

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

Snow arriving the day before Thanksgiving reminded me that it had been a while since we had “fired up” our church emergency notification system. Please read all of this note. There's a little homework for you to do about half-way through.

We try not to cancel our gatherings. It is important that Christians get together for encouragement and to worship the Lord. We do all in our power to promote those gatherings and it is a disappointment to have to cancel one.

But.

During the week, if Fairfax County closes schools due to weather (either schools do not open at all on a particular day or they are closed early), worship or other activities at our building are also cancelled. If the county opens school late (like a 2 hour delay), this does not generally affect our gatherings.

If bad weather happens on the weekend, and there is a need to cancel our assembly, the Elders will make the decision early on Sunday morning. We will post that decision on our website homepage as soon as possible.

**We will also call each of you through our robo-call network.** We only make the robo-calls to Falls Church members. If you are not a member but would like to be on the call list, please let the office know before this Wednesday. That robo-call system will be tested Thursday evening of this week at 7 pm. If you are a member, but receive no call, it means there is something wrong with your phone number in our database. Please contact the church office to correct that. This is your homework.

If you call 703-820-4506, and select 3 at the voice prompt, you can hear the announcement there as well.

None of these things are perfect. I've seen the time when the situation was so bad that none of them were workable. Hopefully, we won't need any of them anytime in the near future.

Love you all.

Mike

[P.S. Our series of essays entitled “What We Believe” will resume next week.]



The Spirit and the bride say  
“COME!”

And let the one who hears say  
“COME!”

Let the one who is thirsty come;  
and let the one who wishes take the  
free gift of the water of life.

- Revelation 22.17

At the end of Revelation there is a desire for the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ to come. The Holy Spirit active and alive in us wants Him to come! The Church as the bride wants Him to come! John as the one who hears want Him to come!

This desire to come is not just for the return of Jesus. It is a call for those who are thirsty and those who want the water of life. The Spirit, the church and John himself calls to all the thirsty to receive the free gift of the water of life.

The call to Jesus to come is for Him to return. His return will bring the New Heaven and the New Earth. His return will bring about the final destruction and end of the reign of the Evil One. Sin's hold on us will be broken and we will finally be free. His return also means we finally find the rest and peace our hearts desire. The brokenness and heart break of this old heaven and old earth will pass away and the new will come.

Only those who wash their robes clean can come in. Our dirt can keep us out of the New Heaven and New Earth. It is only through the blood of the Lamb that our dirt and sin can be cleansed. Once we are cleansed we can enter.

At a time when we tend to focus on the beginning of Jesus' story it is important to remember the end of the story.

**The Youth Family Christmas Party is Scheduled on December 20 in the Fellowship Hall, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.**

**This is for all youth - grades 3 through 12 - and their families.**

Further details will be forthcoming from **Josh Byrd**, Youth Minister.



# Holiday Events and Special Appeals From the CARE Committee

## Help Falls Church Families in Need

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.



## Ladies From Bailey's Crossroads Shelton Are Honored at Breakfast on Dec. 13

Falls Church has a long relationship with the ladies who reside at the shelter at Bailey's Crossroads.

Those ladies will be honored at a **breakfast and Christmas party on Dec. 13 at 8:30 am.**

At the breakfast, each lady will receive a Christmas present.

Members here are requested to help finance the purchase of those gift items.



### HELP WANTED AND NEEDED!

**Jonah Shumate would like the Shelter Ladies Breakfast to be a part of the Men's Ministry.**

**To that end, he needs about 6 to 8 men who will agree to come in early to prepare the breakfast, serve it and then clean up afterward. And he needs those volunteers NOW!**

### Congregational Prayer Request for the week of December 7:

*Prayer of thanksgiving to God for watching over us thru out this tumultuous year.*

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.

## Get Your Gifts Wrapped and Help Someone in Ethiopia at the Same Time!

Bring your gifts and have them wrapped

There are TWO occasions:

**Saturday, December 13, between 11 am and 3 pm**

**Sunday, December 14, between 2 and 5:45 pm**

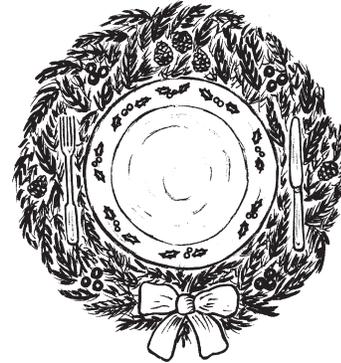
**The "wrap" session will take place in R. 123!**

Just think of the time and effort YOU will save.

And you will help a worthy cause as well. In exchange for the wrapped presents, you will make a contribution.

Those contributions will go to "My Neighbors," the foundation established by our own Habtu Zemech to provide

funds for medical care and various projects in Ethiopia.



## Falls Church Ladies Are Invited to a Brunch on Saturday, December 20, Between 10 am and 1 pm

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!

**All ladies are invited to drop by during that time, for coffee or cake or companionship!**

The holiday season is filled with many good things, but too often we fail to stop and unwind and just enjoy. This is the golden opportunity to do just that!

## Falls Church Family “Christmas Card” Collection Continues Through Dec. 17

For many years, it has been the custom here at Falls Church to send each other a very large “Group Christmas Card.”

The purpose of this tradition is that, instead of spending a lot of money on cards and postage, we would put those funds to a worthy cause.

The “Christmas Card” will be published in the December 21 bulletin, the last bulletin before Christmas. And it will be signed by all the people who contributed to that card!

For most of the years we have done this, the designated recipient has been Rainbow Christian Services,

However, in recent years that designation has been expanded to include Camp WaMaVa - specifically to provide scholarships. Those scholarships will be given first to any Falls Church member, and second to those in the greater Metropolitan area.

To participate in this “Card,” just give a donation to collectors.. **The deadline for donations is Wednesday, Dec. 17.**

**PLEASE MAKE OUT YOUR CHECK TO EITHER RAINBOW CHRISTIAN SERVICES or CAMP WAMAVA.**

Both organizations are dedicated to the well being of children. Both are Church of Christ organizations that have withstood the test of time. Both are worthy causes.



## Annual Open House Is Set for December 13 at the Home of Ann Ford

An Open House for all Falls Church members will take place at the home of **Ann Ford** next Saturday, Dec. 13 between 5:30 & 8:30 pm.

In addition to **Ann**, the hostesses for this annual tradition are **Martha Ashley, Steve & Sally Dasher, Nikii Frank, John Hilboldt, Agnes Jones, Bill & Mary Ann Kincaid, Jim & Janet Lane, Perry & Yvonne May, Caleb & Jenna Mayfield, Clark Richardson, Ashley Shelton, Jonah & Kelly Shumate, Joseph & Calanthia Tucker, Mike & Monica Tune and Daniel Williams.**



This is a great opportunity to visit with other Falls Church family members. While Sunday and fellowship events offer some time, the fact is that we never have “enough” time to spend with each other.

But this kind of event helps to arrest our “fellowship deprivation syndrome.”

Children are welcome. They have their own play area downstairs. Of course, supervision is encouraged.

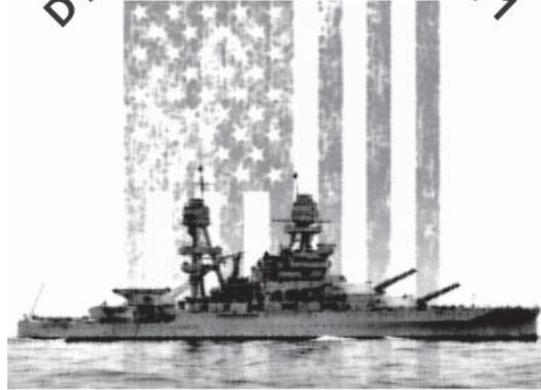
Dress is both dressy and casual, with a Christmas theme totally appropriate.

### HOLIDAY CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES:

**The 2nd Sunday PM Fellowship of Dec. 14 has been cancelled. The primary fellowship function for December will be the Open House.**

**The class & devotional of Wednesday, December 24, has been cancelled.**

DECEMBER 7, 1941



# ★ PEARL ★ HARBOR

*Remembrance Day*

## **Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua**

*Pedro & Mireya Batres* have served in the mission fields since

1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. His wife Mireya, a native of Nicaragua, holds a degree in social service. They worked in Nicaragua until moving to Guatemala in 1985, returning to Nicaragua in 2000.

He is an evangelist in Managua, the capital city, and the surrounding areas, plus he is a popular guest speaker at special programs such as seminars, retreats and workshops. Mireya is a popular guest lecturer at women's events, especially pertaining to marriage and the family.



*Below is Brother Batres' account of the 15 Annual Nicaragua Preachers Encounter which took place in September in Managua. He is a prominent speaker who frequently is called on to address such events.*

Dear sister Mary Ann,

Our XV Nicaraguan Preachers Encounter took place Sept. 15 in the auditorium of a hotel across from the international airport in this Capital city. [Managua is the Capital City of Nicaragua.]

There were two speakers - our bro. Jose Uribe, from Los Angeles, CA, and I. Bro. Jose spoke twice and I did

once. The subjects were related to Paul's letter to Philemon.

The attendance, as you saw in the DVD was very good, There were about 300 and it included preachers and their wives, single preachers and a good number of Christian women.

All of them came from different churches of Christ in this country and not only from Managua. A few brethren from the USA were with us, namely Jose Uribe, Benny Baker and then some.

Furthermore, there were a good number who came from Nicaraguan Provinces as Chinandega, Leon, La Paz Centro, Momotombo, Jinotega, Masaya, Carazo, Nagarote, Juigalpa and Rivas. You can find these places in the map of Nicaragua via the internet.

Our next Nicaraguan Preachers Encounter will be Sept. 15, 2015, and our speaker will be our bro. Calvin Henry. He was a president of the Baxter Institute in Honduras several years ago. It will be so with the special help from our Lord.

Dear sister, it was a great pleasure to write you this brief report. Please, give my fraternal regards to my brethren and sisters there in Falls Church.

With love in Jesus,  
**Pedro Salvador Batres**

## 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

**December 7, 2014**

### Morning

Tek Lim Chea

Erica Walker-Chenevery

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

**December 14, 2014**

### Morning

Joanne Carter

Susan Wilson

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship

**December 7, 2014**

2/3 H. Musser, D. Hatcher, D. Hatcher

P/K Misty Marshall, Gayla Keller

**December 14, 2014**

2/3 A. Smith, J. Madeley, H. Alvarado

P/K Jackie Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez

## Worship Today, December 7, 2014

Hymn #810

Hymn #242

Hymn #791

Prayer

Hymn #567

Hymn #18

Communion/Collection

Hymn #539

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

Bible Reading (*Isaiah 4:2-6*)

Bible Lesson

Hymn #662

Announcements

Introduction of Visitors

Closing Prayer

Song Leader

Ushers

*Listen to Our Hearts*

*Sing Hallelujah to the Lord*

*On Bended Knee*

Daniel Williams

*Restore My Soul*

*Faithful Love*

Bill Kincaid

*Higher Ground*

Joshua McKay

Mike Tune

*All to Jesus I Surrender*

Oliver McDaniel

Jonah Shumate

Joe Bohannon

Clark Richardson

Grant Smith, Kevin Thie



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening. Clark

Richardson & John Reagan will lead the prayers.

December servers: Mark Dawson, Richard Gunselman,

Jonah Shumate, Barry Smith, Robert Spiess

## 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

Bill Kincaid

Oliver McDaniel

Wayne Doran

Jim Lane

Joseph Tucker

## Deacons

Roberto Alvarez

Ben Bohannon

Ignacio Espinoza

John Reagan

Wilfredo Reyes

Jonah Shumate

John Waterston

Habtu Zemech

Jose Arevalo

Brian Collins

Perry May

Saul Reyes

Hal Swetnam

Kevin Thie

Ken Yeatman

## 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 30, 2014**

Bible Study 216

Morning Assembly 244

Evening Assembly 84

Contribution Not Available

YTD Average Not Available

Budget Goal \$12,709

**Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

Classes & Online 88

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014**

**Prayer - Steve Dasher**

**Song Leader - Joseph Tucker**