

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

As the Bible opens, God's presence is emphasized with these words: "The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." From that point forward, the "Spirit of God" (sometimes called "the Spirit of the Lord" or the "Holy Spirit" or just "the Spirit") most often points to God's

presence.

The presence of God's Spirit within us designates us as special to God, separating us in the eyes of God from all other people, making us His children and a temple for His dwelling. The Spirit, however, is not just a mark proclaiming us as different. He is real divine help to make us different. The Spirit is the power by which we put to death our sinfulness and become the kind of people God has called us to be. Those led by the Spirit of God, who endeavor to match the pace he sets for us, will find Him producing within us the kind of traits we find so difficult: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The strength of the Spirit empowers us to become like Christ. This is the real work of the Spirit. He even helps our prayer life (Romans 8:26-27)! Unfortunately, because we so often forget who we are, and the power at our disposal, we miss out on being who we could be because we depend on ourselves and ignore God's very real and close and helpful presence.

Equally often the subject of the Spirit of God gets hijacked by the discussion of miracles. While the Bible certainly teaches the Spirit's ability to empower people to do amazing – even miraculous – things, we should remember this is not the Spirit's main work. The main work is to make us mature children of God. In fact, the Bible teaches that as we mature, the need for the miraculous, and the miraculous itself, disappears. There is no text that teaches God cannot do miracles now, but miracles are not the focus of the Spirit – and never have been.

How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

In discussing this very issue Peter called on people of faith to "Repent and be baptized . . . in the name of Jesus Christ and thus receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Love you all  
Mike



## Good bye Mark, Hello Coffee Can of Controversy

Over the last few months we have been reading and studying the Gospel of Mark. We have seen its themes. We have explored how it is put together as a work of literature. We have

also discovered what messages it has for us. It has been a great series but we are going to have to take a break just before the end and move to something new.

The "something new" is actually something old. We are going to take questions for the Coffee Can of Controversy and then answer them as best as we can.

The teens and students contribute questions and we open the Bible and seek answers. All questions are on the table. Some questions are deep. Some questions are just curiosity.

For instance we have talked about:

1. What are creeds and are they bad?
2. Why don't we use instrumental instruments in our church services?
3. Why are there so many different languages?
4. How do I know when I am ready to be baptized?
5. Is it a sin to use a magic?

And many others.

We also address doubts that your teens or students may have as well.

Sunday Night Live will be the time when we explore and try to answer these questions but we will be collecting them on Sunday mornings too.

If we honestly seek truth we will find it. If we face our doubts and questions openly without preconceived answers we will find truth.

GRACE + PEACE  
A. H. B. J.

## Today Is the Day for Our Next 2nd Sunday Fellowship Potluck Luncheon After the Morning Assembly; There Will Be No Service This Evening

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

As is our custom, following the luncheon we will dismiss for the day, so **there will be no evening assembly.**

**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 (to feed your family and a few more)

**PLUS two** of the following **three** items:

- ⌘ a side dish
- ⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato)

**OR**

- ⌘ a dessert (no description necessary)

The Missions Committee is not meeting after the luncheon, since their last meeting was just a few weeks ago.



**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)

## Senior Saints Fall Luncheon Set For Nov. 13; RSVP By Today

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 older, **BUT YOU MUST SIGN UP.**

Linda & Ann must have an accurate head count to prepare properly.

**And the deadline to RSVP to this event is today.**

You may use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or you may contact Linda or Ann.



## Baby Shower



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.

# *Saying Goodbye*

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## *Veterans Day*

This year, 2014, is the 100th anniversary of the start of  
World War I.

That war ended officially on November 11, 1918 -  
the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year!

Initially it was remembered as Armistice Day, or the  
Day in which the Armistice took effect.

It became Veterans Day in 1954 - following World War II  
and then the Korean Conflict - when it came to honor  
ALL the men and women who have served this nation  
in war and peace.

So today, we do that - we celebrate our veterans  
and extend to them a hearty "Thank You."



**Veterans Day**

### **Congregational Prayer Request for the week of November 9:**

*Pray for all of the children who are orphans  
and in need of love and someone  
to care for them.*

## Annual Orphans' Sunday Is Today, November 9; This Event Is Sponsored by Orphan's Lifeline of Hope, Operated by Members of the Church of Christ

*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 TODAY November 9. 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 today or next 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** who was born into extreme poverty and also was crippled by spinal polio. His parents decided his only value was that of a street beggar.

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.

According to the website, "There are many uncounted that live on the streets, in landfills and sewer systems. Often orphan children that are not cared for turn to a life of crime in order to survive. They are subjected to human trafficking, prostitution, child labor and worse. Many of these children die of starvation, malnutrition, related illnesses, preventable diseases and acts of violence. Many will spend much of their life in jail or prison."

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.



Children of Amazing Grace Home, The Philippines

The Philippines is one of the countries where Lifeline of Hope sponsors an orphanages - Amazing Grace Home, established in 2002. Orphans Lifeline approved the home for sponsorship in 2005, when 12 children were desperately ill due to malnutrition, malaria or typhoid fever!

By 2010, the children had moved to a home on their own piece of land which was donated to the director. That allowed refuge for 17 more children.

**Also in 2010, four of the children from this home were the first ever to graduate from high school and by 2012, seven were enrolled in college.**

In the future, the home needs funds to cover the \$750 per student per year costs for college.

The CCIM home in India started in 2002 and has been supported by Orphan's Lifeline since 2004 when the facility was scheduled to close because of lack of funds.

When that support was started, the children went to bed each night hungry and slept on the dirt floor. All of the children were in very bad health and physically underdeveloped.

Within two years, the children were moved to their current home. **It is the ONLY known nongovernmental children's home recognized as a charity by the central government of India, which is a huge accomplishment. Several children have gone on to vocational training schools or to college.**

In the future, they need donated funds for their educational budget which was \$2,775 for all 47 children in 2012. They also need a permanent home since their current home, which is rented, is now up for sale.

## 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 9, 2014

### Morning

Wendy Ward  
Meaza Zemech

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

November 16, 2014

### Morning

Marsha De La Cruz  
Calanthia Tucker

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship

November 2, 2014

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

November 9, 2014

2/3 A. Smith, J. Estes, S. Zemech  
P-K Wenty Ward, TBA

## Worship Today, November 9, 2014

Hymn #794

*Unto Thee, O Lord*

Hymn #96

*I Stand in Awe*

Hymn #180

*Jesus Is Lord*

Prayer

Kirk Crews

Hymn #484

*You Are My All in All*

Hymn #269

*Thomas' Song*

Communion/Collection

Kelvin Hatcher

Hymn #650

*Send the Light*

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

Bible Reading (*John 18:33-37*)

Gordon Rampy

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #851

*I'll Fly AWAY*

Announcements

Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors

Jonah Shumate

Closing Prayer

Robert Spiess

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

Brian Collins, John Waterston



**THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.**

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, November 2, 2014

Bible Study	218
Morning Assembly	311
Evening Assembly	104
Contribution	\$ 8,381
YTD Average	\$11,895
Budget Goal	\$12,709

### Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Classes & Online	64
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## Wednesday, November 12, 2014

**Prayer - Clark Richardson**

**Song Leader - Bill Kincaid**