

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

The guiding principle for all Christian living is this: We must live to please the Lord.

This includes living a devotional life that begins, first and foremost, with a focus on scripture, the Bible. No one is born knowing what pleases the Lord, and no one can know it

without coming into contact with the book that makes God's will known.

This focus on Scripture must be comprehensive, for it is all of the Bible that guides us into the will of God. As we read, we will need to be introspective, thinking about how the word of God applies in our lives and that will lead us to prayer. We cannot possibly be what God has called us to be without His help, and we cannot possibly learn about God without expressing praise for his love and care of us. While doing these things, we must challenge ourselves to adopt practices that will facilitate becoming more Christ like in our behavior.

Pleasing God requires living in community with Christian people. God has made us to be His people, separating us from all others in His eyes. He has not just saved you, but in saving you He adopted you into His family. We must find our place in that family and serve. As one writer puts it: There are two things we cannot do alone: One is to be married, and the other is to be a Christian.

As the "pillar and ground of truth" for the world, we must live responsibly, adhering to sexual purity and ethical behavior. The Psalmist reminds us who can live in the house (family) of God: he whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, speaks the truth from his heart, has no slander on his tongue, does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman. It is the person who despises that which is vile, honors those who fear the LORD, keeps his word even when it hurts, and who lends his money without interest and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

As difficult as it is, we must always be on our guard against the influence of the world. The world doesn't know the Lord, and doesn't know what pleases Him.

Love you all
Mike



Scout Sunday

This morning we want to honor our Scouts and Scouters, whether you participate in American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts Girl Scouts, or Trail Life USA.

A Psalm for Scouts and Scouters

The Lord God is our Great Scoutmaster who provides all our needs.

He lets us to camp in forests tall and meadows green.

He leads us on trails besides waters deep and still, brooks babbling, streams rushing, and rivers raging.

He restores our bodies, minds and souls, even as we observe the eagle soaring to greater heights above.

He encourages all scouts in their upward climb.

He teaches all scouts to live the oaths and laws of the scouts.

Even though the trails may lead through dark valleys with towering mountains, we are courageous because he leads us onward.

He continually blesses us with food for mind and body.

Even when our enemies dislike or distrust us, he blesses us with the gifts of love and forgiveness.

Surely, his goodness and mercy will sustain us all the days of our lives.

And, when we climb the final trail through the awesome pass that leads to the Great Council fire, we shall join those who traveled the trail before us and joyfully live with him forever!

This psalm reflects over 100 years in which God and faith have been central to the Scouting movement. You can also see this commitment in the promises/oaths of these organizations that begin with our "duty to God".

Regardless of our personal connections to any scouting organizations, all of us can agree that doing our duty to God is vitally important for our lives, churches, families, communities and nations.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. J.

Body Life/Agape Group Leaders Are Invited to a Luncheon Meeting Today After Morning Assembly

All **Body Life/Agape Group Leaders** are invited to a luncheon meeting today in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service, according to **John Reagan**, the Deacon responsible for the Agape Groups.

“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.



Encourage
one another
and build up
each other....

I Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

“To ensure that the best can be done, I want input from everyone,” John said. He added, “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.”

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

The **Western Agape Group** plans a **Pizza/Game Night** on Feb. 14 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 8, 2015 –

Pray that we learn to be patient with one another and to forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

2nd Sunday Fellowship for February Features Valetine’s Day Theme; Coming Up After Evening Assembly

Our **2nd Sunday Fellowship** for February will be a **finger food dinner today, February 8, after 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.**

Since this

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



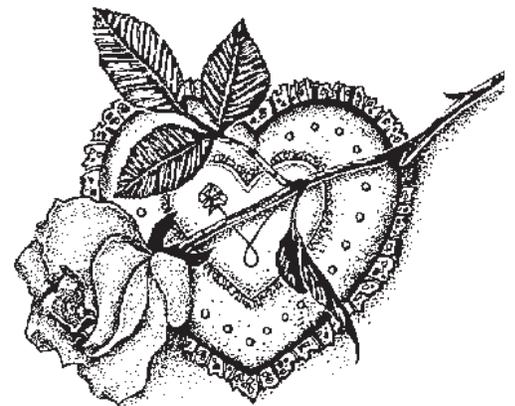
Banquet

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.



New Baby



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:

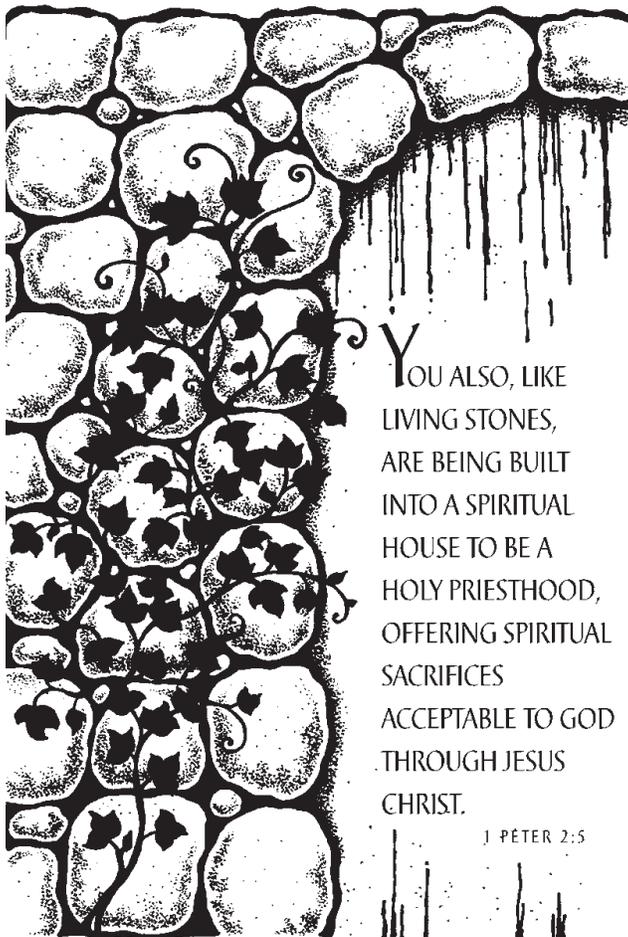
prayerrequestfc@gmail.com

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

Wedding Shower for

...a man will leave his
father and mother
and be **united** to his wife,
and they will become **one** flesh.

Genesis 2:24



YOU ALSO, LIKE
LIVING STONES,
ARE BEING BUILT
INTO A SPIRITUAL
HOUSE TO BE A
HOLY PRIESTHOOD,
OFFERING SPIRITUAL
SACRIFICES
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD
THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST.

1 PETER 2:5

Gene and Janice Luna, Western Bible Institute (WBI)

The first report for 2015 from Gene Luna is included as an attachment with this bulletin. If you do not receive this attachment, please notify the Falls Church office.

With the changing tapestry of membership here at Falls Church, some of our missionaries may seem unfamiliar. But you should know about these special workers who serve God in other locations than Falls Church.

Gene and Janice Luna served in Guatemala from 1975 through 2009. In 1993, Gene helped to establish the Western Bible Institute to help prepare Guatemalan men to preach and assume other leadership roles in their home congregations.

With the increasing involvement of his co-worker **Everardo Sigüenza**, Gene devoted more and more of his time writing the curriculum. In 2009, Gene & Janice left

Guatemala and moved to Searcy, AR, where Gene continues his work.

But the newest phase of the mission program is an **online Bible study program, also through the WBI**. It allows education to reach far beyond time and space limitations. Its goals are to train English and Spanish-speaking leaders (and those that hope to become leaders) within the churches of Christ (world-wide) so that their local congregations can grow spiritually and numerically; to foment a new wave of evangelism and church planting in areas where the church does not currently exist; and to serve as “Priscilla and Aquila” to those searching for the truth.



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 8, 2015

Morning

Calanthia Tucker
Meaza Zemech

Evening

Janice McDaniel

February 15, 2015

Morning

Marsha De La Cruz
Wendy Ward

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

February 8, 2015

2/3s J. Estes, J. Hayes, S. Zemech
P/K Jackie Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez

2/3s A. Smith, J. Madeley, J. Bohannon
P/K Wendy Ward, Levenie Hughes

Worship Today, February 8, 2015

Hymn #144

Hymn #778

Prayer

Hymn #458

Hymn #344

Communion/Collection

Hymn #227

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

Bible Reading (*Romans 6:1-14*)

Bible Lesson

Hymn #346

Budget Presentation for 2015

Announcements

Introduction of Visitors

Closing Prayer

Song Leader

Ushers

O Worship the King

Be with Me, Lord

Oliver McDaniel

Redeemed

Low in the Grave He Lay

Kirk Crews

On Zion's Glorious Summit

Habtu Zemech

Josh Byrd

He Lives

Bill Kincaid

Steve Dasher

Hal Swetnam

Rick Schneider

Joseph Tucker

Jose Arevalo, Ken Yeatman



Kelvin Hatcher will bring the lesson this evening.

John Waterston will lead singing, while Caleb Mayfield & Clark Richardson 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

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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, February 1, 2015

Bible Study 184
Morning Assembly 298
Evening Assembly 95
Contribution \$16,618
YTD Average \$12,693
Budget Goal \$12,725

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Classes & Online 66

Wednesday, February 11

Prayer - Ken Yeatman

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid