

Family Life

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A Message From Our Elders

This is the second 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.



We are encouraged to pray daily, and in so doing we demonstrate our dependence on God. It is important - in fact critical - that we keep in touch with the Father as often as possible for He is the one who supplies all of our needs.

As members of the body of Christ we are considered to be married to Christ, and so Christ should be the love of our lives. When a couple is dating or first married, they want to talk with each other constantly, and it's hard to imagine not being able to talk with that person several times every day.

So it should be with God. We should want to talk with Him every day and several times a day, for it is through keeping our mind on God that we keep the devil from getting a foothold into our mind. Remember the parable of the man that had the evil spirit cast out of him.

Also, when we consider what God has done for us and does for us every day, it should make us a thankful and obedient people. Just think of the love and affection that we showered on our spouses when we first met, yet they had actually done nothing for us except to steal our hearts. Still we would have given them the world if we had it to give.

Now think what God has done for us even before we knew Him, even before we existed. Think of what He is doing in our lives even now plus the great and precious and glorious promises that He has made for us for the future. That thought should inspire, it should motivate, it should persuade us to want to communicate with Him all the time.

We know that He loves us and has the power to give us everything that we need and even more. In addition, He continues to do so over and over again.

Again, pray daily and see for yourself if God does not bless your life in so many ways. If you want recommendations, ask many here who have been around a long time and they will attest to what God has done in their lives.



Winterfest Deadline Today!

This Sunday is the deadline to register for next month's Winterfest Trip!

Following this morning's worship service there will be a brief Winterfest meeting in room 121.

Parents, guardians and teens should use this as an opportunity to turn in registration forms/fees and ask any questions they may have. (If you forgot your forms some will be available that morning.)

If you need to turn in your forms Sunday evening, please slide them under the Youth Minister's office door or give them to Lisa Byrd. Scholarships are available because we want everyone to have the opportunity to attend this awesome trip.

I hope you look carefully at the group pictures from the last two Winterfest trips. It is a beautiful picture of



how the LORD has woven us together as the church. You will see kids, student, teens, and parents. You will

see men and women. You will see new followers of Jesus and those who have been following for decades.

It is this weaving that helps to make this trip so meaningful to all who attend.



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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!

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.



Congregational Prayer Request for the week of January 18, 2015:

*Prayer of thanksgiving for the avenue of prayer
and the assurance that God hears us.*

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.

PLEASE NOTE: All food and drink will be provided for this event. **The group members do not need to bring anything, according to Janice McDaniel.**

Central Group includes Ben & Billie Bohannon, Elaine Brown, Josh & Lisa Byrd, Chantha & Tek Lim Chea, Dorothy Chu, Brian & Melissa Collins, Dick & Genia Deibler, ValJean DeLong, Dorothy Eckert, Lynda Eubank, Bill & Amy Furr, Renee Hoppis, Bill & Mary Ann Kincaid, Joseph Marrero, Andrew McDaniel, Oliver & Janice McDaniel, Marilyn McDermett, Dennis & Fern Musteen, Clark Richardson, Ben & Mandy Scandlen, Jewell Smiley, Barry & Susan Smith, Mildred Smith, Anna Souza, Hal & Lisa Swetnam, Stephanie Taylor & Dean Rogers, Don & Ellie Thie, Ethel Thomas, Mike & Monica Tune, Mark & Wendy Ward, Cherry Washington, Jerry & Peggy Williams, Randall & Patty Woods, and Ken & Lesya Yeatman.

Naturally, all children are also invited!



Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow, January 19, due to the national holiday to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

2015 Budget Presentation Coming Soon

The elders report that work is nearly complete on the Church Budget for 2015, and that a presentation to the congregation will take place soon. This has become a custom at Falls Church, a way to mark the transition to a new year, to review our accomplishments, discuss new plans and rededicate ourselves to the work of the church in our community and to meet the attendant financial support.

The upcoming presentation is the culmination of a process that began early last fall. Guided by deacons, ministry leaders, and our treasurer, the congregation shared ideas, submitted proposals, compiled spreadsheets, held meetings, and offered many prayers about our program for 2015. A mid-November budget meeting brought it all together, and in early December, the elders began their review. Through this process, we are reminded how blessed our congregation is to have so many dedicated servants who devote time and effort to this important task. **Thanks to all of you who participated.**

Let us all look forward to this presentation. You may expect some facts and figures, of course. Yet, beyond the numbers, consider the many opportunities for service that await us. We have a local program of teaching and preaching that requires many volunteers. We have a large, diverse fellowship that needs nurturing so that we may grow together in faith and love. We have opportunities to continue partnerships with our missionaries and to begin relationships with new ones. Our building continues to show its age – many hands needed here! A budget reflects a plan; it is a tool, a guide. The question is: how may I serve? What shall be my part? How may I contribute to support the work of others? **Please pray about this. Pray that the Lord will help us look at the budget with our hearts.** *Bill Kincaid, for the Elders*

Directory Updates



Attention All Teachers!
All teachers from this school year,
You are invited to a
Teacher Appreciation Dinner

on

January 24, at 6 pm in the
Fellowship Hall.

Childcare will be provided.

RFD via email to:

Jonah Shumate

or

John Waterston

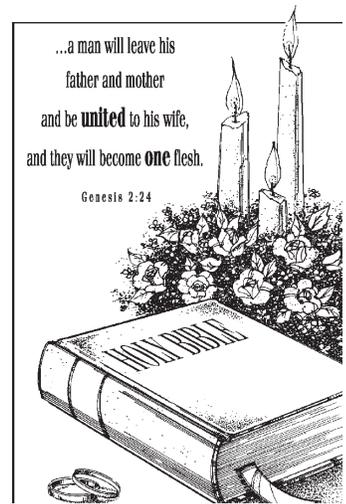
This is for ALL teachers, from babies
to adults or WBS.

**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.**

Wedding Shower for



Body Life/Agape Group Leaders Are Invited to a Luncheon Meeting Feb. 8 After Morning Assembly

All **Body Life/Agape Group Leaders** are invited to a luncheon meeting in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service on Feb. 8, according to **John Reagan**, the Deacon responsible for the Agape Groups. John requests that you let him know if you plan to attend so he can make sure there is enough food.



Encourage
one another
and build up
each other...

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

"The Agape Groups didn't have much activity last year," John explained, adding, "Sometimes there are so many events which get in the way of keeping the Agape groups vibrant." John went on that he would like to establish a balance between the smaller sized Agape Groups and the large scale body life.

"To ensure that the best can be done, I want input from everyone," John said.

He noted, "That is the reason for the Feb. 8 meeting. I want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to express his or her opinion about the best way to fulfill the mission and ministry of the Agape groups while still giving full expression to the larger all-congregational fellowship opportunities and events as well."

Welcome Our Newest Members

“Wrap up” of Holiday Charitable Contributions

The Falls Church congregation has long been known for its generosity to good causes, and this year has been no exception.

First, there was **Orphan Sunday, on Nov. 9**. That was the opportunity to contribute to an organization that provides many different types of assistance to around 20,000 children in 8 countries.

Falls Church members contributed \$3,003 that will be used to provide food, clothing, education and most of all love to children who are very much alone except for Lifeline of Hope. Those checks have gone to the organization.

You might like to see some happy faces of children in the Nantale Children’s



Home. They are holding a “jackfruit,” known as “ffene” in the local language. Their social worker, Mr. Frances, brought the fruit to the children, who immediately spread out banana leaves to use as a mat where they could cut up the jackfruit. “Jackfruit is so sweet and you can be tempted to eat and eat until your tummy starts to ache,” said one of the children. Your money helps support children like this!

Then there was the collection for **two causes - for gifts for the ladies at the Shelter at Bailey’s Crossroads and also for food for Falls Church families who needed a “little something more” for the holidays this year.**

You contributed \$3,200 to this combined cause, which also provided toys and clothes for the children of these families.

Next week we’ll have the total for contributions to Rainbow Christian Services and Camp WaMaVa from the “Christmas Card.”

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 18, 2015

Morning

Angela E-Hayes
Patty Woods

Evening

Janice McDaniel

January 25, 2015

Morning

Joanne Carter
Agnes Jones

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

January 18, 2015

2/3s J. Estess, J. Hayes, S. Byrd
P/K Wendy Ward, Levenie Hughes

January 25, 2015

2/3s A. McKay, A. Souza, G. McKay
P/K Casey Waterston, Susan Wilson

Worship Today, January 18, 2015

Hymn #92	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>
Hymn #75	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>
Prayer	Steve Dasher
Hymn #117	<i>God Is the Fountain Whence</i>
Hymn #924b	<i>Worthy Is the Lamb</i>
Communion/Collection	Jonah Shumate
Hymn #122	<i>The Love of God</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Luke 22:31-34)	Ken Yeatman
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #924	<i>Just As I Am</i>
Announcements	Jim Lane
Introduction of Visitors	John Waterston
Closing Prayer	Joshua McKay
Song Leader	Joseph Tucker
Ushers	Perry May, Habtu Zemech



John Waterston will lead singing this evening;

Robert Spiess & Wayne Doran will lead the prayers.

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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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 11, 2015

Bible Study	182
Morning Assembly	319
Evening Assembly	No Service
Contribution	\$ 8,830
YTD Average	\$13,163
Budget Goal	\$ ---

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Classes & Online No Service

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Prayer - John Reagan

Song Leader - Clark Richardson