

Family Life

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A Message From Our Elders

This is the first of a 3-part series from the Elders of this Congregation. Each article has a different topic, but all have a common theme of serving our Lord in all we do. These were written by Joseph Tucker.



As leaders of this congregation we encourage you to give attention to your way of life and to your commitment to God's church, His people. As we do this you may wonder why we put emphasis on reading God's word, praying and attending classes and services and other events.

Reading God's word is the main way that we can determine what the will of God is for our life and for His body the church. Each must bond together for they should not be at odds with each other. From the very beginning God has always wanted His people to know Him and what pleases Him, something we see when God walked with Adam in the cool of the evening. We also see God's displeasure when Cain's sacrifice was not accepted and we witness the tragic outcome when Cain disobeyed God. Yet there are still many who think we can please God by doing whatever we think is right.

When we read God's word we feed the spirit that God has given to us. As the physical body dies without food, so will the spiritual body die without the spiritual food which is the word of God. In the word of God you can find a plethora of foods: milk, breads, meats, casseroles, vegetables, nuts of all kinds and desserts. O the sweets - pies, cakes, ice cream and anything your heart desires and needs.

When you read God's word you'll also find words of healing, words of comfort, words of correction, words of inspiration, words of hope and many other words of reassurances. You'll also find examples of how other people came thru adversity, how they dealt with discouragement, sickness, abandonment, how God protected them through it all and how they overcame in the end. The word of God has direction for everyone in all kinds of situations, and if we simply read, understand and take heed to it we'll spare ourselves many heartaches.

Start today reading God's word every day and let your mind dwell on it; test it to see if you will grow stronger; try it - you'll like it.



Winterfest 2015

One of our most anticipated events of the year will take place in a little over a month! It's the Upper Room Teen Ministry's (7th - 12th grade) trip to the Winterfest Conference in Gatlinburg, Tn.

The Winterfest Conference is a mega-youth rally with over 8,000 teens, students and adult volunteers attending. It is filled with Bible studies, praise and worship along with some entertainment. The conference organizers use a variety of methods to help our teens and students learn important lessons from the Bible. There is spoken word poetry, live skits, an ongoing video story as well as lecture style teaching too.

In addition to the great learning experience, this is an excellent time for our teens and students to get to know each other better. Nothing brings people closer than an 8 hour bus trip! Some of my best and most influential friends were friends I met at church as a teen. These friends helped me as a teen and have been with me as an adult as well. It is important for us to have friends who share our faith so that we can strengthen each other.

If you have a student in the 7th - 12th grade and haven't received registration forms please let me know and I will make sure you get them.

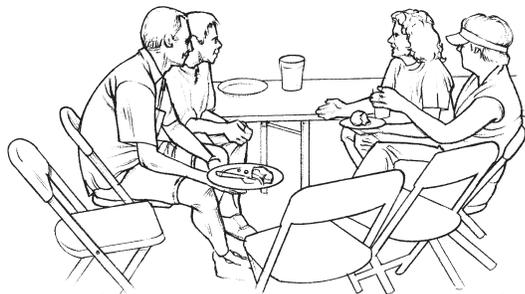
The deadline for registration is next Sunday - January 18th.

Scout Sunday

I am doing a quick survey to find out how many scouts we have at the Church of Christ in Falls Church. The annual Scout Sunday will be February 8 and we will honor all scouts and scouters including American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Trail Life USA. If you are a volunteer leader or if any of your children are involved in any form of scouting, please let me know (youthfc@fallschurchcoc.org).

GRACE + PEACE
AHLB

**The First Fellowship Potluck for
2015 Will Be Today;
Fellowship Crew #1 is On Duty
There Will Be
NO SERVICE THIS EVENING**



Fellowship Meals

The first “2nd Sunday” Fellowship Potluck for 2015 will take place next today, immediately after the morning assembly.

As is our tradition after a major potluck like this, we will dismiss for the day after the luncheon. **AS SUCH, THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY THIS EVENING.**

Fellowship Crew #1 is “on duty.” Clark Richardson is the leader, with Martha Ashley, Sally & Steve Dasher, Nikii Frank and Ellen Horgan.

Please note that additional volunteers are welcome for these crews. Just contact John Reagan!

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**



The **Missions Committee** will meet in R. 120 after the luncheon today, January 11.

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.

**Congregational Prayer Request
for the week of January 11, 2015:**

Prayer of thanksgiving for God's word.

**Ski Trip Jan. 30-Feb. 1 is
Open to All Members**

A **Ski Trip to Timberline in West Virginia** is set for January 30 through February 1, and is open to all members, including those who don't even ski. **Daniel Williams**, of the **Young Adult Group**, is the contact person for this event.

There will be lessons for new skiers, but for those a bit less “adventurous,” there will be a warm fire, hot cocoa and other winter activities, such as sledding.

And there will be a worship service at the lodge on Sunday morning.

A group will meet on Friday after work to carpool.

Warm soup will be

waiting upon arrival at the lodge! Details will follow.

There is an option to go on Thursday night or Friday morning to ski Friday, although there will be additional charges for the lift ticket and rentals.

Please contact **Daniel** as soon as possible to join, and you don't need to know by Jan. 4, since there are already enough people to make lodging work.



The Elders announce a new and additional way to request prayers. You may email your request to:

prayerrequest.fc@gmail.com

These requests will be reserved for the Elders only, unless otherwise specified.

The Falls Church bulletin is sent to all members by email on Friday afternoon. If you are not receiving the bulletin electronically, please inform the church office so your name can be added to the list.

It won't do to miss your bulletin!

Baptism

We are delighted to announce that **Samuel Habtu** was baptized on Sunday Jan. 4.



*Attention All Teachers
From the current school year!
You are invited to a
Teacher Appreciation Dinner
on*

*January 24, at 6 pm in the
Fellowship Hall.*

Childcare will be provided.

R.S.V.P via email to:

Jonah Phumate

or

John Waterston

*This is for ALL teachers,
from babies to adults or W.B.S.*

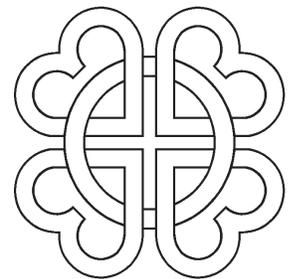
Wedding Shower



Central Agape Group Plans Luncheon

The **Central Agape Group** will hold a luncheon in the fellowship hall on Sunday January 25 after the morning assembly. It is the first such event since the recent reorganization, and is a perfect opportunity to get to know people you might otherwise never see.

Details about the proposed menu will be forthcoming. Plus, there is a need for help in the kitchen as well as help to set up and take down tables.



**"One in the
Bond of Love"**

Fellowship: Lots of Opportunities That We Shouldn't Miss

Due to the space limits of holiday editions, these photos have languished on my computer.

The event - namely the Ladies Brunch on Dec. 20 - is a bit outdated, but was too good to pass up entirely.

Started by Janice McDaniel several years ago, it is a perfect opportunity to slow down from the hectic pace of the holidays. Instead of rushing around, these women have taken the time to relax and enjoy each others' company.

They are a good example for all of us, especially as we start into the busy schedule of the new year.

There are several fellowship opportunities noted in this bulletin - the luncheon today, the Central Agape Group luncheon Jan. 25, the ski trip Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

If we are "too busy" to slow down and visit with our friends, then perhaps we are "too busy" at all.

So let these photos set a good example.



Hostesses are



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

January 11, 2015

Morning

Ruth Amores
Billie Bohannon

Evening

**NO PM
SERVICE**

January 18, 2015

Morning

Angela E-Hayes
Patty Woods

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

January 11, 2015

2/3s A. Smith, J. Madeley, J.&O. Arevalo
P/K Casey Waterston, Carolina Alvarez

January 18, 2015

2/3s J. Estes, J. Hayes, S. Zemech
P/K Wendy Ward, Levenie Hughes

Worship Today, January 11, 2015

Hymn #1025	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>
Hymn #58	<i>A Charge to Keep I Have</i>
Prayer	Joe Bohannon
Hymn #314	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>
Communion/Collection	John Hilboldt
Hymn #715	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i> (Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)
Bible Reading (Matthew 16:13-23)	Beni Venkatesan
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #822	<i>Sweet Will of God</i>
Announcements	Bill Kincaid
Introduction of Visitors	Hal Shumate
Closing Prayer	Greg Spraker
Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Ken Yeatman, Habtu Zemech



THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING

January servers: Kirk Crews, Jeff Grimm, Curtis Madeley,
Andrew McDaniel, Joshua McKay, John Reagan

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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Sick/Shut in call in: 703-820-2064
administrator@fallschurchcoc.org
Website: www.fallschurchcoc.org

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, Cuemavaca, 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, January 4, 2015

Bible Study	216
Morning Assembly	324
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$17,496
YTD Average	\$17,496
Budget Goal	\$12,709

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Classes & Online	50
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Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Prayer - John Reagan

Song Leader - Clark Richardson