

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Is it necessary for all Christians to believe exactly the same way?

On the one hand, God says “no.” Some people are vegetarians, and, for them, this diet has to do with their relationship with God. Others can (and do) eat meat and vegetables and even chocolate! They think nothing

of it (though some of us should). Who is more spiritual?

Some observe special religious days and celebrations as a matter of religious practice. Others do not. Who is more spiritual?

The Apostle Paul wrote regarding these specific things: “Stop passing judgment on one another!” (1 Corinthians 14:13) Some things God simply has not addressed and we should simply admit it and move on and be charitable as we go. God’s silence implies neither permission nor prohibition.

On the other hand, God says “yes,” you should believe the same way on some things. The same Apostle wrote: “I appeal to you, brothers, . . . that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

When God has spoken specifically about a matter, we should pay attention and agree. Sometimes we may disagree about whether God has been specific. At other times, we may disagree about the manner in which we will implement God’s will. Sometimes it takes a good bit of thought, study, prayer, discussion, time – and even experience -- to come to a proper conclusion and application. As we journey toward a conclusion we must remember that we are one family, God’s family. Regardless of our feelings and positions, nothing can change that. And at least one critical essential is that we must maintain that familial collegiality. It’s what God wants. It’s one reason Jesus died on the cross.

Hard feelings, animosity, grudges, division, all between brethren, are forbidden by God. Of course, forbidding them doesn’t make them go away, but we have no right to harbor them nor nurture them. As God’s people, whatever we believe, we must make every effort to live in peace with one another.

Love you all

Mike



Winterfest 2015 - The Way: WATCH

W - Watch

A - Available

T - Trials

C - Community

H - Hand off

Your watch says a lot about you.

Some runners wear gps watches

that allow them to monitor heart rate, calories burned, pace/split times and distance. Some people wear expensive and fashionable watches to show their wealth. Most of us actually don’t wear a watch but use our mobile phones to tell time. I wonder what that says about us?

If the watch we wear says a lot about us, so does what we watch. For instance if you watch a football, baseball, basketball or soccer player and try to imitate them on the field, that will require you to act and play like them.

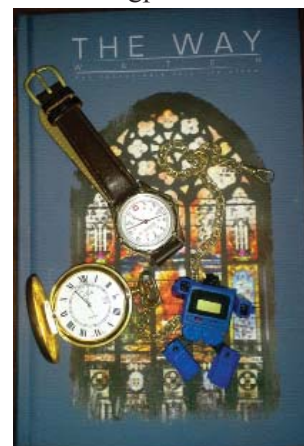
Watching and imitating someone require more than just seeing or gazing at them. We have to seriously watch them. We have to learn to move like them. We have to learn to talk like them. We have to learn to think like them. The only way we can do that is by watching carefully how they live.

In the case of Jesus we have to read and study about him in the New Testament. We have to take what we have learned and put it into practice in our lives. We have to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us and empower us to live out what we have learned. We have to encourage our fellow believers to be imitators of Jesus.

We watch Jesus together and act on what we see.

Special Note

We will host the youth group from Alvaton Church of Christ in Kentucky at the beginning of April. If you are available to house some of these teens, students and their adult sponsors, please contact Josh Byrd



GRACE + PEACE
Josh Byrd

The renovation of the Ladies Lounge (down the hall to the nursery and the “cry room”) started last week. Due to extensive plumbing work, the job is expected to take two weeks, including **TWO SUNDAYS, TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 15!!!!**

During those times, the men’s room (off the lobby) WILL BE DESIGNATED A LADIES ROOM.

Men are asked to use the unisex bathroom or the Men’s Rooms on the 1st or 3rd floor.

We apologize for the inconvenience, but after two weeks we’ll have a Ladies Lounge with 4 stalls (!).

And it’s all due to YOU and your generosity over the years that we CAN do something like this.

Many thanks to **Perry May** for arranging this work, and to the Elders for approving it!

2nd Sunday Fellowship Potluck Luncheon Set for Today After the Morning Assembly; No Service This Evening

Our 2nd Sunday Fellowship this month is a Potluck Luncheon today after the morning worship service.

As is our custom, after the luncheon we will dismiss for the day. There will be no evening assembly on March 8.

Fellowship Crew #3 is the “duty group” for this event. Crew #3 includes Rachel Bowles, Ida Goetzinger, Joy Hayes, Agnes Jones, Dennis Musteen, Mulloy Robertson, Cherry Washington & Peggy Williams.

If you do not know your group assignment, please consult the list on the bulletin board or the email attachment with this bulletin.

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 (no description necessary)



Don’t forget that the time will change at **2 am on Sunday, March 8**. So when you head for bed on Saturday, SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR. Yes, you’ll lose an hour of sleep. But the good news is that the days will seem much longer and sunnier!

Western Agape Group Plans Luncheon on March 15 After Morning Service

The Western Agape Group will hold a luncheon next on March 15 in the fellowship hall after the morning assembly. Ann Ford is the leader for this group.

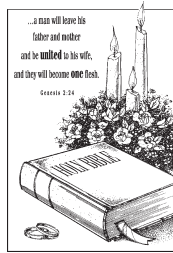
Each family is requested to bring a main dish and one additional dish - salad, dessert or vegetable. Drinks and rolls will be furnished.



Congregational Prayer Request for the week of March 8, 2015 –

Prayer of thankfulness for the body of Christ all over the world and especially in Falls Church for the blessing it has been to many who have pass through this area and to many who have stayed a little longer over the past 65 years.

Wedding Shower for



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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.

Housing Is Needed April 5-11 for Students From the Alvaton (Kentucky) Church of Christ

Falls Church is privileged to provide housing April 5-11 for 26 members of the youth group from the Alvaton, KY, Church of Christ. The young people are coming to this area to perform service projects and spend some time in this area.

They don't ask for 5-Star accommodations. They are quite content with couches, the floor or even beds! They request only breakfast, and some may need help with transportation.

If you are in a position to house some of these youth, or if you have questions, **please contact Josh Byrd.**

Alvaton is about 10 miles southeast of Bowling Green, KY.



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

March 8, 2015

Morning

Angela E-Hayes
Wendy Ward

Evening

Janice McDaniel

March 15, 2015

Morning

Tek Lin Chea
Susan Wilson

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

March 8, 2015

2/3s TBA

P/K TBA

March 15, 2015

2/3s TBA

P/K TBA

Worship Today, March 8, 2015

Hymn #180

Jesus Is Lord

Hymn #595

I Come to the Garden Alone

Prayer

Jeff Malcolm

Hymn #452

Standing on the Promises

Hymn #464

Because He Lives

Communion/Collection

Habtu Zemech

Hymn #496

O Listen to the Wondrous Story

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

Bible Reading (1 Peter 3:13-21)

Kirk Crews

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #932

O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow

Announcements

Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors

Grant Smith

Closing Prayer

Joe Bohannon

Song Leader

Joseph Tucker

Ushers

Jose Arevalo, Ken Yeatman



THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.

March servers: Gary Allmond, Matt Bensusky,
Mark Dawson, Dave Miller, Robert Spiess, Hal Swetnam

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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Wayne Doran

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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, March 1, 2015

Bible Study 177

Morning Assembly 238

Evening Assembly No Service

Contribution \$10,015

YTD Average \$11,036

Budget Goal \$12,725

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Classes & Online 50

Wednesday, March 11

Prayer - Bill Kincaid

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker