

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

My father loved to get mail, and at no time was that more true than when he was doing mission work in a foreign country. When I was a boy, I remember him checking his post office box twice a day. Sometimes he would send me (I still remember the box number). His desk was

always piled high with paper: letters from supporters and prayer partners, and carbon copies of his replies – always on onionskin paper (it's so thin you can see through it – but makes file drawers less bulging). Only late in life was his desk neater – mainly because he kept everything on his computer. He kept every letter anyone wrote him – and every reply.

I sat in the dark earlier this year in Dad's old hotel room in Saigon, listening to the street sounds outside (the city never sleeps), and wondered how he felt when he was there. Dad never ever complained about being lonely, but he never failed to answer an email and never got behind on his replies. He said he was afraid if he didn't respond quickly, folks wouldn't write. He'd try all sorts of things to engage his correspondents in lengthy conversations. We talked several times a week and I sometimes wondered why the concept of being 12 hours ahead of me was so difficult for him to understand (particularly when he'd call me at 1 am). I tried to call him most of the time because it was cheaper and if he called me, he would talk forever and run out of minutes on his phone. But that never bothered him. He loved company – particularly someone who could speak his language.

Those engaged in mission work live in sacrificial ways the rest of us find difficult to comprehend, but in living that way, they plant the seed of God's word and reap a harvest the rest of us – who support them – share in the eyes of God.

Our congregation supports eight couples on various mission fields. Their reports often fill the pages of Family Life, but a special group makes it their ministry to care for and support them. It is our Missions Committee. I want to share with you some of the committee's work – but I'm out of space. Look for it next week!

Love you all.  
Mike



In my last article I wrote about archetypes of manhood or womanhood; the warrior, the shepherd and the romantic. We find women and men in the Biblical narrative living out these roles to some degree or another. The question I want to tackle now is how does this look in our own lives today? I will not be giving you a test to determine whether you are a warrior or a shepherd or a romantic; instead here are some examples of how they might look.

Sometimes you are the warrior. You notice a need at work, or school or in the church community. You also notice that no one else seems to see the need. You decide to figure out a way to meet that need. The need maybe a neighbor who can't afford a stroller so you ask around for donations and help out. The need may be for a member of our church community who needs a ride to the doctor's office and you either give or help to arrange that ride. The warrior sees a need that others may not see and does what needs to be done to meet that need.

Notice in this example that in meeting the needs the warrior is providing like the shepherd. The shepherd pays attention to the flock. As a shepherd you may notice a friend who is silently struggling. You can help guide, support and pray for this friend. As a shepherd you may be working behind the scenes in our church community, such as making sure the bulletin boards are up to date, the attendance cards are in place or that Communion is prepared and ready.

Notice in these examples the shepherd acts as the romantic sometimes too. It takes the romantic's creativity to make a good bulletin board. In taking on the sacred duty of preparing the Communion, we see the romantic's faithfulness. We also see this in the time and effort the romantic takes to prepare prayers or Communion devotionals.

There is an overlapping nature in our lives to how we live out the aspects of the warrior, shepherd and romantic. Sometimes we are more the romantic and other times we are more shepherd or the warrior, but each aspect is part of who we are.

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GRACE + PEACE  
*John B. [Signature]*

## CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR JULY 12

The 2nd Sunday Potluck Luncheon HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR JULY 12. The annual Church Picnic is the Fellowship Event for July.

Typically after such events, we cancel the evening assembly for that day. However, since the luncheon has been cancelled, WE **WILL** HAVE AN EVENING ASSEMBLY NEXT SUNDAY JULY 12.

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](mailto:prayerrequestfc@gmail.com)

## Deadline to Sign Up For Excursion to the Production of Joseph Extended to July 19

The deadline to sign up for the October 3 trip to Lancaster, PA, for the Sight and Sound Theatre's production of Joseph has been extended to July 19. If interested please see **Janice McDaniel**.

This trip is being organized by the **Central Agape Group**.

The Sight and Sound Theatre is Christian based, and is one of the largest live theater venues in the country. The production of 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.

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



**Congregational Prayer Request for July 5, 2015 – Prayer of thanksgiving for the opportunities and freedoms that we have been given by our God to worship Him without harm or duress.**

Wishing You a  
**Happy  
Birthday!**

*Baptism*

*Congratulations*

## Vacation Bible School Registration Is Urged; Paper Bag AND Sheet Collection Is Underway;

“Please register your children as soon as possible,” urged **Kelly Shumate** regarding the upcoming **Vacation Bible School**. She added, “We plan to order tee shirts, but to ensure that we have enough, we must submit our order within three weeks of VBS. To do that, WE MUST have a reasonably accurate head count.”

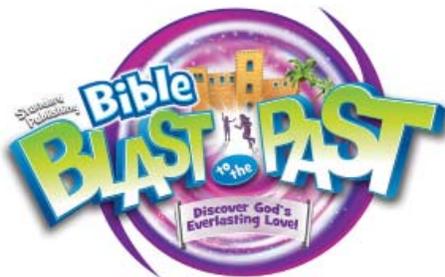
VBS, whose theme this year is “Blast to the Past: God’s Everlasting Love,” is scheduled for Friday evening August 7 and Saturday morning August 8. Kelly and **Mendy Crews** are co-directing this year’s production.

### The best way to register is online.

There is a *google link* which is listed in the introductory comments of the email to all members and including this bulletin. Please remember that the link is not available via phone, but must be used on a computer.

### OTHER NEWS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

◆ **Linda Reagan is collecting paper bags.** She needs the ones that are available in the grocery stores. Please bring in as many as possible.



◆ **Linda also is collecting sheets** in order to transform the fellowship hall into a REAAAAAALY big tent. Please bring in **FLAT QUEEN OR KING SHEETS IN ANY SOLID COLOR**. As long as you put your name on the sheet, it will be laundered and returned to you after VBS. If YOU don’t bring in sheets, they will have to use their budget to purchase the sheets. **PLEASE BRING IN THE SHEETS BY JULY 29.**

◆ The program is open to children ages 6 months through 6th grade. In addition, there will be classes for the adults - assuming the children don’t drive here alone. The guest speakers are **Ed Wilson**, from the 16th & Decatur congregation, on Friday night. **Floyd Williamson** of the Silver Spring (MD) congregation will teach Saturday.

◆ And, you have the option of dining here at the building before both events, adults included. THERE IS A SIGNUP SHEET for meals, and you are urged to add your name if you wish to participate. The meals are free.

## 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
<b>Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin Today, July 5</b>		
<b>The Gospel of Matthew</b>	<b>John Waterston &amp; Richard Bowles</b>	<b>FH</b>
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?		
<b>Everyday Evangelism</b>	<b>Mike Tune</b>	<b>121</b>
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.		
<b>Crazy Love - College Age Class</b>	<b>Daniel Williams, Caleb Mayfield</b>	<b>120</b>

## Wednesday Schedule - Class Begins Next Week, July 8

<b>Bible Biographies</b>	<b>Different Speakers Each Week</b>		<b>FH</b>
Topics and speakers will be announced in advance. The first two classes are:			
July 8	<b>Dessain Terry</b>	“The Shunamite Woman”	
July 15	<b>John Waterston</b>	“Judas”	

## 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.

## 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 28, 2015

Bible Study	216
Morning Assembly	No Count
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$10,581
YTD Average	\$12,136
Budget Goal	\$12,725

#### Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Classes & Online 66

## Nursery Attendants

### July 5, 2015

Morning	Evening	July 12, 2015 Morning	Evening
Melissa Collins	Janice McDaniel	Ruth Amores	Janice McDaniel
Abby & Marshall Collins		Rebecca E-Hayes	

## Children's Worship

### July 5, 2015

2/3s Dana Hatcher, TBA	July 12, 2015
P/K Wendy & Mark Ward	2/3s Gayla Keller, TBA
	P/K Jackie Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez

## Worship Today, July 5, 2015

Hymn #238	<i>You Are the Song That I Sing</i>
Hymn #202	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>
Hymn #768	<i>Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You</i>
Prayer	Joseph Tucker
Hymn #484	<i>You Are My All in All</i>
Hymn #176	<i>Lamb of God</i>
Communion/Collection	John Reagan
Hymn #226	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (1 Peter 4:7-11)	Frank Estes
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #113	<i>His Grace Reaches Me</i>
Announcements	Jim Lane
Introduction of Visitors	Jonah Shumate
Closing Prayer	Grant Smith
Song Leader	Clark Richardson
Ushers	Jose Arevalo, Brian Collins



Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening;  
 Steve Dasher & Mark Dawson will lead the prayers.  
 July servers: Matt Bensusky, Bill Furr, Luis Reyes,  
 Hal Swetnam, Mark Ward

### Wednesday, July 8

Prayer - Mike Tune

Song Leader - Clark Richardson