

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

[Over the next several weeks, we continue and conclude this series on "What We Believe" begun last October.]

In his earliest letter, the Apostle Paul reviewed elementary Christian beliefs with some new converts. As he came to the end of that letter he wrote: "Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more."

We believe that the Christian life is first and foremost about pleasing the Lord.

Not ourselves.

Not our neighbors.

Not even our spouses.

Scripture will emphasize it over and over.

In his second Corinthian letter Paul writes: ". . . we make it our goal to please [Christ], . . . For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

To the Galatians he wrote: "Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ."

And to the Colossians he wrote: ". . . we have not stopped praying for you . . . in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way . . ."

The example of Jesus is that he did not live to please Himself, but that he sought to please His heavenly Father, and that led him to seek the best interests of others before his own. Why? Because that's what was pleasing to God.

Whatever we believe about the Christian life, everything must fall under this heading. Our eternal destiny depends on it. It is why the Christian life can never be about check lists, rote or ritualistic behavior.

We continue next week.

Love you all

Mike



## A Scout is Reverent

In preparation for **Scout Sunday (February 8)** I want to offer this reflection

Important to scouts everywhere is the idea of being reverent. At the very beginning of the scouting movements (American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Trail Life USA) you will find the centrality of faith and a belief in God.

Having two girls in Girl Scout and two boys in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, I have seen how these organizations have encouraged the free exercise of one's faith or religion. All four of them have participated in the Loving Servant award from the Members of Church of Christ for Scouting. This award encourages scouts to go deeper in their spiritual disciplines. As part of their Girl Scout troop my girls have been volunteering at a food pantry. My boys have participated in Scouting for Food. These two activities have helped them feed the hungry. As scouts they have also participated in numerous service projects that have benefited the community.

I have seen them learn lessons about stewardship and respecting others that echo what we have taught them at home and what they have learned in church.

Scouting organizations have not limited themselves to one faith group or one religion. Instead there is a desire for all participants to deepen their belief. They encourage all participants to grow deeper in their faith and become stronger in their belief. Scout groups are not religious organizations but are secular organizations that see the importance of religion in the lives of all men and women.

In our congregation you will find girls, boys, moms and dads who are a part of at least 2 Boy Scout Troops, 3 Girl Scout Troops and 5 Cub Scout packs. You will also find many adult Eagle Scouts and former scouts who continue to use the lessons they learned as scouts in their lives.

This is why we participate in Scout Sunday - because we want to encourage the reverence in our scouts.

GRACE + PEACE  
*John Bell*

## 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.”

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](mailto:prayerrequestfc@gmail.com)

Any request sent via email will be designated 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.

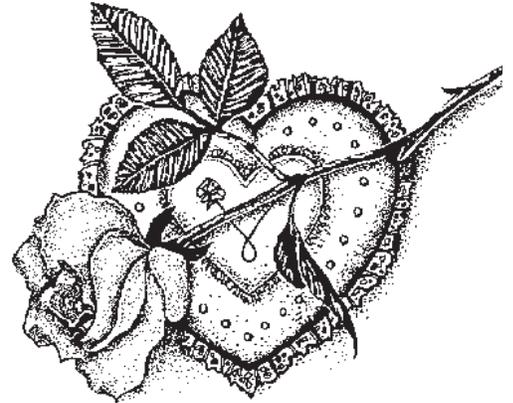
It won’t do to miss your bulletin!

## Senior Saints Are Invited to a Valentine Luncheon Feb. 12

All **Senior Saints** are invited to a **Valentine Day Luncheon** on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall.

The definition of “Senior” is somewhat indistinct, but probably refers to those who are 50 or older.

If you would like to attend, PLEASE add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby.



## 2nd Sunday Fellowship for February Features Valentine’s Day Theme; Coming up Next Sunday

Our **2nd Sunday Fellowship** for February will be a **finger food dinner next Sunday, Feb. 8**, following the evening assembly. Since this event occurs so near Valentine’s Day, that will be the theme for this dinner.

**Crew #2** will be in charge of this dinner. crew consists of **Lisa Swetnam**, chief, with **Genia Deibler, Dorothy Eckert, Jenni Madeley, Robert Spiess, Wilfredo Reyes and Joseph Tucker**.

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Each family is asked to bring the following:

◆ A platter of sandwiches - already assembled and ready to eat  
PLUS

**ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:**

◆ A tray of *hors d’oeuvres* or a tray of fruit or vegetables with or without dip or a bowl of chip with dip

**OR**

◆ A tray of bite-sized desserts - emphasis on the bite-size since the whole idea of finger food is something that we can eat with our fingers.

*Valentine*



*Banquet*

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**Western Agape Group Plans  
Pizza/Game Night for Feb. 14**

The **Western Agape Group** plans a **Pizza/Game Night** on Feb. 14 at the home of **Ann Ford**. The event will begin at 5 pm.

Please let **Ann or Linda Reagan** know by Feb. 11 if you plan to attend.

Bring \$5 to cover the pizza, PLUS your favorite Valentine dessert or appetizer. Drinks will be provided.

In addition, if you have a favorite game, then please bring it to the table!



**Congregational Prayer Request**

**for the week of February 1, 2015 –**

**Prayer of thanksgiving for keeping us  
warm and well fed and for the opportunity  
to help others during this cold weather.**

## Special Contribution Set for Today for New Work in Honduras

A special contribution for a fellow congregation in **Barrio Centro, Catacamas, Honduras, is set for today.** After the regular contribution, we will take a second contribution which will be used to help Barrio Centro purchase land for a permanent location.

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 \$7,000 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.

## 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.

Dear brethren in Jesus,

I am sending my fraternal regards to the Family of our Lord in Falls Church. You are always in my personal prayers and I ask Him many blessings for each one of you.

The Church of Christ in "Nueva Libia," Managua, is going ahead with several activities in which I too am very much involved.

So, we maintain our commitment with the radio program each Sunday morning. Furthermore, we have a new commitment and it is with a T.V. program each Saturday at 6:00 P.M. It is known as "NICARAGUA PARA CRISTO" ("NICARAGUA FOR CHRIST").

Using the working funds that you are sending, I use two hundred Cordobas and this local church is helping with three hundred Cordobas. This economical contribution is

monthly and other local churches are helping in this new ministry. There are several preachers helping with biblical subjects each Saturday. I already preached once and another preacher from Nueva Libia had the opportunity to preach also. This T.V. program began in the middle of the last year and it is for an hour.

The congregation here is conducting several programs of evangelism. We have our biblical studies in our building during the week: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. **Our attendance is improving, so our attendance on January 25 was 351 including about 70 children.** It is as a result of the three meetings (in the morning, at 9:30 am, afternoon at 4 pm and at night at 6:30 pm).

Roberto Aragon and Pedro Batres, as elders of this local church, are giving special spiritual attention by visiting our brotherhood, attending private counsels according the particular cases, teaching and preaching in our public meetings.

On the other hand, I am working now for our **XVI Nicaraguan Preachers Encounter**, September 15. Our bro. **Calvin Henry** is ready to come here and to be with us as our speaker with three biblical subjects.

Dear brethren, It is a pleasure for me to write this brief report with news about the Lord's Work in Nicaragua. Thank you so much for your support that in every sense you are giving to my ministry in Central America and not only to me but also to my coservants in Juigalpa (Chontales), in Mexico, Guatemala, Chile and USA. God bless

## 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

February 1, 2015

### Morning

Kristine Spraker  
Sydney Spraker

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

February 8, 2015

### Morning

Calanthia Tucker  
Meaza Zemech

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship

February 1, 2015

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

P/K Misty Marshall, Gayla Keller

2/3s J. Estes, J. Hayes, S. Zemech

P/K Jackie Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez

## Worship Today, February 1, 2015

Hymn #890

*In the Land of Fadeless Day*

Hymn #808

*Abide with Me*

Prayer

Kelvin Hatcher

Hymn #342

*We Saw Thee Not*

Communion/Collection

Jim Lane

Special Collection for Honduras

Jim Lane

Hymn #461

*Be Not Dismayed Whate'er Betide*

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

Bible Reading (*Exodus 40:34-38*)

Jun Amores

Bible Lesson

Josh Byrd

Hymn #603

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

Announcements

Oliver McDaniel

Introduction of Visitors

Jonah Shumate

Closing Prayer

Ben Scandlen

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

Perry May, Habtu Zemech



Mark Dawson will bring the lesson this evening.

Andrew McDaniel will lead singing;

Oliver McDaniel & Steve Dasher will lead the prayers.

February servers: Tyler Baker, Joe Bohannon, Bill Furr,

Jeff Malcolm, Clark Richardson & Mark Ward

## 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 25, 2015

Bible Study	202
Morning Assembly	318
Evening Assembly	81 (SWA)
Contribution	\$ 8,999
YTD Average	\$11,711
Budget Goal	\$ ---

### Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Classes & Online	66
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Wednesday, February 4

Prayer - Joe Bohannon

Song Leader - Clark Richardson