

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

In 1970 Tony Curtis starred in a movie entitled "Suppose they Gave A War and Nobody Came?" I never saw the movie, but remember thinking the title was thought provoking. Edited a bit, that title came to mind in a different way while on vacation.

Our hotel in Florence opened to a very small piazza between two streets (more like a large alley really). Across from that door was a large church building, the Church of Santi Apostoli. Its foundation was supposedly laid by Charlemagne in the early 800's AD. The building was completed a hundred years later.

Can you imagine? That Church has been there over 1000 years! Well . . . the building anyway. Mass is held four days a week, and three times on Sunday. I wondered how many came.

One afternoon I went in. I counted five people just gathered for prayer scattered throughout the nave. No priest. The next evening, the doors were open for mass and I peeked in again. I saw no one but the priest and an assistant. The priest was saying mass, but evidently saying it to himself. And then I wondered: "What if we had church and no one came?"

It's a foolish question really. You can't have church if no one comes. In fact, I would suggest there cannot be Church (the body of Christ), if there is no church (assembly). And though you may think "that will never happen," to be frank, that scene in a Florence church begs to differ. It can, and will.

Worship assemblies – Sunday morning, evening, and mid-week assemblies – all over are declining in number. Some congregations now gather as the Church only on Sunday mornings. Church leaders are frustrated. But there is only one solution, and it is an individual one: Each of us must resolve that to gather as the people of God for worship, fellowship and the strengthening of one another is of the highest priority, and we must follow through with a demonstration of our commitment.

We cannot have church if the Church doesn't show up. And we cannot BE the Church, if gathering as the Church is not a priority. No one (least of all ourselves) will ever take the body of Christ seriously if the body is seldom seen.

Love you all.

Mike

## Registration Deadline for the Annual Congregational Retreat is TODAY

The annual **Congregational Retreat** is scheduled for October 16-18 at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, the same facility as past years.

And, in order to guarantee your room, **YOU MUST REGISTER BY TODAY**, according to event organizers **Ken & Lesya Yeatman**.

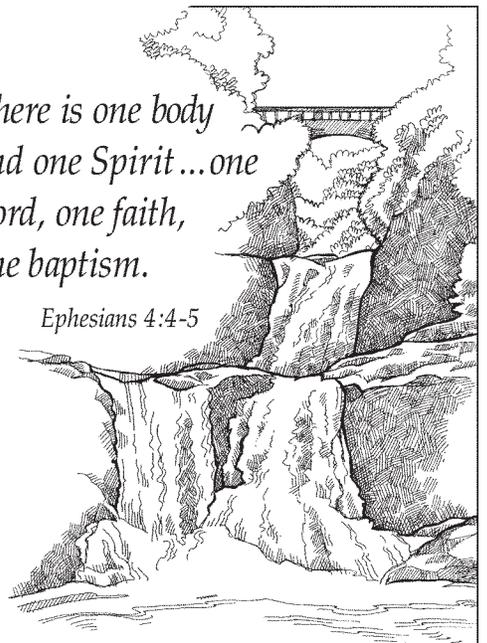


## Family Retreat

The theme for this year's retreat is "The Body: An Anatomy Lesson" and will center on Romans 12:4-5: "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

*There is one body  
and one Spirit...one  
Lord, one faith,  
one baptism.*

*Ephesians 4:4-5*



You can pick up your registration form from the round table in the lobby or get one from Ken or Lesya Yeatman. Please also see them if you have any questions.

A 30% deposit is due at time of Registration. However, if that's a problem due to the short notice, people can talk to Ken or Lesya. Lesya added, "Knowing that they are coming is the important part."

## Central Agape Group Plans “Golden Anniversary Brunch” June 27

A “Golden Anniversary Brunch” for those Falls Church couples who have celebrated 50 or more years of marriage 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. Please add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



## M.S. Pledges Are Due by June 28

**Kevin Thie** requests that all pledges for the 2015 annual **Multiple Sclerosis Walk** held in May be given to him as soon as possible. Kevin notes that he would like the funds by June 28, since the Multiple Sclerosis Society deadline is July 1. Please make out checks to “N.M.S.S.” which stands for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, but cash is accepted.

Kevin is the captain of the team, **M.S.Keteers**, which has been walking for many years. This year the co-walkers were Kevin’s daughter **Candace Thie & Dorothy Eckert**.



### Notice:

Ramadan will begin June 16 and will continue through July 18. That will produce heavier traffic during week-nights, so keep that in mind as you travel here.

## 9th Annual Church Picnic Planned for July 4 at Bluemont Park

A 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament plus volleyball, soccer and some “Minute to Win It” fun are part of the attractions for the **9th Annual Falls Church Picnic** scheduled for July 4 at Bluemont Park in Arlington, according to the organizers **Dana and Kelvin Hatcher**. Said Dana about the basketball tournament, “We will have a team sign up on the bulletin board by next week. DON’T LET JOSEPH BEAT EVERYONE!!”

For those who prefer a less strenuous activity, there will a Baking Contest for anyone who wishes to bring his/her award-winning 4th of July apple pie or other dessert fit for a blue ribbon. But the contest needs judges!!! “I will need 3 volunteers,” Dana added. Contact her to volunteer!

And for those who simply want to relax in the shade, there is a great spot just waiting for you. See the photo at the right!

Below are the items to bring/duties to perform for the Agape groups: **notice that ALL GROUPS are asked to join in the clean up. AND Dana is still looking for someone with a pick up truck to transport the grill and some tables to and from the church/picnic grounds!**



### Central - \*\*clean up\*\*

- green salads and dressing
- 60 pcs of lettuce washed, torn & ready to use in a Ziploc bag
- desserts
- juice boxes (on ice)
- soda (on ice)

### South - \*\*clean up\*\*

- 120 individual bags of chips
- dips
- pre cut fruit trays
- bottled water (on ice)
- Gatorade (on ice)

### Eastern \*\*set up& clean up\*\*

- desserts
- onions 5 lg onions sliced & 5 lg onions diced (in doubled up Ziploc bags since they tend to smell)
- 60 slices of tomato (in a Ziploc bag)
- 5 medium jars of sliced pickles

### West \*\*clean up\*\*

- 2 lg cans of baked beans - can be in 2 crockpots
- 60 pcs of lettuce; washed, torn, and ready to use in a Ziploc bag
- cold salads - potato, macaroni, bean, etc...

**Spanish \*\*clean up\*\* PLUS their special chicken and chorizo**

NOTE: \*\*the mayo, mustard, ketchup and relish will be provided.

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.

## 2015 High School Graduates to be Honored During the Evening Assembly and the Fellowship Dinner to Follow

Falls Church will honor our high school graduates of 2015 during our service this evening and at our Fellowship Dinner which will follow.

**This will be a catered dinner, so members should not bring any of the food items mentioned in the bulletin last week. A special cake will be the dessert.**

All of us have experienced some graduation ceremony at some point in our lives. An occasion like this offers us the privilege of applauding the accomplishments of these three young people as well as encouraging them in their future endeavors - in work, in family and most of all in service to Christ and His church.

This is also a time for you to bring cards and gifts in recognition of this major life event.

So make plans to be here for this very special ceremony!



## Vacation Bible School Registration Starts in Earnest; Sheet Collection - YES, SHEET COLLECTION - Starts Also

Registration is now underway for **Vacation Bible School** which is scheduled for Friday evening Aug. 7 through Saturday morning Aug. 8, according to directors **Kelly Shumate and Mendy Crews**.

“This is a little earlier than previously,” Kelly explained. “But,” she added, “in order to have enough tee shirts, we must have a 3-week advance notice in order to place the order, and, to do that, we must have a reasonably accurate head count.”

**The fastest and easiest method to register your children is through the google link that you can find in the comments at the beginning of the email of this bulletin.**

**Also, the teacher slots are filled, but there are openings for other volunteers, and you may secure a slot via the google account.**

In addition, a **SHEET COLLECTION** is now underway as well. You might ask, “Sheets?? Why sheets??” Well, the sheets are required to convert the fellowship hall

into a big tent - a REALLY BIG TENT!!! And for that, they need a REALLY LARGE NUMBER OF SHEETS!

While you don't need to bring in the sheets NOW, please let **Kelly** or **Linda Reagan** know you have the sheets. What YOU don't provide, they will need to buy, and they really don't want to have to buy any!

The sheets will be **due by July 29**, and will be returned following VBS - washed, folded and unharmed!

But to ensure they are returned to you, **PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME IN THE CORNER OF THE SHEET!!!!**

**The sheets should “fit” the following description!**

- **FLAT sheets only**
- **King or queen size only**
- **Solid colors only, but ANY color is fine!**

The theme for this year's VBS is “Blast to the Past: God's Everlasting Love.” Classes will be held for children ages 6 months through 6th grade, but there will be adult classes as well.



**Congregational Prayer Request for June 14, 2015 – Pray that we the people of God in this place will re-dedicate our lives every morning to serve the Lord and to love and serve one another all day.**

## 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

### June 14, 2015

#### Morning

Angela E-Hayes  
Jackie Arevalo

#### Evening

Janice McDaniel

### June 21, 2015

#### Morning

Rebecca E-Hayes  
Erica W-Chenevert

#### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship

### June 14, 2015

2/3s A. Smith, G. Keller, H & K Alvarado  
P/K Carolina Alvarez, Emily Alvarez

### June 21, 2015

2/3s J. Estes, J. Hayes, S. Habtu (Zemech)  
P/K Wendy Ward, Levenie Hughes

## Worship Today, June 14, 2015

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Hymn #290  | <i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>              |
| Hymn #96   | <i>I Stand in Awe</i>                   |
| Hymn #155  | <i>Highest Place</i>                    |
| Prayer   | Daniel Williams                         |
| Hymn #538  | <i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</i> |
| Hymn #364  | <i>Come, Share the Lord</i>             |
| Communion/Collection   | Mark Dawson                             |
| Hymn #410  | <i>He Leadeth Me</i>                    |
| <i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i> |   |
| Bible Reading (1 Peter 3:13-17)  | Greg Spraker                            |
| Bible Lesson   | Mike Tune                               |
| Hymn #853  | <i>When We All Get to Heaven</i>        |
| Announcements  | Bill Kincaid                            |
| Introduction of Visitors   | Jonah Shumate                           |
| Closing Prayer   | Matt Bensusky                           |
| Song Leader  | Clark Richardson                        |
| Ushers   | Grant Smith, John Waterston             |



### We will honor our 2015 graduates this evening;

Robert Spiess will lead singing; Oliver McDaniel and Caleb Dillinger will lead the prayers.

June servers: Joe Bohannon, Kirk Crews, Andrew McDaniel, John Reagan, Clark Richardson, Jonah Shumate

## 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

P. O. Box 1036  
Falls Church, VA 22041  
Office phone: 703-820-1346  
Fax: 703-820-1348  
Sick/Shut in call in: 703-820-2064  
administrator@fallschurchcoc.org  
Website: www.fallschurchcoc.org

### 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, June 7, 2015

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Bible Study      | 219         |
| Morning Assembly | 333         |
| Evening Assembly | 60          |
| Contribution     | \$ no count |
| YTD Average      | \$ no count |
| Budget Goal      | \$12,725    |

#### Wednesday, June 10, 2015

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Classes & Online | 81 |
|------------------|----|

### Wednesday, June 17

**Prayer - Habtu Zemech**  
**Song Leader - Joseph Tucker**