

Family Life

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Tune's Notes



In the beginning days of their interest in flying, Orville and Wilbur Wright turned to the writings of Octave Chanute who had made gliders his specialty. As the Wrights progressed in their study, design and success, Chanute – older and certainly more famous, far from being jealous,

began to cheer them on. He became one of their greatest supporters for the next ten years.

Then, something awful happened. Wilbur, in a casual speech, mentioned how Chanute had “turned up” one day at their workshop. He didn’t mean Chanute was trying to horn in on their research, but that’s the way Chanute took it and he was offended. Chanute retorted off-handedly that the most salient feature of the Wrights’ design and success was not original to them. The statement was untrue and insulting. The Wrights pointedly challenged Chanute, who escalated the matter by accusing Orville and Wilbur of being greedy.

Wilbur replied in a letter to his old friend that Chanute knew better. And he did.

But as Wilbur closed his letter, he indicated that there was something more important than who was right. He wrote: “If anything can be done to straighten matters out. . . we are not only willing but anxious to do our part. We have no wish to quarrel with a man toward whom we ought to preserve a feeling for gratitude.”

Three months later, Chanute had not replied. Wilbur wrote again: “My brother and I do not form many intimate friendships, and we do not lightly give them up. . . We prize too highly the friendship which meant so much in the years of our early struggles to willingly see it worn away by uncorrected misunderstandings, which might be corrected by frank discussion.”

Within a few days, the differences were resolved and the animosities buried.

Differences happen. Things are said. Retorts are made. Animositities escalate. But it doesn’t have to be that way as long as friends are willing to listen and speak and understand and forgive; as long as the relationship is more important than pride. The Psalmist had it right: “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

Love you all
Mike

Summer 2015 So Far!



This has been a great Summer so far!

Amanda and Caleb have been very busy this Summer. They have planned and hosted movie nights, game days and spent one on one time with our

teens and students.

One of their best ideas has been to act out different stories from the Bible and then talk about them. This has led to all kinds of craziness and some learning too.

For instance a couple of Wednesdays ago the teens and students acted out the accounts of Jesus walking on water and stopping a storm. In order to act out this story, we needed a boat, some disciples and a storm. The boat was made of couches. The teens were the disciples but the storm was provided by some squirt guns and a fan! They discussed the similarities and differences in the three stories and why one Gospel (Luke) might leave it out. The importance of being faithful when the storms of life hit and looking for Jesus in those times was talked about as well.

Last Sunday night they acted out the story in Daniel about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace! Once again the teens provided the narration and acting. The furnace came to us thanks to Netflix’s fireplace video loop (Christmas Carols were muted). We talked about remaining faithful even when it is not easy. We discussed the fact that something bad might happen to us as we are faithful but living as a follower of Jesus is better than all other options!

The fun of acting out these stories will help them stick in the minds of our teens and students.

We only have our interns for a few more weeks and then they are back off to school.



GRACE + PEACE
A. H. B. J.

VBS UPDATES: TIME FOR THE SHEETS, FOR THE WORK DAY, FOR MEALS

Vacation Bible School “crunch time” is now in earnest! Below are the dates and the things you need to know!!!!

❖ **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.

❖ **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. Start time is 9 am, and will include breakfast and child care!

❖ **SIGN UP - SIGN UP - SIGN UP for dinner and/or breakfast!** There is no charge for the meals, but you **MUST** sign up so the organizers will have enough food. See menus below.

❖ **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 adults, so you won’t have to make two trips or idle away your time during the program. 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.

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. It 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 learn that “God loves me and He always will.”

Southern Agape Group Plans Luncheon Today, July 26

The **Southern Agape Group** plans a fellowship luncheon today, 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 group’s leaders are **Vickie Writt** and **Jackie Arevalo**.



Congregational Prayer Request for July 26, 2015 – Pray of thanksgiving for the many visitors that the Good Lord sends us every year and pray that we will be an encouragement to them to worship our God.

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

New Baby

Thank you

To the Falls Church Family,

On behalf of family and friends, thanks to my brothers and sisters at Falls Church for the beautiful flowers you sent in memory of my father, **B. R. Israel**. Your love and consideration are very much appreciated.

Thanks also for the many cards and other expressions of sympathy I have received.

May God bless,
Janet Lane

The Ladies of the Falls Church Iglesia de Cristo Excel with First-Ever Hispanic Ladies Day July 18

Congratulations to the women of the Falls Church Iglesia de Cristo, who organized and hosted an assembly of over 50 women from Spanish congregations of the greater metropolitan July 18 for the first-ever Hispanic Ladies Day here at Falls Church.

The theme was “**The Role and Conduct of Women - in the church, in the home and in society.**” Guest speaker was **Idalia Marisol (Rodriguez) Long**, who grew up in this congregation and now attends at Fredericksburg. She is the daughter of **Adrian Rodriguez** and the late **Matilde Rodriguez**. According to **Sandra (Rodriguez) Espinoza**, Idalia culled examples of the service of women from both the old and new testaments.

She pointed out that Lois and Eunice, the grandmother and mother of Timothy, were examples of service by teaching and encouraging children, both their own and those in the larger community. She noted Dorcas, whose works of charity brought praise and respect for the church. Idalia mentioned the work of Priscilla and Aquila in their congregation in Corinth and support for Paul in his mission work.

The program was the result of extensive preparation by 12 women here at Falls Church, including Maria Alvarado, Blanca Alvarez, Reyna Ayala, Sandra Espinoza, Carina Euceda, Yorlenny Euceda, Reina Flores, Juanita Hernandez, Rosa Moran, Morena (Lupita) Reyes, Saira Reyes and Rubia Rodriguez. They met each Sunday to plan, and each of them participated in the program.

Saira Reyes welcomed the speaker, Reina Ayala led the opening prayer, Idalia addressed the assembly, Rubia Rodriguez and Rosa Moran led the singing, Blanca Alvarez led the prayer before the luncheon, and Yorlenny Euceda led

the closing prayer. Sandra Espinoza and Morena Reyes ran an activity. Blanca and Roberto Alvarez cooked the meat, while others brought side dishes, and Marina Rodriguez worked in the kitchen. Carina Euceda distributed the certificates to those who came.

Several men assisted with the event, including Roberto Alvarez, Ignacio Espinoza, Saul Reyes, Wilfredo Reyes and David Rodriguez, who helped in the kitchen and also took care of the children. Most of the men also serve as deacons for this congregation. In addition, the youth helped as well, including Carmen Reyes and David Rodriguez (Jr.).

Sandra expressed appreciation for the contribution of youth minister **Josh Byrd**, who set up the computer and the projector, and



Morena Reyes, Amanda Jimenez & Rubia Rodriguez

of **Amanda Jimenez**, one of the Falls Church interns, who helped with the computer, helped set up the day before, and provided considerable assistance during the event. It should be noted that Amanda is the granddaughter of former member **Richard Jimenez** who worked with the *Iglesia de Cristo* for many years.



(at right) child care



Elegant table settings

(above) The ladies assemble in the auditorium for a group photo. (At right) the group outside.



August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <i>Essentials class after morning Assembly</i> <i>Southern Agape Group Lunch after am service</i>			29 <i>Sheets for VBS— any solid color, king or queen— needed by today</i>	30 <i>Youth Ministry/ Family Beach Camping Trip @ Cape Henlopen</i>	31 	1 Isaiah 18-21  <i>VBS Work Day; starts 9 am</i> <i>Spanish Worship, FH, 7-8:30 pm</i>
2 Isaiah 22-25	3 Isaiah 26-28	4 Isaiah 29-31	5 Isaiah 32-34	6 Isaiah 35-36	7 Isaiah 37-39 <i>VBS Starts Dinner 5:15-6 pm VBS 6-8:15 pm</i>	8 Isaiah 40-43 <i>VBS Continues Breakfast 8-9 am VBS 9-11:30 am</i> <i>Spanish Worship, FH, 7-8:30 pm</i>
9 Isaiah 44-47 <i>Adult Education Cmte. Mtg., R. 120, 11:30 am</i> <i>2nd Sunday/Ice Cream Social after pm service</i>	10 Isaiah 48-50	11 Isaiah 51-54	12 Isaiah 55-57	13 Isaiah 58-60	14 Isaiah 61-63	15 Isaiah 64-66; Jeremiah 1 <i>Spanish Worship, FH, 7-8:30 pm</i>
16 Jeremiah 2-5	17 Jeremiah 6-8	18 Jeremiah 9-11	19 Jeremiah 12-14	20 Jeremiah 15-17	21 Jeremiah 18-20	22 Jeremiah 21-24 <i>Spanish Worship, FH, 7-8:30 pm</i>
23 Jeremiah 25-28	24 Jeremiah 29-31	25 Jeremiah 32-34	26 Jeremiah 35-37	27 Jeremiah 38-40	28 Jeremiah 41-43 <i>Alvarado Wedding Ceremony— Preparation/ Rehearsal</i>	29 Jeremiah 44-47 <i>Alvarado Wedding Ceremony</i> <i>Spanish Worship, FH, 7-8:30 pm</i>
30 Jeremiah 48-51 <i>Essentials class after morning assembly</i>	31 Jeremiah 52; Lamentations 1-2					

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 26, 2015

Morning

Joanne Carter

Erica Walker-Chenevert

Evening

Janice McDaniel

August 2, 2015

Morning

Kristine Spraker

Sidney Spraker

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

July 26, 2015

2/3s A. Souza, TBA, J. Bohannon

P/K C. Waterston, TBA

August 2, 2015

2/3s Closed for Summer

P/K Closed for Summer

Worship Today, July 26, 2015

Hymn #3

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Hymn #176

Lamb of God

Prayer

Bill Kincaid

Hymn #689

Be Still, My Soul

Hymn #364

Come, Share the Lord

Communion/Collection

Jonah Shumate

Hymn #418

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)

Bible Reading (*Ezekiel 9:1-6*)

Joe Bohannon

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #745

Humble Yourself

Announcements

Oliver McDaniel

Introduction of Visitors

Grant Smith

Closing Prayer

Hal Swetnam

Song Leader

John Waterston

Ushers

Jose Arevalo, Brian Collins



Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening;

Joseph Tucker & John Waterston will lead the prayers.

July servers: Jonathan Bohannon, Caleb Dillinger,

Bill Furr, Jeff Malcolm, Luis Reyes, 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

(October through April)

Wednesday

7:15 pm

Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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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 19/12, 2015

Bible Study 200/205

Morning Assembly 313/308

Evening Assembly 94/102

Contribution \$9,458/\$14,750

YTD Average \$12,175/12,272

Budget Goal \$12,725

Wednesday, July 22/15, 2015

Classes & Online 82/86

Wednesday, July 29

Prayer - Jim Lane

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid