

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

“No doubt about it! God is good—good to good people, good to the good-hearted. But I nearly missed it, missed seeing his goodness. I was looking the other way, looking up to the people at the top, envying the wicked who have it made, who have nothing to worry about, not a care in the whole wide world.”

So begins Psalm 73 (in Eugene Peterson's paraphrase), a Psalm that speaks of the faithful's struggle with unfairness.

If your view is that evil always fails, and good always triumphs, life is bound to throw you a curve. It doesn't always work out that way.

In the end, of course, God's justice assures that it will, but it's the dark path we walk in the present that shakes us up. Good always winning is not what we see. And sometimes, you just tire of losing. That's the case with this psalmist.

He knows the truths: God is good to those who are pure in heart.

But he also knows wicked people who have no struggles and boldly assert they are beyond the touch of God. And that is the way it seems. The wicked are always care-free, increasing in wealth.

As the writer comes close to losing his faith, he stops to worship the Lord (vs. 17), and in worship, his vision moves beyond the horizon to see as God sees. The wicked only seem to be prospering. They have no security, no guidance, and no hope and as well off as they seem to be, it is but temporary.

Life hasn't changed much has it?

And neither has the timeless truth of this psalm.

Many things happen in worship, but one of the things that is supposed to happen is that we see things from God's perspective, and that's one reason the worship assembly is indispensable to a holy life.

I'm glad you've chosen to be a part of it today.

Love you all.

Mike



The Interns are Coming! and Senior Sunday

At the beginning of June our two Summer interns will begin working for us!

Caleb Dillinger will be returning this Summer after finishing his studies at Ohio Valley University. He will be joined by **Amanda Jimenez**, who grew up in Rockville MD and attended Camp WAMAVA.

Our two interns will be planning the Summer activities for the Youth Ministry. They will be teaching classes. The most important thing they will do is connect with, minister to and mentor our students and teens. They will be taking small groups of our students and teens out to lunch. They will be spending one on one time with them during our Summer. This kind of mentoring or discipleship is vitally important. It gives our teens a chance to see how Christ is shaping and molding someone just a little older than they. It gives them a chance to see who they can be in just a few years.

From my own personal experience I know I would not be the person I am today if it weren't for the intern who took me out to lunch and listened and talked with me when I was in middle school.

Senior Sunday

On June 14 during our evening assembly we will honor our teens who are graduating from high school, during our annual **Senior Sunday**.

We have three young men and women we will honor:

Dorian Degrandes

Rebecca Eckstone-Hayes

Sydney Spraker

This is an important time for us as their church family to send them off with our blessing.

(If we missed your senior please contact me at youthfc@fallschurchcoc.org so that he or she may be included.)

GRACE + PEACE
A. H. B. J.

May Fellowship Event Is Potluck Luncheon Today, May 3



The **May Fellowship** event is coming up today immediately following the morning assembly, about 11:45 am. Cleaning Crew #5 is "on duty" today.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AFTER A LUNCHEON LIKE THIS, THE EVENING SERVICE IS CANCELLED. THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE TODAY.

A Special Feature of this luncheon is our **Farewell Luncheon** for our beloved **Agnes Jones**, who plans to return to her hometown of Mayfield, KY, this summer. There will be more about her later when we know her final Sunday here, but this is the opportunity for the entire congregation to honor her for the service she has rendered to this congregation for many years.

⌘ Each family is asked to bring a main dish that will 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



Annual Special Collection for Camp WaMaVa Set for May 17

Much is said about Camp WaMaVa - from its needs to its memories to its history to its purpose.

But perhaps the most important note about the Camp is the one that is least mentioned - namely that it is for YOU, the Christians who reside in the Greater Metropolitan Washington Area.

WaMaVa stands for Washington-Maryland-Virginia.

Most of all - it is for our children. While it is extremely important to contribute funds or supplies, it is even more important to enroll our children in this specialized Bible program.

The first line of the Camp's mission statement is: *"Camp WAMAVA's primary mission is spiritual. It exists to provide camping in a Christian environment and to glorify God. Emphasis is also placed on the physical and emotional growth of the young people who attend the camp."*

"This [the Camp] is a place to plant the seeds of baptism or for the young people to return to their home congregation to plant that seed." commented **Perry May**, Falls Church deacon and President of the Camp. He notes that area residents have multiple opportunities for summer camp programs, but adds, "Camp WaMaVa provides a unique benefit because we offer the way to salvation."

Falls Church, which has dedicated its support to the Camp since its beginning in 1956, holds an annual Special Collection. This year, that collection will be taken on Sun-

day May 17, following the regular collection. **Members are asked to make out checks to "Camp WaMaVa" NOT to Falls Church.**

With about 1,000 campers per season, the cost per camper is \$400, but the charge is just \$230. Fund raising efforts like the special collection along with partnerships between individual congregations and the camp [see article below] help reduce costs for all students, including those who otherwise would be unable to afford the experience.

To reduce paper work, you may register your children through the website: <http://www.wamava.com/>

There also are three staff positions to be filled, week 1 - 1 teacher; week 5, 1 registered nurse; & week 6, 1 kitchen helper. Again, go online or contact Lisa Bosley at LBosley@fxcc.org

The 2015 Schedule is:

Week	Dates	Camper's Grade as of Fall 2015
1	June 21-June 27	3, 4, 5
2	June 28 - July 4	4, 5, 6
3	July 5 - July 11	5, 6, 7
4	July 12 - July 18	7, 8, 9
5	July 19 - July 25	7, 8, 9
6	July 26 - August 1	10, 11, 12 & 2015 High School Graduates

Please note that all sessions start on Sunday and end on Saturday.



"Wish List" for Camp WaMaVa Due by May 20

As noted above, the Camp benefits when both perishable and non-perishable supplies are purchased, rather than using their funds to purchase those items. The following list is for the Falls Church congregation only, in order to avoid duplication. Please deposit the articles below in the specially marked box in the lobby, and 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**.

You may also go to the website - <http://www.wamava.com/> - and pay for many of these items through Pay Pal or credit card.

- 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

Area-Wide Spanish Assembly At Falls Church Last Weekend Continues Tradition of Success

A two-part program about marriage for the Friday and Saturday night session plus a lesson about the deep blessing of being a Christian on Sunday evening comprised the special **Area-Wide Spanish Assembly** held here at Falls Church last weekend, April 24-26.

The special guest speaker was **Recardo Reyes** who with his wife **Monica** are missionaries in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Currently they are on a sabbatical in Lubbock, TX, before returning to Mexico this summer.

The event is part of the tradition of area congregations of the **Iglesia de Cristo**. Usually they meet at a rotating list of congregations around the area, but twice a year hold such special sessions.

This special event was sponsored by the Falls Church Missions Committee. Shown at right are Recardo & Monica with **Jose Arevalo**, Foreign Missions contact for the committee and also a deacon. Recardo also is shown (below) with other Falls Church men, including (l to r) **Marcos Hernandez, Miguel Reyes, Saul Reyes and Rigoberto Moran**.



(at right) 48 attended Friday & 125 on Saturday (below)



Sunday evening attendance (two photos below) was 169.



Attendees represented Virginia congregations of Falls Church, Arlington, Mt. Vernon and Dale City; 14th & Decatur in the District, and Rockville, Silver Spring, Laurel and West Side (Baltimore) in Maryland.

Many thanks to photographer Ignacio Espinoza.



(left) Those attending enjoyed a hearty dinner after the Sunday program, while (far left) the children played on the lawn in the lingering twilight.

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

May 3, 2015

Morning

Kristine Spraker
Sydney Spraker

Evening

**NO EVENING
SERVICE**

May 10, 2015

Morning

Calanthia Tucker
Meaza Zemech

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

May 3, 2015

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

May 10, 2015

2/3s A. Smith, J. Madeley, J. Bohannon
P/K Wendy Ward, Levenie Hughes

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
Habu 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
Habu Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

Staff

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

Statistics

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Bible Study	219
Morning Assembly	314
Evening Assembly	295
Contribution	\$10,644
YTD Average	\$11,752
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Classes & Online 68

Worship Today, May 3, 2015

Hymn #474

Thank You, Lord

Hymn #18

Faithful Love

Hymn #155

Highest Place

Prayer

John Hilboldt

Hymn #484

You Are My All in All

Hymn #395

Follow Me

Communion/Collection

Bill Kincaid

Hymn #470

Victory in Jesus

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

Bible Reading (1 Peter 2:13-17)

Mark Ward

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #290

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors

Jonah Shumate

Closing Prayer

Dave Miller

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

Daniel Williams, Habtu Zemech



THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.

May servers: Jun Amores, Chantha Chea, Brian Collins,
Frank Estes, Richard Gunselman & Caleb Mayfield

Wednesday, May 6

Prayer - John Reagan

Song Leader - Clark Richardson