction to our lives.

Paul called it “the truth” or “the gospel.” Paul also called it “the faith,” as did Peter and Jude. It brings salvation and is the basis for God’s judgment. It can also be wandered away from, rejected, perverted, suppressed and exchanged – all to the detriment of those who mishandle it in these ways.

But what constitutes this “truth?” What is it we are called on to believe? What would your list look like?

In our Wednesday evening adult class we are looking at this list. Among our topics will be what we should believe about God, the Bible, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Salvation, the Church, Christian Living, Death, the Hereafter, and Worship.

These are all basic, and necessary, to our faith. But is this all? Come join the discussion. We’ll work on it together.

Love you all
Mike



Blue Goggles

1. Why are those boys wearing goggles?
2. What does that have to do with the Mark’s gospel?

2. To answer the second question you need to read Mark 8.22 - .26. In

this story Jesus uses two stages to heal a man who is blind. First the man can see people only like trees and then the

man can see

clearly. From

this point on in

Mark’s gospel we

will see Jesus as

the Messiah more

clearly than we

have before.

We go

through this pro-

cess along with the disciples. In Mark 8.27 - .30 Jesus asks

His disciples what people are saying about Him. The three

answers they give Him are only trees

People are looking at

Jesus but aren’t seeing who he is truly is but only the trees.

When Jesus turns the question to the disciples Peter’s

answer is also just an unclear tree. He doesn’t know what

the true messiah is to looks like yet.

As we journey with the disciples thru the rest of Mark’s

gospel our vision will be cleared up so we too can see Jesus

clearly.

1. During Sunday Night Live we (7th - 12th grade)

are studying Mark’s Gospel so we too can see Jesus more

clearly. To illustrated that point I had Oliver wear totally

blacked out goggles, Austin wear partially blacked out

goggles and John had no goggles. They were then asked

to read the story of the blind man. As you can guess John

had an easy time reading, Austin had a hard time and Oliver

couldn’t read it at all.

Just like the blind man and the disciples, they were

blind, could see a little and then

could see clearly. This paral-

lels our journey through Mark’s

gospel.



GRACE + PEACE
John B. Bl

All Current or Former Teachers Are Invited to a Meeting After the Morning Assembly Today

If you are teaching now or if you have ever taught, you are invited to a meeting with **Jonah Shumate**, Deacon contact for the Children's Education Ministry, immediately after the assembly this morning. Just go to the Fellowship Hall.

Jonah, who has recently assumed this post, commented, "This meeting is meant for me to get feedback from you about our children's education program and your thoughts about what I can do better for our teachers and subsequently our children at Falls Church."



The meeting will be brief - 10 minutes or less - and attendees are asked to consider their input on this issue before the meeting itself.

Further, this is the first of such meetings. Any teachers who cannot attend today will have an opportunity in the future.

Central Agape Group Joins Western Agape Group for the 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**

And the **Central Agape Group** now plans to join them! If you are in that group, and have any questions, contact **Janice McDaniel**.

To coordinate the menu, please respond to **Ann** or to **Linda Reagan** by today, Oct. 12, if you plan to bring



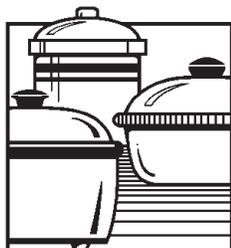
bring the same game!

Last but not least - bring your friends, even if they do belong to a different Agape Group. If you don't know your group, consult the list on the member bulletin board in the lobby!



chili or soup. In addition, remember to bring the toppings, such as crackers, grated cheese, salsa, chips, sour cream, black olives, desserts and appetizers!

Since it's a **game night** also, please bring your favorite game. But coordinate that too, so that **EVERYONE** doesn't



2nd Sunday Fellowship Set for Today After the Evening Service

Finger Foods will comprise the *menu du jour* for the **2nd Sunday Fellowship** coming up today, 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



The **Missions Committee** will meet next Sunday, **October 19**, immediately following the morning assembly.

Lunch will be served.

The meeting will take place in **R. 120 (library).**

The **Committee** has decided to meet on **Sunday** after the morning service rather than wait until after an evening **2nd Sunday fellowship.**

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of October 12:

Thank God because of the grace that He has given us through Jesus Christ.

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 Quarterly Meeting of the C.A.R.E. Committee Is Scheduled for Next Sunday Oct. 19

The Quarterly Meeting of the **C.A.R.E. Committee** (formerly Benevolence) is scheduled for next Sunday, Oct. 19, from noon to 12 pm in R. 121, according to **Wayne Doran**, Elder contact for this ministry. Lunch will be provided.

C.A.R.E. stands for Christian Assistance and Resources for Everyone. The programs of this ministry are highlighted on the Falls Church website. Just click on ministries, then on C.A.R.E. Ministry.

Wayne urged all CARE Ministry members along with those who are heavily involved in one or more aspects of the ministry, to attend.

The Agenda includes discussion and approval of 2015 budget proposals, as well as a review of upcoming events.

For questions or comments, contact **Ignacio Espinoza, Wilfredo Reyes or Wayne Doran**.



The Upper Room Teen Ministry (grades 7 through 12) will have a **Movie Night Oct. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the community room at the building**. The feature film is *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*. Bring money for food from Moe's or Chipotle. RSVP to Josh Byrd.

"Trunk or Treat" Set for Sunday, Oct. 26, After the Evening Assembly

Our annual "Trunk or Treat" is coming up Sunday, October 26, following the evening assembly.

As is the custom, children - ages infants through 6th grade - should bring a costume AND a bag for goodies.

After the evening assembly, the children will dress up in their costumes, and then head for the parking lot.

They will go from car to car, while intoning, "Trick or treat." At that point, they should be collecting a sample of goodies from the trunks of all the cars in the lot.

Usually, the event ends by 8 pm when both the treats - and the children - are exhausted!

Seasonal decorations are appropriate and even recommended for the trunks. However, keep in mind that young children are impressionable, so please refrain from the ghoulish gore so popular during this season.



Trunk or Treat

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.



International Hometown Fellowship Set for Oct. 25

The **2nd Annual International Hometown Fellowship** is set for Saturday, October 26, according to **Blonnie Thomas** who has agreed to direct the event again this year.

All members are urged to attend, and bring a dish which represents your hometown - whether Pittsburgh, PA, or Lebanon, TN, or Tyler, TX, or Managua, Nicaragua, or Birmingham, AL, or San Salvador, El Salvador, or Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Of course, this event doesn't happen by itself, so volunteers are needed to help set up, man, take down and clean after. Talk to Blonnie about helping.

In addition, it helps to have an idea about how many people will be there, so they'll know how many tables to set up, etc. To that end, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please identify how many people are coming and what kind of dish you are bringing. If you identify your dish/hometown, a sign can be prepared just for you!



International Dinner

School Supplies for Ethiopian Children and Funds for Those Needing Corrective Surgery Are the Goals of Next Trip to Ethiopia Coming Up October 31

Habtu Zemech plans to take school supplies to school children and hopes for funds for some of the children who are on the waiting list for surgery to repair a club foot, during his second annual trip to Ethiopia Oct. 31 through Nov. 16. **Please bring the supplies by Oct. 26.**

A native of Ethiopia, Habtu has been making twice annual trips to provide help to Christians there. He has taken clothing for children in the orphanage supported by the church. He has taken clothing for the students of the preaching school operated by the church there.

This year he has emphasized school supplies, which are essential for children to attend school. That list includes:

- pens
- pencils (not mechanical)
- erasers
- pencil sharpeners (not electrical)
- crayons
- markers
- rulers

However, he no longer will collect paper, notepads or notebooks, since paper is heavy and costs too much to ship.

In his trip last spring, he was able to assist 50 children, 95% of whom live with some extended family members such as a grandparent.

Habtu's most recent endeavor is his foundation, **My Neighbors**, which is supported by the Falls Church congregation. Donated funds are used to help children who suffer from club foot. My Neighbors is linked with a not-for-profit organization called CURE Ethiopia. CURE provides doctors who perform the surgical procedure to correct the problem.



My Neighbors

While the operation is without charge, there are collateral expenses, including transportation from home to Addis Ababa where the clinic is located, plus meals and accommodations while there. For some unknown reason, all the cases of club foot are from the same region which is out in the country, and of course an adult must accompany the child.

In addition, the child must have medications, special shoes and repeated visits at the clinic for up to a year. The total cost per child is \$860, and thanks to the foundation, last spring Habtu was able to provide assistance to 9 children.

Currently, there are 36 children registered and waiting for the surgery.

Another new effort is helping deaf people learn a skill to become self-sufficient. They receive sewing projects which provide work. They also receive a sewing machine and in turn, help others learn the skills.

The Family Retreat Theme of Serving One Another Will Be the Theme for the Men's Retreat Planned for Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Camp WaMaVa

The theme for the **Men's Retreat Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Camp WaMaVa** will be an extension of the theme of "One Another - Love, Serve, Teach, Encourage," of the Family Retreat held last month, according to **John Reagan**, deacon in charge of the program. Plans for a guest speaker are still not finalized.

Perry May is the deacon in charge of the food and the arrangements for the event, and the schedule - while still tentative - is as follows.

Friday: Eat supper before arriving.

- 7 - 8 pm Meet at WAMAVA
- 8-9 pm fellowship
- 9-9:30 pm lesson - serving our family
- 9:30-10:30 pm evening activity

Saturday

- 8-9 am breakfast
- 9-9:30 am lesson - serving at work
- 9:30 am-12 pm activities
- 12-1 pm lunch
- 1-1:30 pm lesson serving each other
- 1:30-2:30 pm clean up, pack and leave



Above is a shot of the lake in the mist. The camp is located on 150 acres of land in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.



At left is a small group session - from a previous retreat - in the dining room at the Camp

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 12, 2014

Morning

Ruth Amores
Erica W-Chenevert

Evening

Janice McDaniel

October 19, 2014

Morning

Patty Woods
Angela E-Hayes

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

October 12, 2014

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

October 19, 2014

2/3 Jennifer Estes, Sophia Zemech
P-K Wendy Ward, TBA

Worship Today, October 12, 2014

Hymn #860

There Is a Habitation

Hymn #478

Nearer, Still Nearer

Prayer

Jeff Malcolm

Hymn #318

O Sacred Head

Communion/Collection

Oliver McDaniel

Hymn #226

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

Bible Reading (Mark 4:26-34)

Peter Franco

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #501

Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet

Announcements

Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors

Brian Collins

Closing Prayer

Caleb Mayfield

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

John Reagan, Hal Swetnam



John Waterston will lead singing this evening;

Jose Arevalo & Jonah Shumate will lead the prayers.

October servers: Jose Arevalo, Matt Bensky, 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

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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, October 5, 2014

Bible Study 206
Morning Assembly 303
Evening Assembly No Count
Contribution \$ 8,925
YTD Average \$11,975
Budget Goal \$12,709

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Classes & Online 80

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Prayer - Jim Lane

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid