

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Our daily Bible readings this past week have brought us to the end of the book of Psalms.

I hope you noticed that the book of Psalms is really five books:

- Book 1 – Psalms 1-41
- Book 2 – Psalms 42-72
- Book 3 – Psalms 73-89
- Book 4 – Psalms 90-106
- Book 5 – Psalms 107-150

The last Psalm of each book ends in a very similar way: with a praise to God.

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel (41:13 and 106:48).

“Praise be to his glorious name forever” (72:19 and similarly in 89:52).

The final psalm (150) ending the final book of psalms is devoted in its entirety to praise.

God is to be praised everywhere (vs. 1).

He is to be praised because He is great (vs. 2).

He is to be praised with everything we have (vss. 3-5), and He is to be praised by everything that has breath (vs. 6).

Notice that with this Psalm, God is not praised because he has done something special for us. Had God never done one thing for us, He would still be deserving of praise because He is, quite simply, in and of Himself, great, and worthy of praise.

At the end of the Bible, creatures in heaven and on earth fall before the throne of God and give Him praise day and night.

The statement and example of scripture is simply this: The more we know about God, the closer we get to God, the more worship will be all we want to do.

In fact, it will be all we can do. In a very real sense, our spiritual proximity to God is revealed by our interest and participation in worship.

Love you all.

Mike



Ninjas

Last Sunday night during the Upper Room Teen Ministry's Sunday Night Live we talked about ninjas. Ninjas have been popular for years. The idea of someone who can move stealthily and attack secretly sounds really cool. Plus you get to wear those awesome black pajama outfits! As cool as ninjas may seem they were mercenary assassins. Ninjas killed and stole for the highest bidder. Not really a lifestyle we want to emulate.

Weather you know it or not, we have all had to deal with ninjas in our lives. These would be people who are close to us who in one way or another hurt us. Typically this is a betrayal of our trust. You may have confided in a close friend and this friend then turns around and tells others what you said. It could be a close family members who hurts you in a close way.

Our discussion centered around our response to these ninja attacks. The solution we came up with was to be a Samurai. Samurai had a different code they lived by; it looks something like this

1. Live with honor
2. Don't allow circumstances to determine their character
3. Don't allow what happened to affect who they become
4. Devoted to living for a cause greater than themselves

We also discussed the importance of forgiveness - whether or not it is sought - for it is our job to forgive.

Senior Sunday

On June 14 during our evening assembly we will honor our teens who are graduating and finishing high school with 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

GRACE + PEACE
John B. [Signature]

Falls Church Welcomes Missionaries Kevin & Deanna Amores During June Visit

Kevin & Deanna Amores, whose mission work in Concepción, Chile, is supported by this congregation, will arrive in this area in June for both a break and also for time to meet with the Missions Committee and the Elders.

Falls Church members will have an opportunity to visit with them in a more personal manner by inviting them to dinner during their visit. *A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby; please select one of the time slots in order to have this chance to learn more about them and the work in that major city in Chile.*



Central Agape Group Plans “Golden Anniversary Brunch” June 27



A “Golden Anniversary Brunch” for those Falls Church couples who have celebrated 50 years of marriage - or even more years - is planned by the **Central Agape Group** on Saturday June 27 from 10 am to 1 pm here at the building.

Janice McDaniel, leader for the Central Agape Group, asks: “If you have been married 50 years or more and have not been contacted, please contact me as soon as possible.”

All Falls Church members are invited to and encouraged to attend this event.



Happy Birthday to
Brian Collins and Richard Deibler
who celebrate their birthdays today, May 31.
Their names were accidentally omitted
from the May calendar.

Annual Falls Church Picnic Planned for July 4 at Bluemont Park

The 9th Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for July 4 starting at 11 am. As in previous years, the event will be held at Bluemont Park, 601 N. Manchester St., Arlington, VA 22203.

Agape Group leaders will receive details about food, drinks and setup/cleanup assignments. In addition, Dana Hatcher is seeking someone with a truck to transport tables and BBQ grills to and from the park/church.

Although located in an urban area, Bluemont features a creek - Four Mile Run - along with hiking and biking trails and lush foliage. The section where the picnic is held is near the intersection of Manchester and Arlington Blvd. and has a picnic pavilion, playground and a softball field.

**Congregational Prayer Request for
May 31, 2015 – Pray for our interns that they
will have a positive impact on our young people
that will encourage them throughout their lives
to be dedicated to the service of God.**

Excursion to Joseph at the Sight and Sound Theatre of Lancaster, PA, Planned by Central Agape Group

An excursion to the production of Joseph by the Sight and Sound Theatre of Lancaster, PA, is planned by the Central Agape Group for Oct. 3. The trip will take place if there is sufficient interest.

The Sight and Sound Theatre is Christian based, and one of the largest live theatre venues in the country. Joseph is one of several productions based on Biblical themes.



The projected cost is \$99/adult and \$38/child. This includes lunch at Miller’s Smorgasbord, an “all you can eat” buffet. Payment will be due by the end of June.

A chartered bus will cost an additional \$30/person, but that charge isn’t due until Sept. 1.

Contact **Janice McDaniel** if you wish to join this trip.

**An additional teacher is sought for
Vacation Bible School.
Please contact Kelly Shumate or Mendy Crews
to volunteer. VBS is scheduled for Friday evening
Aug. 7 through Saturday morning Aug. 8.**

Two of our Elders are available in R. 221 on the main level after the morning assembly, to meet with anyone who would like prayer for special concerns.

Impoverished Widow Displays Great Faith; Part 1 of Report of Habtu Zemech's Recent Trips to Ethiopia

Sister Zenebech has almost nothing of material value. She is a widow, and two of her daughters are deceased.

She retired from her job as a janitor at the church-sponsored school for the deaf in order to bring up her last two daughters and nine grandchildren.

Her brother, a dentist, contributed to her support, but died 9 years ago, leaving her destitute.

In addition, she experienced a severe health crisis and eventually underwent triple bypass heart surgery.

She cannot afford to care for her grandchildren and to pay for her medications.

In the eyes of the world, Sister Zenebech would be considered impoverished, perhaps even helpless.

But she doesn't see things that way.

Habtu Zemech, a member and deacon of the Falls Church congregation, is the director for "My Neighbors Foundation," a not-for-profit organization funded primarily by Falls Church members. It provides financial assistance to some of the neediest people in Habtu's native country of Ethiopia. He met Sister Zenebech through the foundation's help with school fees and supplies for her grandson Beruke.

"What makes her story such a testimony," Habtu said, "is not the fact that she is poor, sick or lost one daughter to AIDS and another to TB, while both were in their 20's or that she lost her brother who was the family's only source of income. Instead, it is the way she exhibits steadfastness and faithfulness now as she has all her life."



Sister Zenebech with grandson Beruke

A member of the Church of Christ in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, for 40 years, she became unable to walk to worship service. So she petitioned the Addis Ababa congregation to send brethren to minister not only to her but also to some of her neighbors in the area.

And now Sister Zenebech ponders "Who knows if God is doing this to me in order for the church to spread beyond where it was for the past several years."

Talk about a Christian viewpoint!

This article is Part 1 of a two-part report from **Habtu Zemech** regarding his recent trips to Ethiopia, in November 2014 and April this year. Part 2 will appear in the June 7 issue of Family Life.

Habtu will present a complete report of the work of the "My Neighbors Foundation" during the evening service on June 7. It is a presentation that you will not want to miss.

My Neighbors Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that helps orphans, school age children and the elderly in Ethiopia. Donations can be sent to:

My-Neighbors
3239 Gina Place.
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Sister Zenebech's health issues began several years ago when she was diagnosed with heart disease. However, she wasn't told how serious her situation was and due to lack of funds was unable to follow up. As her health deteriorated and she became weaker, a doctor from Canada, Dr. Mike, who had worked with Sister Zenebech's oldest daughter, arranged for her to see a cardiologist. In turn, that doctor determined that she would need a triple bypass operation. Dr. Mike also paid the bill of \$15,000 for the surgery which was performed in Addis Ababa.



Dagmawi (left) and Kaleb

"My Neighbor" now assists her with medicine as well as school supplies for two other grandsons, Dagmawi and Kaleb.

Habtu added, "Her story reminded me of Paul's message to the Romans, 'I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us' [Romans 8:8]. Regardless of what happened to her or where she is in life, it seems our sister put her hope where it needs to be. Her story should encourage us all to look beyond where we are in life and faithfully await that glorious day."

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1 Kings 15-17	2 1 Kings 18-20	3 1 Kings 21-22; 2 Kings 1	4 2 Kings 2-4	5 2 Kings 5-7)	6 2 Kings 8-11 <i>Spanish Worship, 7 pm, FH</i>
7 2 Kings 12-15 <i>Missions Committee Meeting with Kevin & Deanna Amores after AM assembly</i>	8 2 Kings 16-18	9 2 Kings 19-21	10 2 Kings 22-24	11 2 Kings 25; 1 Chronicles 1-2	12 1 Chr. 3-5	13 1 Chr. 6-9 <i>Youth Ministry: Meet the Interns, Sweetnam home, 5 pm Spanish Worship, 7 pm, FH</i>
14 1 Chr. 10-13 <i>Graduates Honor Ceremony during PM assembly 2nd Sunday Finger Food Fellowship after PM assembly</i>	15 1 Chr. 14-16	16 1 Chr. 17-19	17 1 Chr. 20-22	18 1 Chr. 23-25	19 1 Chr. 26-28 <i>Youth Group</i>	20 1 Chr. 29; 2 Chronicles 1-3 <i>Lock-In</i> → <i>Spanish Worship, 7 pm, FH</i>
21 2 Chr. 4-7	22 2 Chr. 8-10	23 2 Chr. 11-13	24 2 Chr. 14-16	25 2 Chr. 17-19	26 2 Chr. 20-22 <i>Brunch set up</i>	27 2 Chr. 23-26 <i>Golden Anniversary Brunch sponsored by Central Agape Group, 10 am-1 pm Spanish Worship & fellowship dinner, 7 pm, FH</i>
28 2 Chr. 27-30 <i>"Essentials" Class after am service</i>	29 2 Chr. 31-33	30 2 Chr. 34-36			July 3- Independence Day Holiday— observed; office closed	July 4 - Church Picnic @ Bluemont Park @ 11 am

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 31, 2015

Morning

Amy Saxton
Lisa Swetnam

Evening

Janice McDaniel

June 7, 2015

Morning

Tek Lin Chea
Linda Reagan

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

May 31, 2015

2/3s J. Estes, J. Hayes, S. Habtu
P/K Misty Marshall, Carolina Alvarez

June 7, 2015

2/3s J. Estes, J. Hayes, S. Zemech
P/K Misty Marshall, Carolina Alvarez

Worship Today, May 31, 2015

Hymn #57	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>
Hymn #770	<i>Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</i>
Prayer	Matt Benskys
Hymn #334	<i>'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow</i>
Communion/Collection	Kirk Crews
Hymn #715	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>John 1:1-5</i>)	Austin Byrd
Bible Lesson	Josh Byrd
Hymn #807	<i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i>
Announcements	Jim Lane
Introduction of Visitors	John Reagan
Closing Prayer	Jeff Malcolm
Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Daniel Williams, Habtu Zemech



The service this evening will be a **5th Sunday Night Singing**, with Bill Kincaid as coordinator.

Wayne Doran and Robert Spiess will lead the prayers.

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

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, May 24, 2015

Bible Study	186
Morning Assembly	296
Evening Assembly	99
Contribution	\$16,996
YTD Average	\$12,035
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Classes & Online	84
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Wednesday, June 3

Prayer - Daniel Williams

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid