

Family Life

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This morning's column is brought by Oliver McDaniel, Elder

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NIV) counsels us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart ..., [to keep] these commandments ... [on] your hearts ... [to] [i]mpress them on your children ... [t]alk about them when you sit

at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Jesus modeled this. Loving God means making Him and His word an important part of our lives, pursuing Him and His will for our lives urgently. Some of us come from loving households that pursue God perhaps less urgently than these verses suggest, but now we are called to chart a new path, one that follows Jesus.

Step one is to become more familiar with God and His word. Sometimes we cannot rush change and need to move at a pace we can handle. Changing one's life takes time, commitment and patience. Studying the word of God may feel uncomfortable initially, but doing so is right.

To help with this, there will be a new Essentials class, at a different time from our Bible classes. The focus of the class is newer Christians and anyone else who wants to improve their study of God and His word. This class will meet once a month, on the LAST Sunday of each month, AFTER the morning assembly, during lunch, to be more convenient to attend. You may bring your own lunch, or we'll order out. Babysitting will be available. This Essentials class will last into next year. Our first meeting will be on the last Sunday of this month, March 29.

Studying God's word makes us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim 3:15-17. Please pray that God will fill us "with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. ... that [we] ... may please him in every way: bearing fruit ..., [and] growing in the knowledge of God" Col. 1:9-10. Please pray about this class and those who are considering it. Your encouragement would also be greatly appreciated.

May God Bless You All!
Oliver



Winterfest 2015 - The Way: WATCH

W - Watch
A - Available
T - Trials
C - Community
H - Hand off

When someone calls you on the phone you have the choice to answer the call or not. It could be someone you don't want to talk to. You could be driving your car and forgot to use your hands free device. There are a number of reasons for not answering your phone when someone calls.

One of the important lessons we learned at Winterfest is the need to be available. We are available and willing to hear the call of the Holy Spirit. We are willing to answer that call to be different. We need to be different from the culture around us.

Our culture and society try to pull us along with it. It is like a current and we can go along with the flow. But if we do, we end up looking like everyone else and behaving like everyone else. We are called to be different from our culture.

We pay attention to the outsider and are helpful to those who can't help us. We have a different moral standard from the rest of our culture.

This isn't just culture as a whole but includes the small cultures in which we find ourselves from time to time. These would include the culture at work, at school, with a bunch of friends, or even at church. The smaller culture can be more difficult because the flow is from people we know and like. We don't want to be different from our friends, coworkers or team mates. This is where the strength and courage we receive from the Holy Spirit helps us.

This is also where the trials and struggles of living out our faith happen most but that is another article!

GRACE + PEACE
John B. J.

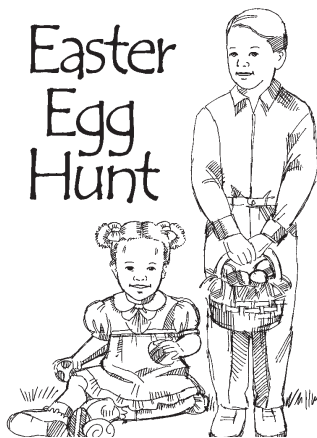
Easter Egg Hunt Set for March 29

An **Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Sunday, March 29, between 4 and 6 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Plastic eggs - stuffed or not - are requested **no later than Sunday morning** in order for helpers to hide them for the children.

Speaking of helpers - **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Please contact **Ashley Shelton** or **Jonah Shumate**, the organizer.



Change of Schedule

will compete in the **Virginia State Gymnastics Championships** on Saturday, March 21.

The schedule has been changed and will now be competing at 8 am!

The competition will be held at Nova Fieldhouse 14810 Murdock St., Chantilly, VA 20151.

Parking will be a challenge so plan some extra time. If you have difficulty walking, you should ride with someone who can drop you at the door.

The awards ceremony that includes Rylan will be held at noon, after which he will be free to leave.

The Central Agape Group will provide lunch and donate toiletries to the residents of the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, on Saturday, March 28. The Falls Church group will depart from the church building at 11:15 am to deliver the items to the shelter which is located on 9th Road in Arlington.

If you would like to join the group on this trip, talk to **Janice McDaniel**.

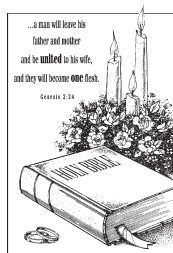
In addition, donations of the toiletries are requested, including twin sheets and blankets plus deodorants, toothpaste & toothbrushes, soap, etc. **Those maybe dropped in a box labelled for the shelter and located in the foyer.**

The renovation of the Ladies Lounge (down the hall to the nursery and the “cry room”) is underway.

Due to extensive plumbing work, the job is expected to take two Sundays, including TODAY, 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!

Wedding Shower for



*will be honored at a Wedding Shower
on March 29 after the evening assembly.
All members are invited.*

*We are giving them a group gift
of money rather than individual gifts.
The collectors are*

Wedding Shower for



*Wedding Shower
on March 22, 2015 at 4:30 pm in the
Fellowship Hall.
All Falls Church Ladies are invited.*

*are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.
Those who wish to participate in the
group gift should give their donation to*

Western Agape Group Plans Luncheon Today After Morning Service

The **Western Agape Group** will hold a luncheon today 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 15, 2015 –
Prayer of thanksgivings for enduring
the long and cold winter.**

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.

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.



Pedro and Mireya on their 41st anniversary Nov. 16, 2014. Pedro writes that Mireya is busy with the women's programs at *Nueva Libia*, and adds that she is "...my partner as a married couple." He concludes, "It is a great pleasure for us to be partners with you spreading the Good News here."



These are photos of new brothers and sisters in Christ. (Clockwise from above) Victorino Josue Herrera Sanabria, Bismark Ezequiel Castañeda Reyes, Selena Quintanilla Davila, Ernesto José Leiva Balladares (the oldest brother in these photos) and Giovanni de Jesús Perez Castillo



At right is one of the young women baptized during January and February. The congregation has a very active evangelism effort.



These three photos are of the *Nueva Libia* congregation during February. Above left is a Sunday morning assembly, where attendance usually is 150 to 180 plus 40 to 60 children. Above is an evening assembly. At left is a Sunday morning service. The empty seats in front are those for the men at the back of the room, who are serving communion. We praise God for the growth of this congregation.

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 15, 2015

Morning

Tek Lin Chea
Susan Wilson

Evening

Janice McDaniel

March 22, 2015

Morning

Fern Musteen
Erica Walker-Chenevert

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

March 15, 2015

2/3s J. Estes, A. Souza, S. Zemech
P/K W. Ward, L. Hughes

March 22, 2015

2/3s G. Keller, J. Hayes, A. & S. Byrd
P/K C. Waterston, S. Wilson

Worship Today, March 15, 2015

Hymn #745

Humble Yourself

Hymn #537

Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims

Hymn #96

I Stand in Awe

Prayer

Jonah Shumate

Hymn #979

I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Hymn #176

Lamb of God

Communion/Collection

Jose Arevalo

Hymn #448

The Greatest Commands

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

Bible Reading (1 Peter 1:17-2:3)

Gordon Rampy

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #490

It Is Well with My Soul

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors

John Waterston

Closing Prayer

Dave Wilson

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

Jose Arevalo, Ken Yeatman



John Waterston will lead singing this evening;

Geosh Saxton & Jeff Malcolm will lead the prayers.

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

Contact Information

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Website: www.fallschurchcoc.org

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
Habt 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
Habt Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*
Gina Tune, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, March 8, 2015

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| Bible Study | 199 |
| Morning Assembly | 347 |
| Evening Assembly | No Service |
| Contribution | \$19,395 |
| YTD Average | \$11,869 |
| Budget Goal | \$12,725 |

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

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| Classes & Online | 80 |
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Wednesday, March 18

Prayer - Steve Dasher

Song Leader - Wayne Doran