

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Baptism is a fundamental rite of the Christian Church. Some call it a "sacrament." Our fellowship often calls it an "ordinance."

It has always been such an important rite that the word used to describe it, rather than be translated, has been transliterated. The idea of

an un-baptized believer does not seem to be entertained in the New Testament.

The word "baptism" means "immersion." It does not mean to "sprinkle" or "pour" water over something. Sometimes used as a synonym for drowning, it was even used to refer to the sinking of a ship. This is why, when we baptize, we do it by immersion in water.

In the New Testament, baptism is inseparably connected to becoming a disciple of Jesus, to salvation, to the forgiveness of sins, and to the reception of the Holy Spirit.

It is in baptism that we enter the death of Christ where we find reconciliation with God.

It is in baptism that the Spirit of God connects us with the body of Christ.

It is from baptism that we enter a new life as a child of God, clothed with Christ.

Christianity requires all of these things, and so Christianity requires baptism.

Baptism and faith are also inseparably connected. In fact, it is safe to say that "baptism, faith, reception of the Spirit, repentance and confession of Christ are one complex of events that all occur at conversion. Paul refers to believers as baptized because un-baptized Christians would be an anomaly." Repentance is a response of faith, and so is baptism, but all three go together.

Because baptism is a response of personal faith, it must be undertaken as a personal choice. There are no clear instances of infant baptism in the New Testament. Because it is a believers' baptism, only those capable of believing the gospel, understanding the nature of sin, its consequences, the meaning of commitment and the cost of redemption are proper candidates.

Love you all

Mike



Coffee Can of Controversy

Over the last few weeks teens and students have contributed the following questions for the Coffee Can of Controversy.

Why did God strike Uzzah for trying to stop the Ark of the Covenant from falling?

Why is there good and bad?

How much (many) devils are there?

Why do random unexplainable things happen around the main character in what every book?

What question should I ask?

Where do dinosaurs fit in the Bible?

How did Mary get pregnant?

What is life?

Am I awesome/cool?

What is your favorite color?

As you can see from this short list there are some pretty deep questions. You can also see there are a couple of goofy questions as well.

We started with the question of "How many devils are there?" When we read thru the Bible we discover that the actually number of devils or demons is not given to us. We know there are many of them but not an exact number. We do know there is one Devil.

We took some time to focus on the Devil also known as Satan or the Evil One. We are not given as much information that we would want on Satan. What we do know is that Satan is evil. Satan accuses us of sin. Satan also tempts us to sin.

Most importantly we ended with the LORD's protection of His people from the Evil One. John writes "We know that everyone who is fathered by God does not sin, but the one fathered by God, he protects him, and the evil one does not touch him" (1 John 5.18). We see that the LORD protects us from the Evil One. No matter how powerful evil may seem or temptation may be, the LORD is more powerful. This power is used on our behalf as the LORD's people.

GRACE + PEACE
John Bel

Adult Education Committee to Meet Today After Morning Service

All teachers of adult classes are requested to attend the **Adult Education Committee** meeting today in R. 120 (Elders' Conference Room) after the morning assembly, according to **John Waterston**, Deacon for the Adult Education Ministry.

John adds, "Please prayerfully consider your active participation in this important activity in our church, and bring ideas to develop and strengthen our family."

Luncheon will be provided, but John requests that everyone RSVP so that he will have sufficient food available.



Pedro and Mireya Batres celebrated their 41st Anniversary last Sunday, November 16. Pedro noted, "Our Father in heaven is giving us His special guide and support for our special relation as husband and wife, so praise to Him because He blessed us in our lovely relation!"

Addresses for College Students For Academic Year 2014-2015

Congregational Prayer Request for the week of November 23:

Pray for all of our number as well as all others who will be traveling during this holiday season.

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.

Holiday Events and Special Appeals From the CARE Committee



November 23 Until...

Christmas Gifts for Falls Church Families

The CARE Committee is collecting funds to assist several members of this congregation who are experiencing financial difficulties. The committee members plan to purchase boxes of food as well as gifts for the children. Please give your donations to **Lynda Eubank**.



December 6

Breakfast with Santa, Fellowship Hall, 9 am

This includes a visit with Santa, plus crafts and activities, plus breakfast that includes pancakes. The cost is \$25 per family.

Proceeds from this event will benefit **Camp WaMaVa**.



December 13

Breakfast for Ladies from the Bailey's Shelter; Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am

Falls Church has a long relationship with the women who reside at the shelter at Bailey's Crossroads. At the breakfast, each lady will receive a Christmas present. Funds to purchase these items should be given to **Lynda Eubank**.

*****IN ADDITION:** Jonah Shumate is recruiting men to help prepare the breakfast, serve the breakfast and then clean up after the event. Please contact Jonah or Mary Ann Kincaid to volunteer for this very special occasion.



December 13

Open House for all Falls Church members @ the Ford Residence, 5:30 to 8:30 pm



December 13 and 14

Gift Wrap to benefit "My Neighbors" - R. 123 Saturday - 11 am to 3 pm Sunday - 2 pm to 5:45 pm

Bring your gifts and have them wrapped. Just think of the time and effort YOU will save. As you go on your way rejoicing, you can make a generous donation for the wrap. **The proceeds will go to "My Neighbors," the foundation established by our own Habtu Zemech to provide funds for various projects in Ethiopia.**



December 20

Ladies Brunch, Fellowship Hall, 10 am

All ladies from this congregation are cordially invited to a brunch here at the building. There is no charge for this event whose purpose is fellowship!

Kelly Shumate is leading this program, and she invites others to join her to prepare the menu, decorate the fellowship hall, prepare the brunch foods, serve and clean up. If you are interested in this special seasonal fellowship, please contact Kelly.

24th Annual Harvest Festival Set for Today, November 23 During the Evening Assembly

Even in this country, there are many people who lack the abundance that so many of us enjoy.

Here at Falls Church, we are located among many such people, and as such have a unique opportunity to serve and share.

And that is where our “Harvest Festival” comes in.

Under the direction of the C.A.R.E. (formerly Benevolence) Committee, this Festival provides an opportunity for all of the Falls Church community to help stock the shelves of the food pantry so that those in need can be served. And this isn't just for the holidays, but for all year long!



So, today, Nov. 23, we will celebrate God's bounty by bringing in bags (note the plural not single use of that word) of food items according to the list below.

We bring said bags to the fellowship hall where our younger members unload all the goodies.

Then **ALL** of us will form a human “chain” to transfer each can or jar or box or bag from the fellowship hall to R. 121 where the food pantry is located.

There, volunteers accept and sort the items, such as green beans with other cans of green beans.

Below are scenes from 2004. Recognize anyone?



**Please make your selections ONLY from this list!
Please take this list with you as you shop.**

DRINKS:

- Juices (LOW SUGAR) - large OR individual boxes
- coffee
- hot cocoa
- milk - the kind that does NOT require refrigeration - individual boxes OR large boxes
- powdered milk
- tea mix
- lemonade mix

COOKING SUPPLIES OR BASICS:

- flour - 2 lb bag
- corn meal - 2 lb bag
- MASA (type of corn meal)
- crackers - all types
- cooking oil - 1 qt size
- instant potatoes - box
- rice - 1 OR 2 lb, cooked OR instant
- peanut butter
- jelly - all types

CEREAL:

- oatmeal - large OR individual packages
- instant oatmeal - box
- cold cereal - LOW SUGAR - large OR individual servings

SOUP:

- all kinds (chicken noodle, vegetable, etc.)

CANNED VEGETABLES:

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| corn | green peas | green beans |
| carrots | peas & carrots | canned potatoes |
| mixed vegetables | | |

CANNED MEATS:

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| chicken | stew | beef/macaroni |
| ham | ravioli | chili |
| roast beef | salmon | beans & franks |
| tuna | turkey | corned beef |

Vienna Sausage

CANNED BEANS:

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| Pork 'n Beans | Baked Beans |
| Navy Beans | Black Beans |
| Pinto Beans | |

DRIED BEANS:

- 1 LB. BAGS - ANY KIND

PASTA:

- Macaroni 'n Cheese COMPLETE MEAL SET (no butter or margarine required)
- Spaghetti (pasta in 1 lb box)
- Spaghetti Sauce (in cans preferably!)

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 23, 2014

Morning

Abby Collins
Melissa Collins

Evening

Janice McDaniel

November 30, 2014

Morning

Amy Saxton
Lisa Swetnam

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

November 23, 2014

2/3 H. Musser, J. Hayes, TBA
P/K Wendy Ward, TBA

November 30, 2014

2/3 Gayla Keller, TBA
P/K Misty Marshall, TBA

Worship Today, November 23, 2014

Hymn #4	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>
Hymn #8	<i>Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing</i>
Prayer	Jose Arevalo
Hymn #48	<i>O Love That Will Not Let Me Go</i>
Hymn #313	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>
Communion/Collection	Brian Collins
Hymn #76	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>
<i>Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship</i>	
Bible Reading (Psalm 100)	Geosh Saxton
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #129	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
Announcements	Bill Kincaid
Introduction of Visitors	John Reagan
Closing Prayer	Jerry Williams
Song Leader	Joseph Tucker
Ushers	Brian Collins, John Waterston



Geosh Saxton will lead the devotional for the
Harvest Festival 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
<i>(October through April)</i>	

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
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 16, 2014

Bible Study	209
Morning Assembly	283
Evening Assembly	106
Contribution	\$ 9,908
YTD Average	\$11,930
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Classes & Online	78
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Wednesday, November 26, 2014

Thanksgiving Devotional