

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

Every religion has its holy literature.

Confucianism has its "Analects." Hinduism has its "Bhagavad Gita." Islam has its "Koran" and, of course, Christianity has its "Bible." Of them all, only the Bible claims to be the

history of God's dealings with mankind from the beginning.

As God interacted with humanity, His people began writing about what He did and what He said. Along the way, a body of literature, divided by centuries, verified by history and united by a common theme began to form. Present in every book, that common theme was: "God loves His people and wants the world to be those people and love Him back through trust, obedience, and love for each other."

That body of literature was called by a variety of names. Jesus knew its content and the Jewish people of His day knew it to be well defined. Throughout, that literature claimed by its content to be the story of God and mankind. By its vocabulary, it claimed to be the word of God. In fact, it is a claim that appears nearly 6000 times – 800 times more often than in the Koran.

Only Christianity and Judaism count on the historical reliability of their holy book as the foundation of their faith. Both religions continue not because their book hasn't been attacked, but because it has – and has survived.

I believe the Bible contains what God wants us to know of His dealings with mankind. I believe it is reliable in its presentation and preservation and I believe that not because I want to, but because the evidence has driven me there. I believe the Bible is the only trustworthy rule by which the reliability of all other revelations must be measured.

It is God's over-ruling guide for my life. Without it we might conclude there is a God, but we could know nothing of Him except for His power. We wouldn't know He cares for us. We wouldn't know what He wanted of us, and we wouldn't know if He had hope for us. Without it, the Christian faith is but a straw in the wind, unworthy of notice.



If you wandered into the Community Room during our Sunday Night Live meeting you would have noticed several of our teens reading from their Bibles, talking about what they had read and sharing their discoveries.

If you had listened carefully, you would have learned some important things from Mark 9:30 - 10:16. You would have learned that to be



great in the Kingdom of God, you have to become powerless. You would have learned about the incredible dangers of sin. You would have learned this not from one

of my excellent lectures. You would have learned this from our teens and students taking a good long look at the stories and answering some questions.

This is one part of why the Upper Room Teen Ministry's (7th-12th grade) Sunday Night Live is so great. Our teens and students learn from and teach each other. They also get to know each other better and have a spiritual home where they can let down their guard and be themselves. Also goofy things happen when some of them drink hot chocolate!

Did you know?

The Youth Ministry has twitter and instatgram? If you didn't know this, then check them out at [twitter.com/cocfcym](https://twitter.com/cocfcym) & [instagram.com/cocfcym](https://instagram.com/cocfcym)

Did you know the Upper Room Teen Ministry has a Weekly Email update? Each week the email update includes info on the previous Sunday morning Bible lesson for you and your family to discuss. You will also find information about upcoming events and meetings/Bible classes.

## “Trunk or Treat” Set for Today, Oct. 26, After the Evening Assembly

Our annual “Trunk or Treat” is coming up immediately following the assembly this evening.

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.

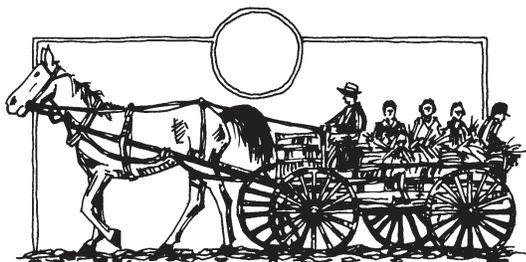
They will go from car to car, while intoning, “Trick or treat.” At that point, they should be collecting a sample of goodies from the trunks of all the cars in the lot.

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.



Trunk or Treat



## 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.

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.

## Budget Meeting Set for Nov. 8; Revised Worksheets Due Today

Revised worksheets for each ministry are due today in advance of the **Annual Budget Meeting** which is set for Nov. 8, according to **John Reagan** who is the deacon for Budget Planning.

The worksheets should be turned in to Treasurer Ben Bohannon. The worksheets are the basis for budget proposals for 2015 and should include any new initiatives or existing plans.

The meeting will be held from 9 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall. **All deacons and leaders are urged to attend this meeting.**



## 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. After its 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, Venkatesh (shown below) who was born into extreme poverty and who also was crippled by spinal 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 sturdy new wheelchair.



## School Supplies for Ethiopia and Funds for Corrective Surgery for Children and More Sewing Machines for the Deaf Are Due Today, Oct. 26

School supplies for poor children in Ethiopia or funds to finance corrective surgery for children or to purchase sewing machines for the deaf **are due today** in advance of **Habtu Zemech's** second annual trip starting Oct. 31.

**If you choose to make a donation, please make out your check to "My Neighbors," and give it to Habtu today.**

A native of Ethiopia, Habtu has been making twice annual trips to his home country. During those visits, he brings school supplies or clothing to children, to the elderly or to students at the preaching school operated by the church in Addis Ababa, the nation's capital city. During his last trip in the spring, he provided school supplies to 50 impoverished children, of whom 95% live with an extended family member such as a grandparent.

### That list includes:

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

**However, do not bring paper or notebooks, since paper costs too much to ship.**



*My Neighbors*

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.

### Congregational Prayer Request

#### for the week of October 26:

*Pray for strength and courage as we go into the holiday season that we will maintain our dedication to the regular fellowship / worship gatherings.*

The **Annual Area-Wide Sing** of the Catocin 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.

## 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 expand on 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.

**Perry May** is the deacon in charge of the food and the arrangements for the event. This year, there is no fee for the event.

The schedule - still tentative - is as follows.

### Friday: EAT SUPPER BEFORE ARRIVING

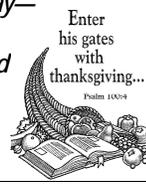
- 7-8 pm Meet at WaMaVa
- 8-9 pm fellowship
- 9-9:30 pm lesson - serving our family
- 9:30-10:30 pm evening activity

### 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
- Bring your own sleeping bag or bedding, but the cabins are now quite comfortable.

The Camp is located on 150 acres in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, at Linden, VA. When first opened, in 1956, the camp was rather "rustic," but the facilities have improved considerably. Now a year-round facility, it has become a popular retreat and meeting destination.

# November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>Oct 31</b> <i>Men's Retreat—</i> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <i>Arrive ~ 7 pm</i>	<b>1</b> John 3-6 <i>Camp WaMaVa</i> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <i>Ends ~ 3 pm</i> <i>Spanish Worship,</i> <i>7-8:30 pm FH</i>
<b>2</b> John 7-10	<b>3</b> John 11-13	<b>4</b> John 14-16 <i>NO Ladies Bible Class—</i> <i>School Holiday</i>	<b>5</b> John 17-19	<b>6</b> John 20-21; Acts 1	<b>7</b> Acts 2-4	<b>8</b> Acts 5-8 <i>Budget Mtg. @</i> <i>9 am—noon</i> <i>Youth Ministry</i> <i>Family Hayride @</i> <i>Butler's Orchard</i> <i>Spanish Worship,</i> <i>7-8:30 pm FH</i>
<b>9</b> Acts 9-12 <i>Orphans' Sunday</i> <i>During Worship</i> <i>2nd Sunday</i> <i>Potluck Lunch;</i> <i>NO PM</i> <i>ASSEMBLY</i>	<b>10</b> Acts 13-15	<b>11</b> Acts 16-18  <i>Ladies Bible Class</i> <i>@ 10:15 am</i>	<b>12</b> Acts 19-21	<b>13</b> Acts 22-24 <i>Senior Saints Fall</i> <i>Luncheon @</i> <i>11:30 am, FH</i>	<b>14</b> Acts 25-27	<b>15</b> Acts 28; Romans 1-3 <i>Spanish Worship,</i> <i>7-8:30 pm FH</i>
<b>16</b> Romans 4-7 <i>Adult Education</i> <i>Ministry Mtg. @</i> <i>11:30 am</i>	<b>17</b> Romans 8-10	<b>18</b> Romans 11-13 <i>Ladies Bible Class</i> <i>@ 10:15 am followed</i> <i>by brown bag lunch</i> <i>in FH</i>	<b>19</b> Romans 14-16	<b>20</b> 1 Cor. 1-3	<b>21</b> 1 Cor. 4-6	<b>22</b> 1 Cor. 7-10 <i>Spanish Worship,</i> <i>7-8:30 pm FH</i>
<b>23</b> 1 Cor. 11-13 <i>Annual Harvest</i> <i>Festival During</i> <i>PM Service</i>	<b>24</b> 2 Cor. 14-16	<b>25</b> 2 Cor. 1-3 <i>NO Ladies Bible</i> <i>Class—</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Holiday</i>	<b>26</b> 2 Cor. 4-6	<b>27</b> 2 Cor. 7-9 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Holiday—</i> <i>Office</i> <i>Closed</i> 	<b>28</b> 2 Cor. 10-12	<b>29</b> 2 Cor. 13; Galatians 1-3 <i>Spanish Worship &amp;</i> <i>Dinner, 7-8:30 pm</i> <i>FH</i>
<b>30</b> Galatians 4-6 Ephesians 1						

## 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 26, 2014

### Morning

Angela Hayes  
Linda Reagan

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

November 2, 2014

### Morning

Kristine Spraker  
Sydney Spraker

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship

October 26, 2014

2/3 H. Musser, J. Hayes

P-K Carolina Alvarez, Emily Alvarez

November 2, 2014

2/3 G. Keller, D. Hatcher, L. Hughes

P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

## Worship Today, October 26, 2014

Hymn #2

*We Praise Thee, O God*

Hymn #979

*I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

Hymn #745

*Humble Yourself*

Prayer

Grant Smith

Hymn #15

*Step by Step*

Hymn #364

*Come, Share the Lord*

Communion/Collection

Mark Dawson

Hymn #448

*The Greatest Commands*

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

Bible Reading (*Matthew 25:1-13*)

Curtis Madeley

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #852

*When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

Announcements

Oliver McDaniel

Introduction of Visitors

Brian Collins

Closing Prayer

Kirk Crews

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

John Reagan, Hal Swetnam



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

Caleb Mayfield & Ken Yeatman 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

## Contact Information

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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 19, 2014

Bible Study	220
Morning Assembly	326
Evening Assembly	111
Contribution	\$10,196
YTD Average	\$11,952
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Classes & Online

71

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Prayer - Lee Cassetty

Song Leader - Clark Richardson