

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

I believe in God.

I believe there is a God at least because it puts me in the vast majority. Every culture, every race of people has always believed in some god. If there were no god, ever, why would anyone dream one up? More importantly, why would anyone buy

into him?

I believe this God created all things. My alternative is to believe that something, quite by accident, came from nothing; that life, quite by accident, came from that which never had life; that consciousness came about, quite by accident, from that which never had consciousness – events that have never “accidentally” happened again. Our world makes more sense if an intelligent, designing, all-powerful cause is behind it.

I believe in a specific God, the god of the Old Testament, of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Israel. I believe in this God because He has shown Himself in history through the lives of these people. The very existence of the Jewish people would be without explanation were it not for God. Theirs is not just a religion, and they are not just people. They are “a” people, and solely because of the actions of the God of the Old Testament.

Because I believe in the God of the Bible, I believe in only one God.

I believe God is one. It's different from believing in one God. In the Bible, God is described as a “father,” and a “son.” There's no way around this. That's two. Add in the Holy Spirit, and that's three. And yet, these three are repeatedly said to be “one.” Not one thing, but one, united, totally. The nature of this “oneness” informs the nature of God's children. He calls us to be united, “one,” as He is one.

“I believe in God.” Like “I believe in Monica,” it is an expression of trust. God has all power, and He cares for His people above all things. He will use His power in our behalf. Who else can I trust supremely? Even when He seems to let me down (and it has happened), I know there is no one more reliable, no one more powerful.

Love you all.

Mike



He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Mark 4:39–41 (NIV)

We live in a time with some pretty frightening news stories! We can choose to be afraid of ebola, or the Russians, or ISIS, or some random hacker stealing our bank information. The list of fears goes on and on. This led me to a question “Why are we more afraid of ebola than driving on the highway?”

Did you know that in 2012 there were 33,561 highway fatalities in the United States of America according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (<http://www.nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812006.pdf>)!

Do you know how many people died from ebola in the United States during the same time period? NONE! As I type this only one person in the United States has died from ebola - ever! It is a news thing to be afraid of and we haven't gotten used to the fear yet.

As the LORD's people we cannot live in fear. Jesus doesn't want us to hide from the world out of fear. Fear damages our faith. When we are motivated by fear we end up making bad choices for the worst reasons.

But, when we rely on faith and act out of faith we make good choices for the best reasons. We go out into our culture and our society and we act as shining examples of how the LORD's love changes people. It makes us better people. It makes us the kind of humans the LORD wants us to be.

So don't be afraid but be bold in your faith.

GRACE + PEACE
John Bell

The Quarterly Meeting of the C.A.R.E. Committee Is Scheduled for Today, Oct. 19

The Quarterly Meeting of the C.A.R.E. Committee (formerly Benevolence) is scheduled for today, 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.**



HAYRIDE

A Youth Ministry Hayride and Bonfire is set for Saturday, Nov. 8, at **Butler's Orchard**, 22200 Davis Mill Rd, Germantown, MD 20876.

As a perspective, it's about 30 miles from the Falls Church building.

Attendees must arrive at the Butler's Orchard shop by 6 pm for the hayride which will start at 6:30 pm. There is room for 30 to up to 35 people, at \$5 per person/ and to sign up, **contact Josh Byrd.**

Please note that the gift shop at Butler's Orchard will close at 5 pm. It offers a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, local dairy products and crafts.

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of October 19:

Pray for strength to have victories over temptations.



The Missions Committee will meet today, October 19, in R. 120 (library) immediately following the morning assembly.

Lunch will be served.

The Committee has decided that it's preferable to meet after a morning service rather than meet after an evening fellowship, as they have done previously.

The **Annual Area-Wide Sing** of the Catoctin Church of Christ in Thurmont, MD, is scheduled for **Saturday, Nov. 1**, from 7 to 8:30 pm. All singing is a cappella, and light refreshments will follow. The building is located at 140 N. Carroll St., Thurmont.

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.



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.

International Hometown Fellowship Set for Oct. 25

The **2nd Annual International Hometown Fellowship** is set for Saturday, October 25 from 6-9pm, 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!

Weddings

"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 more "ghoulish gore" so popular during this season.



Annual Orphans' Sunday Coming Up November 9

The **12th Annual Orphans' Sunday** collection is set for Nov. 9. At this time, Falls Church members are invited to contribute to the "Orphans Lifeline of Hope," which provides a wide variety of assistance to some of the least fortunate children in the world.

Please make out your check to the "Orphans Lifeline of Hope," and give it to any one of the elders on that day or on the following Sunday, Nov. 16.

The checks will be collected and sent directly to the sponsoring organization which is Orphan's Lifeline of Hope," a Montana non-profit corporation (501(c) 3 Non-profit) under the direction of a board comprised of Christian people.

Beginning in 2000, the organization today helps 20,000 children in 8 countries around the world.

On the round table in the lobby you will find a brochure about Orphan Sunday. Take one and read about a boy who was born into extreme poverty and who also was crippled by polio. His parents decided his only value was that of a street beggar.

And that's probably how his life would have gone until he met Yesadas Rejulapati who had just started Errabalem Boy's Home, founded by Lifeline International as a home for older orphan boys. Yesadas persuaded the boy's mother to consent to his placement in the home, and today this boy has an education, a "family" and a future. He even has a wheelchair that is sturdier than the one he used before.

Men's Retreat Oct. 31-Nov. 1 to Reinforce "One Another" Theme

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



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

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

The Camp is located on 150 acres in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, at Linden, VA. First opened in 1956, the camp facilities have come a long way in terms of comfort and convenience, due to donations from area Christians.

Now a year-round facility, it has become a popular retreat and meeting destination.



School Supplies, Funds for Corrective Surgery and More Sewing Machines Are the Goals of Habtu Zemech's Next Trip to Ethiopia Coming Up October 31

Habtu Zemech will emphasize school supplies and funds for club foot surgery, both to benefit children, during his second annual trip to Ethiopia Oct. 31 through Nov. 16.

Please bring in the following supplies - or make a donation to his foundation "My Neighbors" - by Oct. 26.

A native of Ethiopia, Habtu has been making twice annual trips to provide supplies for Christians there. He has taken clothing for children in the orphanage which is supported by the church, or for the students of the preaching school which is 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 accept paper or notebooks, which cost too much to ship.

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

More recently, his foundation, "**My Neighbors**," has raised funds to help children suffering from club foot.

This foundation, which is supported by the Falls Church congregation, works with a not-for-profit organization called CURE Ethiopia. CURE provides doctors who perform the surgical procedure to correct the problem.

While the operation is without charge, there are collateral expenses. The CURE facility is in Addis Ababa but for some unknown reason, most of the children with club foot are from a specific region which is some distance from the capital city.

As such, they must be accompanied by an adult, and so there are costs for transportation, meals and accommodations as well as for the medications, special shoes and repeated visits 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, 36 children are registered and waiting for the surgery.

Another recent component of the work is a training program for deaf people, an extension of existing programs which include a school for the deaf. Volunteers are given sewing projects and taught how to operate a sewing machine. If they complete the program successfully, they receive a sewing machine. With this skill, these people can become self-sufficient.



My Neighbors

Continuing Concerns: (cont'd)



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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 19, 2014

Morning

Rebecca Hayes
Patty Woods

Evening

Janice McDaniel

October 26, 2014

Morning

Angela Hayes
Linda Reagan

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

October 19, 2014

2/3 G. Keller, J. Estes, S. Zemech
P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

October 26, 2014

2/3 H. Musser, J. Hayes, TBA
P-K Carolina Alvarez, Emily Alvarez

Worship Today, October 19, 2014

Hymn #429

Oh, to Be Like Thee

Hymn #822

Sweet Will of God

Prayer

Joseph Tucker

Hymn #578

We Will Glorify

Hymn #353

One Day!

Communion/Collection

John Reagan

Hymn #716

Sing to Me of Heaven

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

Bible Reading (*Matthew 13:44-46*)

Robert Spiess

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #628

Will You Not Tell It Today?

Announcements

Jim Lane

Introduction of Visitors

Jonah Shumate

Closing Prayer

Matt Bensky

Song Leader

John Waterston

Ushers

John Reagan, Hal Swetnam



Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening;

Clark Richardson & Jerry Williams will lead the prayers.

October servers: Jose Arevalo, Matt Bensky,
Greg Citizen, 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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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
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Jay & Piera Young, Italy & Ukraine
Habtu Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

Staff

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Statistics

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Bible Study 224
Morning Assembly 333
Evening Assembly 133
Contribution \$12,774
YTD Average \$11,995
Budget Goal \$12,709

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Classes & Online 72

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Prayer - Brian Collins

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker