

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Orville and Wilbur Wright grew up in a family dedicated to learning. Their father was a minister, and books filled their home – including books by authors skeptical of religion in general and Christianity in particular. Milton Wright (the father) encouraged his children to read everything – and

especially these latter works.

It was, biographer David McCullough concludes, the reading of these books that led the children to give up regular attendance in Church, “a change the Bishop seems to have accepted without protest.”

Every child must be guided. We attempt to cultivate within our children interest in sports, science, art, mathematics, and yes, even politics. But we don't do it by tossing them a ball and glove, a math, science, or art book and hoping they will figure it out on their own. It is equally absurd to leave matters of eternal significance to their own devices. I wonder how much better it would have been for “the Bishop” (as they called Milton Wright) to have taken the time to walk his boys through the arguments of the unbelievers, showing the shallowness of their reasoning and the paucity of their evidence. Provided, of course, he knew how to do that.

I am opposed to ramming religion down the throats of our children as much as I am opposed to ramming food down their throats. But there must be encouragement to eat, and especially to eat the bread of life that is the word of God. And there must be the example of those who eat, and eat wisely.

God said: “Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds . . . Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up . . . so that your days and the days of your children may be many . . .”

Pray with your children and grandchildren. Talk about the Word of God with them. Let them see your hope and your dedication to being the body of Christ. Allow them to see, in times of stress, your reliance on the Lord. Talk them through challenges of faith, and walk with them on their difficult roads. Lead them. Few find the way to God on their own.

Love you all
Mike



In my last article I wrote that I would continue the series I had begun with my “Jesus Loves Miley Cyrus” article. Unfortunately the time it is taking to do good research on the next few articles is taking longer than I had hoped. I will finish the series soon!

In the meantime, the **Youth Ministry** has been busy this Summer and will continue to be busy for the next few weeks. Be sure to mark the following events on your calendars and be sure to RSVP to myself, Amanda or Caleb.

Near Term Events

July 21st - Zoo trip (3rd-12th grades) 10 am. We will meet at the National Zoo @ 10 am and enjoy a day wandering around and learning about all the interesting animals. Bring a sack lunch or money for lunch. Families are welcome and parents need to stay with 3rd - 6th graders

July 24th - Tacos & Movie (7th - 12th grade) 7:05-9:52 - We will meet at the church's building to make tacos and enjoy a yet to be determined movie!

July 30th - August 1st - Youth Ministry Family Beach Camping Trip to Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes, DE (3rd - 12th grade and their families). **If you haven't already rsvp'd for this, please do so soon, since camping spaces are filling up!**

Long Term Events

POWER HOUSE Youth Rally @ the Fairfax Church of Christ - November 6th - 8th. Details about this will be heading your way as soon as I get them!

If you are not receiving the Youth Ministry's Weekly Update be sure to check...
twitter - @cocfcym
instagram - @cocfcym
blog - cocfcym@blogspot.com
or the Weekly Update Email - to subscribe email Josh Byrd at youthfc@fallschurchcoc.org

GRACE + PEACE
Josh Byrd

VBS UPDATES: POSTCARD MAILINGS, WORK DAY, SIGNUP SHEETS

With less than three weeks until Vacation Bible School “blasts off,” the last minute flurry of activity is now in earnest. **Kelly Shumate** and **Mendy Crews** are directing the 2015 event, and **Linda Reagan** is the creative consultant! If you have any questions, please consult one of them.

❖ **July 22** (Wednesday) - time to *address the postcards* that are sent to our “neighbors” near the building. Your assistance beginning at **6 pm next Wednesday** is deeply appreciated! Remember - **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**.

❖ **July 29** - (Wednesday) - time to bring in those queen or king size, any solid color sheets that will be used to transform the fellowship hall into a BIG tent. *Seriously, you DO want to see this - right??*

❖ **August 1** (Saturday) - **WORK DAY!!!** That’s when we will decorate the classrooms and the fellowship hall and get everything primped and readied for the big day.

❖ **August 7** (Friday) - The **BIG DAY** arrives as VBS begins. Dinner will be served from 5:15 to 6 pm, and will consist of hot dogs, chips, carrot sticks, dessert & drinks. The program will run from 6 to 8:15 pm.

❖ **August 8** (Saturday) - The **BIG DAY** continues. Breakfast will be served between 8 to 9 am, and will feature pancakes, bacon/sausage, fruit, juice, milk & coffee. The program will run from 9 to 11:30 am.

Vacation Bible School is open to children ages 6 months through 6th grade. Although registration ended last

Sunday, no child will ever be excluded. Just talk to Kelly about any late-breaking needs.

In addition to the children’s program, there will be classes for the adults. That way you won’t have to just sit around idly waiting to take home your children and their guests. 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.

There are signup sheets in the lobby for the meals on Friday evening and Saturday morning. The meals are at no charge, but you **MUST** sign up so they will know how much food to prepare!



The VBS theme this year is “Blast to the Past: God’s Everlasting Love.” It is designed to bring children closer to God by experiencing His everlasting love and discovering what that means to them. The program will emphasize the concepts that **God’s love is incredible** (an unlikely hero, Exodus 3); **faithful** (rescue of Rahab, Joshua 2); **invincible** (God strengthens David, 1 Samuel 7); **unconditional** (God’s son forgives, John 3:16, Luke 7); and **real** (God answers the church and frees Peter, Acts 12). Children will be taught that “God loves me and He always will.”

Deadline to Sign Up For Excursion to the Production of Joseph Extended Until Today, 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 until TODAY July 19. If interested please see **Janice McDaniel**. This trip is being organized by the **Central Agape Group**.

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.



Southern Agape Group Plans Luncheon Next Sunday, July 26

The **Southern Agape Group** plans a fellowship luncheon next Sunday, July 26, after the morning assembly. Members of the group are requested to bring a main dish AND either a side dish OR dessert. Drinks will be provided.

This is the first such event following the recent reorganization of the agape groups, so it is an excellent opportunity to meet new group members.

The leaders of Southern Agape Group are **Vickie Witt** and **Jackie Arevalo**.



Congregational Prayer Request for July 19, 2015 – Pray that our ministers will be effective in leading many souls to repentance with their preaching of the gospel.

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

Falls Church Fellowship - Independence Day Style

Below are photos taken at the annual **Falls Church Picnic** held this year on July 4! Due to the threat of rain, the event was transferred from Bluemont Park to the building, but, as you can tell from these pictures, that didn't dampen the collective pleasure of good company and good food.

Many thanks to organizers **Dana & Kelvin Hatcher**, and to our resident photographer **Dorothy Eckert** for these shots.



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

July 19, 2015

Morning

Angela E-Hayes
Patty Woods

Evening

Janice McDaniel

July 26, 2015

Morning

Joanne Carter
TBA

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

July 19, 2015

2/3s J. Estes, A. Smith, A & S Byrd
P/K Wendy Ward, Levenie Hughes

July 26, 2015

2/3s A. Souza, TBA, J. Bohannon
P/K C. Waterston, TBA

Worship Today, July 19, 2015

Hymn #193	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>
Hymn #586	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>
Prayer	Mark Dawson
Hymn #318	<i>O Sacred Head</i>
Communion/Collection	John Hilboldt
Hymn #844	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (1 Peter 4:12-19)	John Reagan
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #479	<i>Peace, Perfect Peace</i>
Announcements	Joseph Tucker
Introduction of Visitors	Hal Swetnam
Closing Prayer	Jerry Williams
Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Jose Arevalo, Brian Collins



John Waterston will lead singing this evening;
Wayne Doran & Jim Lane will lead the prayers.
July servers: Jonathan Bohannon, Caleb Dillinger,
Jeff Malcolm, Mark Ward

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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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, July 5, 2015

Bible Study	182
Morning Assembly	287
Evening Assembly	107
Contribution	\$13,773
YTD Average	\$12,197
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Classes & Online	76
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Wednesday, July 22

Prayer - Brian Collins

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker