

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

If you were looking for a new church home, what would you look for?

Most of you have had this experience, many of you in recent memory, many of you more than once because of work travels. What do you look for? What will you look for?

One brother told me a while back: "When it comes time for me to move, I'm not sure I'll ever find a church where I feel as at home as I do here." I thought that was quite the compliment, but I do hope he's wrong. Monica tells me I'll never be at home if I can't be in the pulpit. I hope she's wrong.

The thing is, whatever you look for in a church, somebody (or somebodies) has to make it happen. Good singing, an active youth ministry, a vibrant Bible school, compassionate benevolence, stirring missions, a caring and supportive faith community – none of them just happen. People have to make them happen.

In short, if you want to find the church you are looking for, you have to be the church you are looking for.

One of the things important to me is a church that welcomes me warmly. Assembly is like a family reunion of sorts, and it's not much of a reunion if no one acts as if they are glad to see you.

We all have to be involved in this, but our special greeters are specifically charged with blessing people in this way. It's an important ministry. We are now looking for additional participants to help in this area, and a week from today there will be a special lunch after morning worship for anyone interested in knowing more about it.

Whether you are currently involved in a ministry or not, this ministry is a great area to serve. Sign up for the lunch in the lobby or see **Sally Dasher** or **Marilyn McDermett**.

And by the way, if you were looking for a new church home, what would you be looking for? I'd like to hear from you.

Love you all.

Mike



Winterfest 2015 - The Way: WATCH

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

During the last session of Winterfest 2015, we were encouraged to pass on the good news about Jesus!

The analogy of being a quarterback and passing the football was used. If you watch any football you know that not just anyone can be an effective quarterback.

First, in order to make a good pass you have to have a good grip on the ball. If our ball is the good news then we have to know what that good news is. We can't pass on something we don't know well. It is our responsibility to know the good news by reading it, learning it and making it part of our lives. Then we have a good grip on it and can make the pass.

Then we have to look for an open receiver. Who among your family, friends, classmates or teammates are open to the good news? The best way to know this is to pray for specific people you hope to share with and then look for people who will discuss religious matters with you.

Next a quarterback has to throw for the catch. Different receivers like to catch in a way that is unique to them. The same is true when you pass the good news. Each person needs a different approach for the way you share. Some people want logical details and facts. Other people want fewer facts and more feelings. Most of all, everyone needs to see the good news in your life or else they won't even be looking to you for a pass.

Then you have to let the ball go! You can know the gospel, you can see an open receiver and know exactly how to talk to this person about Jesus, but never actually have the conversation! You have to pass the ball. You have to actually talk about the good news.

Finally you have to trust the coach - in this instance the LORD. The power of the good news is not in our presentation but is in the LORD. The LORD is the one who changes hearts and minds. Sometimes this change is fast sometimes it is slow - but we need to trust the coach.

GRACE + PEACE
[Signature]

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

Hopefully, the first time you visited this congregation, you were met with a warm welcome and friendly smile, maybe even a hug.

Here at Falls Church, we want all our visitors to feel that same warm welcome, and to this end, we have a Greeter Ministry.

Right now, the ministry could use additional volunteers. If you are even moderately interested in this ministry, please attend the Luncheon Meeting on April 19 immediately following the morning assembly.

PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LOBBY IF YOU WISH TO HAVE LUNCH.

For more information, please contact



is planned for Sunday, June 28,
from 4:30 to 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
If you wish to be included as a hostess
for this event, please contact

**Special Collection Provides Funds for
Catacamas, Honduras**

March 29, 2015

To the Church of Christ in Falls Church
From the Church of Christ in Catacamas, Honduras

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and wishes for all spiritual prosperity for all of you.

Beloved brethren, we want to thank all of you for all your spiritual and economic help you have provided for the acquisition of the land where we will build the building of the Central Church of Christ, Catacamas.

We the members of this church are more than grateful to God, while we ask God our Father to multiply His blessings to each of you of the Church of Christ in Falls Church.

The total amount of your donation was \$4,104.00. Thanks so much for your help. Very soon the amount owed will be cancelled in its entirety.

We will be reporting every advance.

God bless you always.

If you missed the **Special Collection** last Sunday for the Pearl Harbor Church of Christ, don't worry.

It's not too late to give.

Just MAKE OUT YOUR CHECK TO FALLS CHURCH AND DESIGNATE FOR PEARL HARBOR.

Then give your check to any of the Elders.

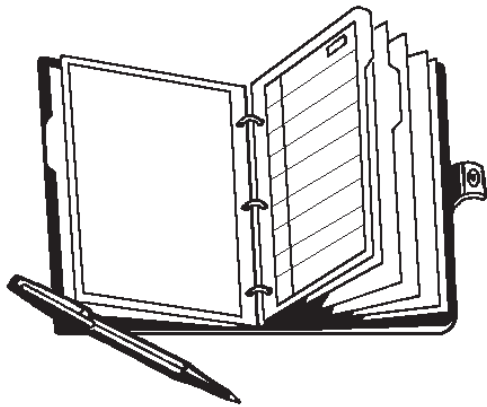
This collection will remain open for the next two Sundays.

**Congregational Prayer Request for the
week of April 12, 2015 –
Prayer of thankfulness**

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.



SAVE THE DATE

The 2015 Vacation Bible
is scheduled for
Friday evening August 7 through
Saturday morning August 8.
Further details and times will be announced.



Several volunteers for the **Easter Egg Hunt** were accidentally omitted from last week's article.

The other helpers included

Austin Byrd
Sarah Byrd
Tyler Byrd
Dorian Degrandes
Connor Yeatman.

"Wish List" for Camp WaMaVa Due by May 20

One way to help **Camp WaMaVa** is to provide some of the perishable and non-perishable items so that the Camp personnel do not have to use their funds to purchase those items.

Below is a "Wish List" of those supplies. These are for the Falls Church congregation ONLY to avoid duplication. You are asked to purchase any of these items, bring them to the church building and deposit the supplies into a specially marked box in the lobby. They will be collected **after Wednesday evening, May 20** and transported to the camp.

If you have any questions, please consult **Perry May** or **Kevin Thie**.

Powdered sugar - 20 lb bag
Baking Powder - 5 lbs
Pork & Beans - 15 of the #10 cans
Coffee - 15 lbs
Communion cups - 1 box
Grape juice - 7 bottles
250 quart-size zip loc bags
Bleach - 5 gal jug
Scrubber sponges and Brillo pads - all they can get
2-ply bathroom tissue in 12 packs
Paper towel rolls in large packs
Square napkins

Clorox wet wipes
8 1/2 x 11 copy paper - standard white
Kleenex tissue - all they can get
Plastic whistles with lanyards - 12
20 of the noodles toys for swimming pools
Basketballs - 2
Soccer balls, size 5 - 2
Large spade shovels - 2
Large Scissors - 2
12 rolls of Duct tape
8 checkers/chess board games
light bulbs - 60 w, 75 w, 100 w - all in 12 packs

Henry Gutierrez, Nicaragua

Henry Gutierrez has preached for the congregation in Juigalpa, Nicaragua (about 100 miles east of Managua) since 1989. In addition to his ministerial duties, he conducts evangelistic campaigns, and works with various other congregations in the area of Juigalpa. He and his wife, **Rosa**, have been married since 1991 and have three daughters **Kimberly, Eunice & Aurisol**.



The Juigalpa congregation is actively involved in programs of benevolence.

The two photos in the upper right as of a recent trip to a retirement home. The members brought meals to the residents, ate with them, prayed with them and enjoyed a period of fellowship.

The two photos below right show a distribution of basic medications to those who lack the funds to purchase them. One of the members is a doctor who oversees the distribution.

Below are photos of two of the three women who were baptized March 29. The first is of Maryely Blandón and the second is of Blanca Bermudez Campos. Not shown is the third woman, Angélica Pastora Blanco.



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

April 12, 2015

Morning

Jackie Arevalo
John Arevalo

Evening

Janice McDaniel

April 19, 2015

Morning

Angela E-Hayes
Patricia Woods

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

April 12, 2015

2/3s J. Estes, J. Hayes, S & A Byrd
P/K Wendy Ward, Levenie Hughes

April 19, 2015

2/3s G. Keller, A. Souza, J. Bohannon
P/K Casey Waterston, TBA

Worship Today, April 12, 2015

Hymn #15	<i>Step by Step</i>
Hymn #810	<i>Liston to Our Hearts</i>
Hymn #768	<i>Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You</i>
Prayer	Brian Collins
Hymn #102	<i>Great Is the Lord Almighty!</i>
Hymn #269	<i>Thomas' Song</i>
Communion/Collection	Matt Benskys
Hymn #634	<i>We'll Work Till Jesus Comes</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (1 Peter 2:4-8)	Dave Miller
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #989	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>
Announcements	Oliver McDaniel
Introduction of Visitors	John Hilboldt
Closing Prayer	Jun Amores
Song Leader	Clark Richardson
Ushers	Barry Smith, Hal Swetnam



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening, while
Jonah Shumate & Jerry Williams will lead the prayers.

April servers: Jose Arevalo, Greg Citizen, Geosh Saxton,
Grant Smith, Beni Venkatesan, Daniel Williams

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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administrator@fallschurchcoc.org
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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, April 5, 2015

Bible Study	201
Morning Assembly	322
Evening Assembly	80
Contribution	\$16,430
YTD Average	\$12,028
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Classes & Online	75
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Wednesday, April 15

Prayer - Ken Yeatman
Song Leader - Joseph Tucker