

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

I believe that Jesus was God, come in the flesh. It is the express statement of Jesus' close friend John (John 1:1-2, 14). Paul wrote that in Christ, the fullness of God lives in bodily form (Colossians 2:9). The gospel writers tell us Jesus affirmed this idea repeatedly.

Recently, in conversation with a friend who takes great delight in ridiculing Christianity, he said: "What's this big deal about a god giving himself for me? He dies on a cross. But he comes back to life. What's so sacrificial about that? If I give something away, and take it back, what really did I give?"

But my friend missed the point. God became a man. If there really is a god, for him to do such a thing is astonishing. Why would he do that? It is a unique teaching of Christianity.

God became human to show us it's possible for humans to live as God expects. He did it to show us what that kind of life looks like, and to restore a relationship with Him through the forgiveness of sins. He did it to assure us that He knows how we feel and how we struggle so that we will be confident He can and will help us. In the sacrifice of Himself, he created a covenant relationship humans would enter of their own free will, secure in the fact that this life is not all there is and that there is hope beyond it for the covenant people.

Yes, God gave his life, then took it back. But you see, the point is, He gave it in the first place.

Interestingly, in coming to earth, God gave up something He never seems to get totally back. He is born in a human body, dies with a human body and is raised with a human body (flesh and bones). He ascends with a human body.

Changed?

Yes, but seemingly never back to the same as it was before He came. The sacrifice began long before the cross and continues to this present day.

Why? Because He loves us so and in that huge sacrifice, he sets the example for our dealings with one another.

Love you all.

Mike



## Big Shorts!

Recently there has been an effort to clean out some of the storage spaces in our church's building. In that process I was working on a closet upstairs and ran across some huge shorts. They are size 68 cargo shorts to be specific.

I remember these being given to me long ago by Teresa Bryan as something I might be able to use with the Youth Ministry. Why she had them probably has something to do with her son. If you know Paul Bryan, size 68 cargo shorts are not that unexpected.

After I found them, I of course needed to think of something fun to do with them. The natural thing was to see how many teens would fit into these shorts at once. The current record is 3 girls!

On a serious thought it got me thinking about a friend of mine who lost a great deal of weight. He did this by making major changes in his life. It took discipline to make and keep these changes.

This led me to another thought about the need for discipline in our lives as followers of Jesus. We also make changes in our lives that requires discipline. It requires discipline to leave behind the sin in our lives. We have to be aware of the evil desires in our hearts. We have to be aware of those sins that pull us away and break our relationship with the LORD. It requires discipline to say "NO" to those things that our flesh desires. It requires discipline to say "YES" to those things that the Spirit calls us too.

Just as it takes discipline to lose and keep off an unhealthy amount of weight it takes discipline to live as the LORD calls us!

GRACE + PEACE  
A.H.B.

## ATTENTION: Today, November 2, Is the Start of Daylight Saving Time for Fall

This Sunday, November 2, is the first day of Daylight Saving Time. That is the day when we get an extra hour of sleep to compensate for the hour we lose in the spring. In other words, if you go to bed at 11 pm on Saturday night, you should set BACK your clock one hour to 10 pm.

You may ask, "Why do we do this"? It is to save electricity. Studies done in the 1970s by the U. S. Department of Transportation show that we trim the entire country's electricity usage by about 1% each day during Daylight Saving (not Savings) Time!



## 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 next Saturday, 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.**



### Congregational Prayer Request

#### for the week of November 2:

*Pray for peace of mind that derives from our faith in God amidst the clamor of war, the fear of disease and the stress of life.*

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.

## Our Next 2nd Sunday Fellowship Will Be a Potluck Luncheon Next Sunday, November 9; There Will Be No Evening Service on That Day

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Potluck Luncheon** next Sunday, November 9, after the morning worship service.

As is our custom, following the luncheon we will dismiser for the day. **There will be no evening assembly on November 9.**

**Fellowship Crew #1** is the "duty group" for this event. That crew includes **Clark Richardson, leader, with Martha Ashley, Sally Dasher, Steve Dasher, Nikii Frank & Ellen Horgan.**



If you do not know your group assignment, please consult the list on the bulletin board or the email attachment with this bulletin.

Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring the following:

- ⌘ a main dish (usually a meat or casserole to feed your family and a few others)
- PLUS two** of the following **three** items:
  - ⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)
  - ⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip
- OR**
- ⌘ a dessert (no description necessary)

## Senior Saints Fall Luncheon Set For Nov. 13; RSVP No Later Than Nov. 9

The **Annual Senior Saints Fall Luncheon** is set for Thursday, November 13 from 11:30 am to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Linda Reagan and Ann Ford** are co-hosts.

The event is open to all who are 55 or, obviously, older, **BUT YOU MUST SIGN UP.** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby and Linda and Ann **MUST KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING.**

**The deadline to sign up is next Sunday, November 9.**



## **Annual Orphans' Sunday Coming Up November 9: James 1:27 - Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.**

The **12th Annual Orphans' Sunday** collection is set for next Sunday, November 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 members of the Churches of Christ. 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** 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.



He is just one of the children who benefit from a program which provides an opportunity to act upon James 1:27, the scripture listed at the top of this page.

It is very hard to believe that approximately 143,000 children around the world are orphans. They may have lost one or both parents, or they may be under the care of people who simply do not and will not have the resources to care for him, such as Venkatesh.

Currently Lifeline of Hope operates or contributes to orphanages in eight (8) countries, India, Kenya, Uganda, The Philippines, Mexico, Russia, Pakistan and Haiti. While no one organization can meet the desperate needs of ALL such children, Orphan's Life of Hope does its best to provide stable and adequate housing, food, Christian education, public education, skills training and civic training.

One country, Uganda, has four homes. Uganda is a landlocked country in the eastern section of Africa, and has experienced considerable conflict since shortly after its independence in 1962 from British Colonial Rule. The dictator Idi Amin ran the country for eight years, when he carried out mass killings against his supposed rivals and also destroyed the country's economy by expelling business people who were mostly from India. In addition, the country has been hard hit by AIDS.

Gladys, Child Care Coordinator for Ugandan homes, recently visited each of the homes to study the children's progress and to train them in the valuable system of planting seeds to grow their own food. The following is a note from Gladys about her time at **Life of Favor**.

"It was great to be back. The children are settled and look happy and healthy. They laugh a lot and I think Irene is doing a great job. I had a project with them making a seedbed with the seeds I brought from Kenya. We made a small garden, made a seedbed and planted the seeds. The children watered it. They promised to care for the seedbed and transplant the seedlings. They will send you pictures of the progress. This will help them get green vegetables which are very healthy. There is little place to plant them but they can create room for it."

**Below is a letter from one of the children at another home, Freshfire. This is evidence that the program works. Consider that as you consider your contribution.**

"How are you over there? Thank God who enabled us pass in the year 2013 and enter the new year alive because many people never got the chance to enter 2014. Besides that, thank you for the food and every thing you give to us. May God bless you abundantly. We appreciate whatever services you offer us. We have had a long holiday and I have participated in many activities. I participated in growing crops, but this time round, we planted cabbage, spinash and sukrawiki that Aunt Gladys brought for us from Kenya. So now this time we are watering for only harvesting period and I know God will bless our crops. We also had a conference having a theme of "Be still and know that I am God." On my side, I learned that before doing any thing, first think before you act in a way that whenever you think of doing some thing, ask yourself if it pleases God and is it beneficial to the environment and the society you are living in. If it brings negative results, don't do it, just leave it and ask God to forgive for what you were going to do and you will be welcomed in heaven like a baby who is from birth. May God bless you."

Yours faithfully, **Kafeero Wilson**

## 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

November 2, 2014

### Morning

Kristine Spraker  
Sydney Spraker

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

November 9, 2014

### Morning

Wendy Ward  
Meaza Zemech

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship

November 2, 2014

2/3 G. Keller, D. Hatcher, L. Hughes  
P-K Misty Marshall, Casey Waterston

November 9, 2014

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

## Worship Today, November 2, 2014

Hymn #881

*Mansion over the Hilltop*

Hymn #601

*My God and I*

Hymn #533

*I Am a Sheep*

Prayer

Oliver McDaniel

Hymn #643

*Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom*

Hymn #390

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Communion/Collection

Steve Dasher

Hymn #464

*Because He Lives*

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

Bible Reading (*Matthew 25:31-46*)

Jeff Malcolm

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #943

*Do You Know My Jesus?*

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors

John Hilboldt

Closing Prayer

Rick Schneider

Song Leader

Jon Hessling

Ushers

Brian Collins, John Waterston



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening;

Geosh Saxton & Jose Arevalo will lead the prayers.

November servers: Jun Amores, Chantha Chea,  
Greg Citizen, Grant Smith, Daniel Williams, Dave Wilson

## 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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## 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, October 26, 2014

Bible Study 216  
Morning Assembly 290  
Evening Assembly 114  
Contribution \$13,017  
YTD Average \$11,977  
Budget Goal \$12,709

### Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Classes & Online 81

**Wednesday, October 29, 2014**

**Prayer - John Reagan**

**Song Leader - Joseph Tucker**