

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

The story of Jesus healing a blind man named Bartimaeus is found in Matthew (20:31-34), Mark (10:47-52), and Luke (18:35-19:10).

As each tells the story, there are differences: Matthew says the miracle happened as they were leaving Jericho, Mark says it was at Jericho, and Luke says it was as they approached Jericho. Matthew recounts two blind men. Mark and Luke only mention one and add he was a beggar. Only Mark tells you his name. Matthew and Luke have the blind call Jesus "Lord" (but Matthew mentions it three times). Only Mark mentions the man throwing off his cloak and "springing" up to come to Jesus when called. Only Matthew gives Jesus' motivation for healing the man: compassion. Only Luke ends his story with the blind man and the crowds glorifying and praising God.

There are also a number of similarities, among them the fact that the seeing crowd doesn't seem to be concerned with the blind man at all, and in fact, tries to prevent him from being helped.

All three gospel writers use the story of Bartimaeus to emphasize discipleship faith, a faith that will not be stifled by the crowd, a faith that results in memorable and life changing blessing. Matthew adds that this faith is seen in a life yielded to the Lordship of Christ, a life whose burdens are lifted through faith by a compassionate Jesus. Mark describes this faith as one which recognizes the importance of responding immediately and without reservation. Luke describes it as a faith that results in worship. All acknowledge that the blessings come through only one Lord, who is also the son of David.

The gospel writers, of course, tell the story of Jesus. But within their accounts you will note differences in their presentations. In this story alone I've counted thirteen differences and nine similarities. It's not enough to read the story and come up with our lessons. We must recognize the inspired writers' message and be sure to make it our own.

Love you all.

Mike



Winterfest 2015 - The Way: WATCH

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

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."
- James 1.2 - .4

This passage is one of the most counter cultural passages in the Letter of James. Our culture teaches us to suppress pain and avoid suffering. If something makes you feel bad, have a pill. If something makes you uncomfortable, avoid it. If someone doesn't like your status, block them. If you have a hard time, hire someone to help. If it make you feel bad, don't do it. What ever makes you happy, do that instead.

James on the other hand finds value in trials, pain, uncomfortableness and unhappiness. He knows the value of the spiritual maturity one finds when you overcome difficulty. He knows the growth that comes about when you are uncomfortable because of your faith. He knows the joy you find when you face and overcome trials in your life with Jesus.

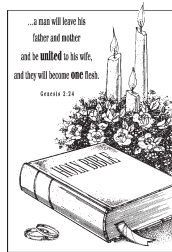
What are these trials James writes about? A careful reading of the Letter of James reveals that he is describing negatives outcomes to living a faithful life. When you and I live out our faith we face trails. When you and I live in obedience to the LORD we face trials.

For instance instead of spreading rumors or gossiping with your friends and co-workers you walk away. You may also find that some people stop talking to you because they know you don't want to hear the juicy gossip they have. You may also find that other people, those who have been the victims of gossip do talk to you because they discover you are a safe person.

This trial is the loss of "friends" and status in your school or at your job but the joy is knowing you are being faithful and the new friends you have made.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. [Signature]

Wedding Shower for



will be honored at a Wedding Shower on March 29 after the evening assembly.

All members are invited.

Since Diana plans a move to Texas, we are giving them a group gift of money rather than individual gifts. The collectors are Martha Ashley, Sally Dasher and Amanda Venkatesan.

Hostesses are Jackie Brevalo, Abby Collins, Melissa Collins, Lynda Subank, Kelly Shumate, Erica Walker-Chenevert and Dickie Witt.

The couple plans an August ceremony here at Falls Church.

Due to the Fairfax County Public Schools Spring Break this week, the Ladies Bible Class has been cancelled for Tuesday, March 31.

Food Pantry Needs Re-Supply



- Canned Fruit - all kinds
- Crackers - all kinds and LOTS OF THEM
- Individual cereal boxes
- Rice
- Jelly - PREFERABLY NOT IN GLASS JARS

Easter Egg Hunt Set for Today

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

Children are asked to bring a basket in order to collect the eggs.

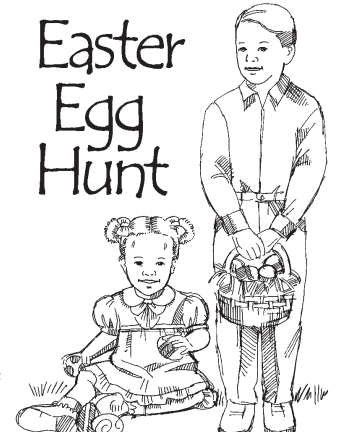
The organizers need two things:

FIRST - MORE plastic eggs and candy are requested **no later than Sunday morning** in order for helpers to hide them for the children.

SECOND - MORE helpers are needed, especially by 3 pm at the building to get set up for the event.

Please contact **Jonah Shumate** if you have questions, wish to donate eggs/candy, or would like to help.

Easter Egg Hunt



New Babies

Mission Trip Opportunity in Mexico

April 1 is the deadline for submission of an application, consent form and non-refundable deposit of \$100 to participate in the mission trip to Mexico that Clark Richardson attends annually. The trip this year is scheduled for July 13-18, 2015.

Attached is the application/consent form for 2015. The balance of \$150 is due by June 1.

The updated "Answer Book" will be sent after receipt of your application and deposit. For details about this group and the work that they perform, contact Clark.



Ladies Lock-In Set for April 10-11 at Home of Ann Ford

Our annual **Ladies' Lock-in** will be held on Friday evening and Saturday morning, April 10-11, at the home of

Dinner on Friday will begin at 6:30 pm and breakfast on Saturday will begin at 8:30 am.

Naturally, it is **really, really** important for the hostesses to know how many to prepare for, **SO PLEASE** be sure

to sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.

The theme this year will be "Prayer." See **Monica Tune** for more information.



Women's Fellowship

Greeter Ministry Seeks New Members; Greeter Luncheon Set for April 19

Greeters are needed to welcome visitors with a smile and a friendly greeting on Sunday mornings. Current and prospective greeters are invited to a luncheon and information about this ministry on April 19.

Lunch will be provided for prospective members and their families, and **there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.**

For more information, please contact



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.

**Congregational Prayer Request for the week of March 29, 2015 –
Prayer of partitioning God to provide grace for this congregation
to love one another as He has loved us.**

2nd Quarter Adult Classes Begin April 5; Wednesday on April 8

The 2nd Quarter Schedule for classes for adults is listed below, according to **John Waterston**, Deacon for the Adult Education Ministry.

Class	Teacher	Room
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Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin April 5

Burning Hearts: A Study of Christ in Prophecy (Lecture)	The Elders	FH
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This 13-week series will begin with an "Introduction to a Study of Christ in Prophecy." Other topics include "The Promised Messiah," "The Preexistent Messiah," "Jesus Suffering," and other topics concerning the fulfillment of those prophecies.

Colossians & Philemon (Discussion)	Kelvin Hatcher, Peter Franco, Mark Dawson	121
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This class will be a detailed look at both the theology and everyday life-application of the truths presented in these two New Testament letters. Discussion questions will be email to class members each week a few days prior to Sunday.

Wednesday Schedule - Class Begins April 8

Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Lecture)	Mike Tune	FH
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Mike Tune will lead the class through these important letters to build our understanding and highlight important messages Paul wanted to convey to these early churches.

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March 29</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt Set for Today</p>			1 1 Samuel 20-22	2 1 Samuel 23-25	3 1 Samuel 26-28	4 1 Samuel 29-30; 2 Samuel 1-2
					<p><i>Lads to Leaders Trip To Nashville, return Sunday</i></p> <p>→</p>	<p><i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i></p>
<p>5 2 Samuel 3-6</p>  <p>"He has risen, he is not here. See the place where they laid him."</p> <p>Mark 16:6</p>	6 2 Samuel 7-9	7 2 Samuel 10-12	8 2 Samuel 13-15	9 2 Samuel 16-18	10 2 Samuel 19-21	11 2 Samuel 22-24 Psalms 1
		<p><i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i></p>			<p><i>Ladies Lock-In @ Ann Ford Home; starts 6:30 pm Friday & continues into Saturday</i></p> <p>→</p>  <p>Women's Fellowship</p>	<p><i>Spring Cleaning @ The Building</i></p> <p><i>Kids for Christ (g. 3-6) Bowling Night, 5:30-8:30 pm</i></p> <p><i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i></p>
12 Psalms 2-6	13 Psalms 7-9	14 Psalms 10-12	15 Psalms 13-15	16 Psalms 16-18	17 Psalms 19-21	18 Psalms 22-26
<p><i>2nd Sunday Finger Food Fellowship After PM Assembly</i></p> 		<p><i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i></p>				<p><i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i></p>
19 Psalms 27-30	20 Psalms 31-33	21 Psalms 34-36	22 Psalms 37-39	23 Psalms 40-42	24 Psalms 43-45	25 Psalms 46-50
<p><i>Luncheon for Current and Prospective Greeters after am service</i></p>  <p>Greeters</p>		<p><i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i></p>				<p><i>Upper Room (g. 7-12) Game Night, 5:30-7:30 pm</i></p> <p><i>Spanish Worship & Fellowship Dinner, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i></p>
26 Psalms 50-54	27 Psalms 55-57	28 Psalms 59-61	29 Psalms 62-64	30 Psalms 65-67		
<p><i>Missions Committee Luncheon with Recardo & Monica Reyes</i></p> <p><i>Spanish Worship Away is here, 6 pm</i></p>		<p><i>Ladies Bible Class, 10:15 am</i></p>				

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 29, 2015

Morning

Billie Bohannon
Patty Woods

Evening

Janice McDaniel

April 5, 2015

Morning

Jackie Arevalo
John Arevalo

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

March 29, 2015

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

April 5, 2015

2/3s A. Smith, J. Madeley, J & O Arevalo
P/K Jackie Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez

Worship Today, March 29, 2015

<i>Hymn #540</i>	<i>O for a Fatih That Will Not Shrink</i>
<i>Hymn #288</i>	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>
Prayer	Kirk Crews
<i>Hymn #318</i>	<i>O Sacred Head</i>
Communion/Collection	Ben Bohannon
<i>Hymn #659</i>	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (1 Peter 1:22-2:3)	Peter Franco
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #501</i>	<i>Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet</i>
Announcements	Wayne Doran
Introduction of Visitors	Rick Schneider
Closing Prayer	Jeff Grimm
Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Jose Arevalo, Ken Yeatman



Tonight is a 5th Sunday Singing; Bill Kincaid and other song leaders will lead the singing, with Steve Dasher & Oliver McDaniel leading 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
<i>(October through April)</i>	

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, March 22, 2015

Bible Study	201
Morning Assembly	318
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$12,024
YTD Average	\$11,825
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, March 29, 2015

Classes & Online	96
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Wednesday, April 1

Prayer - Lee Cassetty
Song Leader - Wayne Doran