

# Family Life

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## A Message From Our Elders

*This is the third of a 3-part series. 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 encourage regular attendance for it shows us as well as others that we have not only a special connection to God but also a special connection to one another. That connection is extremely important for our encouragement, our growth as Christians, and our battle against sin.

You may wonder - "Can I go to heaven without doing these things?" We can't answer that, for it is God's job to pronounce where we will go, but we can determine where we will go by our commitment to Christ and His church. However, why would we want to get by with as little as we can do? We often spend more time watching TV or participating in other forms of entertainment than doing anything religious. We'll watch sporting events or our favorite shows for hours on end and if they go into extra innings it's ok. We never complain about the time we spend in these activities whether we are watching them or participating in them.

But let the worship service go a little long or we're asked to be there on Sunday evening or Wednesday night or to attend a meeting, and we'll complain or just won't come. We even put our families before time spent with God and His people. Jesus warned us about putting family members before Him. Remember that Jesus also said that "where your treasure is there your heart will be" and where your heart is, is where you'll spend your time. We lead busy lives but God demands to be first and if we don't put Him first He refuses to be second.

We say all of this, not to condemn you but to encourage you to spend more time in the quest for perfection in Christ and to learn to love one another as we should because that's how the world is going to know that we are Christians.

If you haven't started doing these three things in 2015 then now is the time to start by committing to putting God first in your life.

May God bless you throughout 2015.



## Winterfest 2015 The WAY: WATCH

Since 2013 the Winterfest Conference has been using the same main theme but looking at specific aspects of that theme.

It started with **The Way: WITHDRAWAL (2013)** which focused on leaving our way to find His way. We think we know the best way to go but our way ends in sin and destruction. The LORD's way on the other hand is more difficult but it leads to forgiveness and eternal life with Him.

Last year (2014), the theme was **The Way: WEAVE** which emphasized that The Way is not a path, but a people. The church and its importance was strongly emphasized last year. We learned about how the church needs every generation to play their part. The LORD has brought together a tapestry of men, women, young, old, children, mothers, and fathers to be the body of His church. The head of which is the LORD Jesus Christ and we are His body in this world.

This year our theme is **The Way: WATCH** - Discovering that The Way can't be walked alone. If the emphasis last year was on the church and the larger community built in the church, this year it will focus on the smaller relationships we have within the church. Each church is made up of smaller churches inside of it. These smaller groups disciple and help each other along. This year will also look at our relationship with fellow believers at work, school, and our neighborhoods.

Next year's theme (2016) will be **The Way: WALK** -- Realizing The Way is a path to and from the cross.

I look forward to next month's trip and the great memories that will be built. More importantly I am looking forward to the changes that will take place in the lives of those who attend as they assimilate the important lessons from this year's trip.

GRACE + PEACE  
*John Bell*

## 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 25, 2015:

*Prayer of thanksgiving for the opportunity to commune with our father in heaven and with one another.*

When someone is sick or bereaved or has just received really good news - it is always a pleasure to send a card that says "I care" or "Happy Birthday" or "Just thinking of you" or "I'm sorry."

So when you know someone who can use a card, go to our "card table" under the members' board. Select a card, add a personal message if you wish, and leave it for the church staff to address and mail.

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.

You may contact the Elders by email as well.

The email address is:

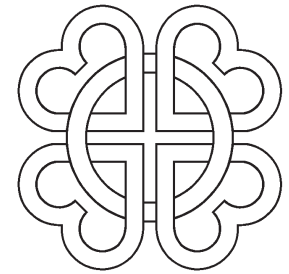
prayerrequestfc@gmail.com

Any request sent via email will be designated for the Elders only unless otherwise specified.

## Central Agape Group Plans Luncheon Today, January 25

The **Central Agape Group** will hold a luncheon in the fellowship hall today 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. **Group members do not need to bring anything, according to Janice McDaniel. However, an RSVP is highly recommended.**



"One in the Bond of Love"

## 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...

I 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."

## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Next Sunday, February 1, there will be a special contribution for a fellow congregation in **Barrio Centro, Catacamas, Honduras**. This congregation has about 88 members, and averages an attendance of 100 each Sunday. They have been given a generous opportunity to buy property for a permanent location - a decided improvement from renting as they have in the past. The congregation has already defrayed most of the cost of the property but need help with approximately \$7000 remaining.

**Alejandro and Maria Martinez Euceda** attend the church at Barrio Centro. They are the parents of our **Saira Reyes** and her brothers **Nelson and Jose Adalid Euceda**. The Spanish-speaking portion of our congregation sent a special contribution last December.

It is a pleasure to be able to assist these Christians as they grow in Jesus Christ. Any checks should be made out to the church here in Falls Church and marked "Barrio Centro" to assure proper disposition.



**Alejandro and Maria Martinez Euceda** are included in this photo in front of the welcome to the Barrio Centro. Alejandro is in the back row, the 6th from the right; Maria, wearing a dark pink shirt, is in front and to his right.


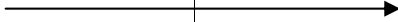

Other members of the Barrio Cristo.

Catacamas is the largest municipality in Central America in terms of area, and has a population of about 30,000.

It is northeast of the capital city of Tecucigalpa.



# February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> Exodus 13-16 <i>Return from Ski Trip</i> 	<b>2</b> Exodus 17-19	<b>3</b> Exodus 20-22 <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	<b>4</b> Exodus 23-25	<b>5</b> Exodus 26-28	<b>6</b> Exodus 29-31	<b>7</b> Exodus 32-35  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>8</b> Exodus 36-39 <i>Agape Group Leaders Luncheon, 11:30 am, FH</i>  <i>2nd Sunday Finger Food Fellowship After pm service</i>	<b>9</b> Exodus 40 Leviticus 1-3	<b>10</b> Leviticus 4-6 <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	<b>11</b> Leviticus 7-9	<b>12</b> Leviticus 10-12	<b>13</b> Leviticus 13-15	<b>14</b> Leviticus 16-18  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>15</b> Leviticus 20-23	<b>16</b> Leviticus 24-26	<b>17</b> Leviticus 27; Numbers 1-2  <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	<b>18</b> Numbers 3-5	<b>19</b> Numbers 6-8	<b>20</b> Numbers 9-11  <i>Winterfest in Gatlinburg Leaves 6 am</i> 	<b>21</b> Numbers 12-15  <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
<b>22</b> Numbers 16-19  <i>Return from Winterfest ~ 7 pm</i> 	<b>23</b> Numbers 20-22	<b>24</b> Numbers 23-25 <i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i>	<b>25</b> Numbers 26-28	<b>26</b> Numbers 29-31	<b>27</b> Numbers 32-34	<b>28</b> Numbers 35-26; Deuteronomy 1-2  <i>Spanish Worship &amp; Fellowship Dinner, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>

## 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 25, 2015

### Morning

Joanne Carter  
Agnes Jones

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

February 1, 2015

### Morning

Kristine Spraker  
Sydney Spraker

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship

January 25, 2015

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

February 1, 2015

2/3s H. Musser, D. Hatcher, D. Hatcher  
P/K Misty Marshall, Gayla Keller

## Worship Today, January 25, 2015

Hymn #63

*I Will Call upon the Lord*

Hymn #100 and 101

*Holy Ground*

Hymn #180

*Jesus Is Lord*

Prayer

Mark Dawson

Hymn #71

*As the Deer*

Hymn #448

*The Greatest Commands*

Communion/Collection

Hal Swetnam

Hymn #412

*Jesus, Hold My Hand*

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

Bible Reading (1 Peter 1:1-2)

Mark Ward

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #490

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Announcements

Oliver McDaniel

Introduction of Visitors

John Hilboldt

Closing Prayer

Dave Miller

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

Perry May, Habtu Zemech



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

John Waterston & Jerry Williams 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  
(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  
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 18, 2015

Bible Study	190
Morning Assembly	296
Evening Assembly	134
Contribution	\$11,520
YTD Average	\$12,615
Budget Goal	\$ ---

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Classes & Online No Service

Wednesday, January 28

Prayer - Jonah Shumate

Song Leader - Wayne Doran