

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

They found Jesus a puzzlement. He didn't fit the pigeonholes they wanted to put him in. He didn't conform to their standards.

So when his disciples found him talking to a Samaritan woman one day, they were surprised. She was a "woman" after all. Men didn't cus-

tomarily carry on casual conversations with women. She was a Samaritan. Jews had no dealings with Samaritans. If they had probed a bit further, they would have considered her morally unworthy of their time.

But Jesus didn't think that way.

The disciples thought children were unworthy of Jesus' time.

But Jesus didn't think that way.

The disciples thought that those who refused Jesus should be burned with fire from heaven.

But Jesus didn't think that way.

The disciples were simply thinking like the world about them, a world that would pigeonhole the Son of God by calling him simply "Mary and Joseph's boy;" a world that valued and devalued – sometimes even hated – on the basis of parentage, age, ethnicity, social class, religion, and yes, even behavior.

But Jesus didn't think that way.

The shootings in Charleston two weeks ago and the racial violence that has filled our news media of late are stark reminders that the world hasn't changed much. Hatred for others still abounds.

What can we do???

We could pray. And we did last Sunday. And we continue to do so. And we should. But no one need think prayer alone will change things. God never intended we just pray the world into change. It takes something harder – infinitely harder. Change must begin with us, followers of Jesus who, unlike the disciples, no longer think or act like the world – nor approve by our speech, attitudes, actions or fellowship of the world's hatefulness, spitefulness, defiance, oppressiveness or pigeonholing. Rather, we must think and act like the Jesus who valued and died for all mankind – even the unrighteous – because they are important to God. Doing that, we must call the world to follow our example as we follow Jesus, and we must be convincing and convicting in that example.

At least, that's what Jesus thought.

Love you all.

Mike



In my last article I wrote about my dissatisfaction with the cultural stereotypes of what it means to be a man or a woman. I am not alone in this dissatisfaction. Miley Cyrus also expressed this feeling in a recent interview. Where we differ is on how to combat these unhealthy cultural stereotypes.

As believers and followers of Jesus Christ we understand that in order to understand our identity as men and women we must find our identity in the LORD who created us.

As I read through the stories collected in the Bible I find three archetypes of womanhood and manhood.

We see the warrior who is a driven, adventurous risk taker. The warrior is a protector doing what needs to be done. Joshua is a good example of the warrior. He leads the people of Israel in their conquest of the Promised Land. He is willing to take the risks the LORD asks him to take. Deborah (Judges 4 & 5) is another warrior. She is a prophet and a judge for the people of Israel. When Barak won't take the lead, Deborah steps up and leads the people to victory against Jabin.

Another archetype is the shepherd. The shepherd is gentle, caring and supportive. We see Ruth acting as a shepherd when she provides for her mother-in-law. Naomi has no one else in the world to care for her but Ruth. Moses is another shepherd as he guides the people of Israel from Egypt into the Promised Land. The LORD uses him to communicate the Covenant and Law between Himself and the people.

Finally we have the romantic. The romantic is passionate, faithful and selfless. The romantic is also vulnerable. We see David's vulnerability and passion in the Psalms. He pleads with the LORD; he is angry with the LORD but through it all he is faithful to the LORD. We see the romantic in Hannah the mother of Samuel as she pours her heart out in prayer. She is faithful by bringing Samuel back to live at the Tabernacle. Her passion is also clear in the song she sings after his birth!

Like the women and men we meet in the Biblical story we are more than one of these archetypes. They are like overlapping circles that make us who we are. I will write more about that next.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. [Signature]

Updates of Contributions for Special Collections

Below are updated totals for the special contributions that have been taken in recent months, according to **Wayne Doran**, on of our Elders.

- \$ 4,095 **Barrio Centro** in Catacamas, Honduras (to purchase land for a permanent location); this is the home congregation of the parents of **Saira Reyes**.
- \$ 8,244 The congregation in **Pearl Harbor, HI** (to purchase land for a permanent location)
- \$ 4,922 For **Camp WaMaVa**

Thank you

M.S. Pledges Are Due by Today

Kevin Thie requests that all pledges for the 2015 annual **Multiple Sclerosis Walk** held in May be given to him **by today, 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, the **M.S.Keteers**, which has been walking for many years. This year the co-walkers were Kevin's daughter **Candace Thie & Dorothy Eckert**.



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.

Prayer requests may be submitted to the Elders at:

prayerrequestfc@gmail.com

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)

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

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**



Registration Deadline for Family Retreat Is Extended Until June 28

TODAY really is the final opportunity that Falls Church members have to guarantee your room for the **Annual Family Retreat** set for October 16-18 at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, announced **Lesya Yeatman** who with her husband **Ken** are event organizers.

The original deadline was June 14, but that was rather short notice due to some inadvertant delays at the retreat center, so the registration deadline was extended. The theme this year is "The Body: An Anatomy Lesson," centered on Romans 12:4-5.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO ONLINE REGISTRATION. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM - AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY - AND RETURN TO THE YEATMANS ALONG WITH A 30% DEPOSIT. MAKE OUT YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN FALLS CHURCH.

Excursion to Joseph at the Sight and Sound Theatre of Lancaster, PA, Planned by Central Agape Group; Payments Due End of June

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, so contact **Janice McDaniel** to join this excursion.

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 is due by the end of June.

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



Congregational Prayer Request for June 28: Pray for comfort for the families, friends and church community of those who were killed at the Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston last week.

Vacation Bible School Registration Is Urged; Sheet Collection Is Underway; Adult Class Teachers - And the Meals - Are Announced

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 opening comments of the email that contains this bulletin. BUT PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LINK IS NOT ACCESSIBLE BY PHONE - ONLY BY COMPUTER.

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

The Adult Class Speakers have been confirmed. The Friday night speaker is **Ed Wilson** from the 16th and Decatur congregation in the District. The Saturday morning class will be taught by **Floyd Williamson** from the Silver Spring, MD, congregation. Topics will be announced later.

Also, all adults are welcome to join the meals as well. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in

the lobby, or you may use the Google link as well. Dinner will be served Friday night & breakfast Saturday morning.

In addition, make plans now to contribute your king or queen size sheet to the **SHEET COLLECTION**. The sheets will be used to convert the fellowship hall into a big tent - **a REALLY BIG TENT!!!** And for a room that size, they need a **REALLY LARGE NUMBER OF SHEETS!**

You don't have to bring in the sheets immediately, **not until the deadline of July 29**. But please let **Kelly** or **Linda Reagan** know you have the sheets. They will have to buy any sheets that aren't volunteered, and they prefer not to use their budget in that manner.

The sheets 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 available for children ages 6 months through 6th grade



Kevin and Deanna Amores, missionaries to Concepción, Chile, visited here at Falls Church this month. Kevin spoke to the *Iglesia de Cristo* on June 14, and here are photos by **Ignacio Espinoza** of that occasion. Ignacio added, “Kevin’s class was amazing, with a lot of information that was encouraging about the work in Concepción. We loved it.”



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**.



Baptism of Nayely Arguello on April 25.



Replacement of the title floor in the building for the Juigalpa congregation (below and at right)



Paying So Long

3rd Quarter Adult Classes Announced

The 3rd Quarter Schedule for classes for adults is listed below, according to **John Waterston**, Deacon for the Adult Education Ministry.

Class	Teacher	Room
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Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin July 5

The Gospel of Matthew	John Waterston & Richard Bowles	FH
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The text will be divided into 13 classes, an introduction, 5 sections regarding narrative and teaching, and ending with the crucifixion and resurrection. Each week students will attempt to answer the questions: Why did the author write this section? How does it relate to the rest of the gospel? How do we use this information today?

Everyday Evangelism	Mike Tune	121
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A textbook by the same name as the class, and written by Randy Becton, will be used, with readings assigned to class members for discussion. The class will not only look at the biblical rationale for evangelism, but will also involve recognizing opportunities for evangelism, and training for telling the Jesus story. Textbooks will be provided to class members.

Crazy Love - College Age Class	Daniel Williams, Caleb Mayfield	120
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Wednesday Schedule - Class Begins July 8

Bible Biographies	Different Speakers Each Week	FH
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Topics and speakers will be announced in advance. The first two classes are:

July 8	Dessain Terry	“The Shunamite Woman”
July 15	John Waterston	“Judas”

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ezra 1-3	2 Ezra 4-6	3 Ezra 7-9 <i>Independence Day Observed—Office Closed</i> 	4 Ezra 10; Nehemiah 1-3 <i>Church Picnic @ Bluemont, 11 am</i> <i>Youth Ministry activity @ 5:30 pm</i>
5 Nehemiah 4-7	6 Nehemiah 8-10	7 Nehemiah 11-13	8 Esther 1-3	9 Esther 4-6	10 Esther 7-9	11 Esther 10; Proverbs 1-3 <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
12 Proverbs 4-7 <i>NO 2nd Sunday Fellowship in July</i>	13 Proverbs 8-10	14 Proverbs 11-13	15 Proverbs 14-16	16 Proverbs 17-19	17 Proverbs 20-22	18 Proverbs 23-26 <i>Hispanic Women's Retreat, FH, 9 am-2 pm</i> <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
19 Proverbs 27-30	20 Proverbs 31; Ecclesiastes 1-2	21 Eccl. 3-5	22 Eccl. 6-8	23 Eccl. 9-11	24 Eccl. 12; Song of Solomon, 1-2	25 Solomon 3-6 <i>Spanish Worship & Fellowship Dinner, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
26 Solomon 7-8; Isaiah 1-2 <i>Essentials Class, 11:30 am</i> <i>Southern Agape Group Lunch, 11:30 am</i>	27 Isaiah 3-5	28 Isaiah 6-8	29 Isaiah 9-11	30 Isaiah 12-14 <i>Youth Ministry</i>	31 15-17 <i>Family Beach</i>	August 1 <i>Camping Trip</i> <i>VBS Workday, 9 am</i>

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 28, 2015

Morning

Billie Bohannon
Linda Reagan

Evening

Janice McDaniel

July 5, 2015

Morning

Jackie Arevalo
John Arevalo

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

June 28, 2015

2/3s Anna Souza, TBA, A & S Byrd
P/K Casey Waterston, TBA

July 5, 2015

2/3s TBA, Dana Hatcher, Dejjia Hatcher
P/K Misty Marshall, TBA

Worship Today, June 28, 2015

Hymn #715	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>
Hymn #744	<i>God's Family</i>
Prayer	Jerry Williams
Hymn #725	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>
Hymn #374	<i>There Is a Fountain</i>
Communion/Collection	Wayne Doran
Hymn #747	<i>Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (1 Peter 4:7-11)	Gordon Rampy
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #957	<i>This World Is Not My Home</i>
Announcements	Steve Dasher
Introduction of Visitors	John Hilboldt
Closing Prayer	Jun Amores
Song Leader	Joseph Tucker
Ushers	Grant Smith, John Waterston



Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening;

Jim Lane and Daniel Williams 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

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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, June 21, 2015

Bible Study	227
Morning Assembly	366
Evening Assembly	101
Contribution	\$ Not available
YTD Average	\$ Not available
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Classes & Online	85
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Wednesday, July 1

Prayer - Jerry Williams

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid