

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

I was twelve when I led my first "church prayer." It was such an important event, I wrote the prayer in the front of my Bible, and read it verbatim when I rose to lead it.

All prayers are important, but public prayer addresses God on behalf of the church and when it is finished, the church agrees with the prayer through a chorus of "Amen."

But Psalm 51 is a private prayer. Why write down a private prayer?

Because it too is important. The heading tells us it is the prayer David prayed after being confronted over his sins of adultery and murder (the Bathsheba story). He wants to be sure to express his penitence, to make God know how truly sorry he is, and why. Known as a "penitential psalm," it is the fourth of seven such prayers in the book of Psalms (see also Psalms 6, 32, 38, 102, 130, and 143) and can be divided into five parts:

Verses 1 & 2 express total dependence on God. Only God can wash away (blot out) sin and the only reason He does it is because of His grace (unfailing love). In verses 3-5 David confesses his sin. It is his sin. He offers no excuses and names no accomplices. His sins are against God and he takes full responsibility. David has no good grounds to ask for forgiveness, so in verses 6-14 he throws himself on God's mercy. It is a pleading underscored by imperatives (cleanse, wash, let, hide, create, renew, don't cast, don't take, restore, grant, save). These are not commands, but pointed cries. Because he knows who God is, David is confident God will answer (verses 15-17). David knows the way home and he knows God will receive him.

Finally (verses 18-19), David asks for further blessing – though not for himself, but for the city (and people) of God. He knows his sin has far reaching consequences. He prays for those whose lives have been or will be touched by his sin.

I wonder if David knew his prayer would be preserved? The next time you think about dashing off a "quick prayer," remember David's preparation. Serious conversations deserve serious consideration.

Love you all  
Mike



## Lifelong Faith Part 2

Last week during the Upper Room Teen Ministry's Sunday morning Bible class (6th - 12th grade) we continued our 3 part series focusing on tools needed to develop a lifelong faith.

In order to have a lifelong faith we need healthy friendships with fellow believers/followers of Jesus.

We get to choose who our friends are. We can choose to have friends who will challenge us to grow in our faith. This is a mutual relationship in which brothers and sisters in Christ hold each other accountable. We share our struggles with each other. We share our joys with each other. We share our lives with each other. It is a two way street of mutual encouragement. This kind of friends shapes our faith and makes it stronger.

Another tool we need to maintain and develop a lifelong faith is involvement in a local church community.

In our culture there is the false myth of the rugged individual pulling herself up by her boot straps. This rugged individual who doesn't need anyone else to survive has become a part of Christianity's pop-theology. Salvation is all about me being saved. It is all about my relationship with the LORD. Church is only important if it has what I want: otherwise I don't need it.

This is not the kind of faith life we find in the New Testament. When Jesus begins his ministry the first thing he does is call disciples into a community. Then he commissions them to call more disciples together. These disciples start to gather together into communities of faith. They share the LORD's supper together. They break bread together. They worship together. They share life with each other.

We can not have a lifelong faith without being involved in a church community or having good healthy friendships with fellow believers.

GRACE + PEACE  
*John Bl*

## Vacation Bible School Kickoff Meeting Set for Today

The **Kickoff Meeting for the 2015 Vacation Bible School** is set for today, April 26 in R. 121 right after the morning assembly. This will be a quick meeting - about 10 minutes.

All potential volunteers are urged to attend this brief meeting to learn more about ways for YOU to participate in this year's event.

Questions may be directed to VBS leaders **Kelly Shumate** and **Mendy Crews**.

**Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Friday evening August 7 & Saturday morning August 8.**



## Recardo Reyes Is Guest Speaker for the Area-Wide Spanish Program That Concludes Here This Evening

For many years, the Spanish-speaking members of the *Iglesia de Cristo* have gathered together by rotating to other area congregations and the last Sunday of each month.

The Falls Church congregation has been the host for the program this month, and the guest speaker is missionary **Recardo Reyes**, whose work in Cuernavaca, Mexico, is supported in part by Falls Church.



Recardo and his wife **Monica** arrived Tuesday afternoon, and he taught the class on Wednesday, followed by assemblies on Friday and Saturday regarding marriage and the

responsibilities of the spouse to the other.

Tonight is the closing session, beginning at 6 pm, followed by a fellowship dinner. We expect a large number of people to gather here this evening for this special event.

If you missed the **Special Collection** on April 5 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 through April.

## 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

**Congregational Prayer Request for April 29, 2015 – Pray for all who are preaching God's word that they may do it with boldness and truthfulness and that the word may have the appropriate effect.**

## 2nd Sunday Fellowship for May Has Been Moved Up One Week to Next Sunday - May 3

The "2nd Sunday" Fellowship event for May has been moved to next **Sunday, May 3**. It will take place immediately following the morning assembly, about 11:45 am.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THESE OCCASIONS, WE DO NOT MEET AGAIN, SO THE EVENING SERVICE IS CANCELLED ON MAY 3.**

We make this change in the schedule every year since the 2nd Sunday is May is also **Mother's Day**.

This year has a special feature, but, alas, there is a sad note applied to this particular event.

It is a Farewell Luncheon for our beloved \_\_\_\_\_ who has been a part of this congregation for many years, but all members of her family reside in or around their home town.

There will be more about her later, as she actually sets a date for her last Sunday here.



But this will be a time for the entire congregation to honor her and to recognize the many, many ways she has served this congregation and its members.

The *menu du jour* for the May 3 event is:

⌘ Each family is asked to bring a main dish that will feed your family and a few others.

**PLUS** two of the following three

tems:

⌘ 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

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](mailto:prayerrequestfc@gmail.com)

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

## "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

## Recardo Reyes Is Featured Speaker for the Area Wide Spanish Program Scheduled for Next Week

**Recardo and Monica Reyes** have received support from the Falls Church congregation since 2010 when they began fulltime mission work in Mexico. Currently they are on sabbatical in Lubbock, TX, but plan to return to Mexico this summer.

While in Lubbock, they are working with several small congregations on Sunday. One in particular is a Spanish congregations in Crosbyton, TX, where their daughter Dominique and her husband Luis Hernandez serve. Recardo also has an evangelism training class to teach Sunset members how to evangelize their friends and family.

Their work in Mexico began with a one-year internship under Doug and Sandy Holcomb who spent 16 years working in Cuernavaca. In 2011, Recardo & Monica helped start the congregation known as La Fuente Iglesia de Cristo (the Fountain Church of Christ) also in Cuernavaca.

The congregation has grown to about 70 members, including 48 baptisms. In addition, there are several men who share responsibilities of leading, teaching, preaching and evangelizing. Two of them are studying through the Texas International Bible Institute and will complete their first year of study in May 2015. In addition, these men have qualities to become Elders.

La Fuente has multiple outreach programs. One special program is a Bible Study Center where anyone from any church or background can attend Bible classes free of charge. Members also have campaigns to distribute flyers, feed street people, hold seminars on Bible topics, and various other activities to attract people to the congregation.

Their family has changed also. As noted above, their oldest daughter Dominique, 21, married Luis Hernandez on Oct. 4, 2013. Luis was graduated from Sunset International Bible Institute in May 2014. Last October, they celebrated their first anniversary of marriage and next month they will complete one year of working with the Crosbyton congregation.

Their second daughter, Jasenia, 19, is majoring in nursing at Oklahoma Christian University. She has not determined a specific medical field after graduation.



Recardo & Monica Reyes are shown with their four daughters, Dominique, Jasenia, Deasha & Serenity.

Recardo will be the featured speaker at the Area Wide Spanish Program next week.

Daughters Deasha and Serenity are still at home, but are looking forward to returning to Mexico. Both teach children's classes.

Both Monica and Recardo were born and raised in central Washington state in and around the city of Moses Lake, WA. Although both were raised in the Catholic religion, they became acquainted with the church in Moses Lake. Monica was baptized in 2002, and Recardo was baptized in 2003.

They moved to Galesburg, IL, in 2005, where Monica's father, Leroy Torres served as a minister to a small congregation. Although they both had jobs in industry, they became more involved in the ministry work with her father.

Recardo began working with men and women in a shelter, similar to the work this congregation does with the Shelter at Bailey's Crossroads. Later he became involved in teaching and preaching in this small congregation. To further his spiritual development, Recardo took a couple of courses from the Sunset School of preaching by extension.

Convinced of his need for further study, the Reyes made the decision to move to Lubbock in west Texas to study at the Sunset School of preaching in 2007. Recardo completed the two-year study at Sunset in 2009, while Monica completed the Women's two-year program in one year. During that time, they lived and worked with the congregation in New Home, TX. After mission trips to Romania and Eerie, PA, Recardo and Monica became part of a team to do mission work in Mexico. Their teammates are Patrick and Brandon's Garcia and Jeff and Cristina Sims. The team completed a five-month course in mission methods and preparation in December 2009.

In the fall of 2009, Falls Church heard of their interest in missions in Mexico, and began tributing to their support the following year.

Schedule of Events	Topics
Wednesday, April 22	Open
Friday, April 24, 7 pm	Marriage
Saturday, April 25, 6 pm	Responsibilities of Spouses to Each Other
Sunday, April 26, 6 pm	Open Topic

NOTE: All area congregations are invited to the Sunday evening event to be followed by dinner.

## 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 26, 2015

### Morning

Billie Bohannon  
Joanne Carter

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

May 3, 2015

### Morning

Joanne Carter

### Evening

**NO EVENING  
SERVICE**

## Children's Worship

April 26, 2015

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

May 3, 2015

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

## Worship Today, April 26, 2015

Hymn #48 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Hymn #230 *Worthy Art Thou*

Prayer *Wayne Doran*

Hymn #287 *There Is a Redeemer*

Hymn #313 *The Old Rugged Cross*

Communion/Collection *Kelvin Hatcher*

Hymn #429 *Oh, to Be Like Thee*

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

Bible Reading (1 Peter 2:11-12) *Robert Spiess*

Bible Lesson *Mike Tune*

Hymn #504 *In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came*

Announcements *Jim Lane*

Introduction of Visitors *John Waterston*

Closing Prayer *Joe Bohannon*

Song Leader *Joseph Tucker*

Ushers *Barry Smith, Hal Swetnam*



John Waterston will lead singing this evening, while  
Geosh Saxton & John Reagan will lead the prayers.

April servers: Jose Arevalo, 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  
*(October through April)*

### 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, April 19, 2015

Bible Study	236
Morning Assembly	352
Evening Assembly	109
Contribution	\$10,048
YTD Average	\$11,821
Budget Goal	\$12,725

### Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Classes & Online 92

**Wednesday, April 29**

**Prayer - Brian Collins**

**Song Leader - Clark Richardson**