

# Family Life

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## FINAL COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

**Vacation Bible School** is coming down the home stretch, with fewer than 5 days before the big event starts **next Friday, August 7, running from 6 to 8:15 pm.**

Dinner will be served from 5:15 to 6 pm, and will consist of hot dogs, chips, carrot sticks, dessert & drinks.

The program will continue on **Saturday, August 8, operating from 9 to 11:30 am.**

Breakfast, which will be served between 8 to 9 am, will feature pancakes, bacon/sausage, fruit, juice, milk & coffee.

IN ORDER TO PARTAKE OF DINNER OR BREAKFAST, YOU MUST ADD YOUR NAME TO THE SIGNUP SHEETS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LOBBY. There is no charge for the meal, but the chef MUST know how much food to prepare!

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If you could bring a dessert for dinner on Friday night, please contact **Kelly Shumate**, via email, phone or text. She is looking for finger type desserts - bite size morsels that don't require a plate and cutlery. Even if you don't plan to attend VBS, you may drop off the items at the building on Friday, Aug. 7 or at any other time convenient to you.

The theme this year is **"Blast to the Past: God's Everlasting Love."** It is designed to bring children closer to God by experiencing His love and discovering what that love means to them. The topics include:

**God's love is incredible** - relating the story of Moses who was called by God via a burning bush, from Exodus 3.

**God's love is faithful** - relating the rescue of Rahab during the taking of Jericho.

**God's love is invincible** - how David was able to overcome Goliath with God's power.

**God's love is unconditional** - how God's son forgives, from John 3:16 and Luke 7 about the faith of the Centurion.

**God's love is real** - the account of Peter's miraculous release from prison as recorded in Acts 12

VBS is open to children ages 6 months through 6th grade. While registration is closed, don't worry - no child will ever be turned away.

But adults have a VBS program too! Naturally, this is provided for the adults who won't have to find a coffee shop to "hang out" while their children are attending classes. But it's a marvelous time for fellowship since the guest speakers represent other congregations.

**Ed Wilson** of the 16th & Decatur congregation in the District will speak Friday evening about "Incredible Love at a Critical Time."

The speaker Saturday is **Floyd Williamson** of the Silver Spring (Maryland) congregation.

And, no matter what else, make sure you go visit the "Big Tent" in the Fellowship Hall! Great - right??



If you missed the Work Day on Saturday, but still wish to contribute to VBS, there is another Work Day coming up Thursday, August 6. Just let Kelly know so she can direct your activities better.

### Congregational Prayer Request for August 2, 2015 –

Pray that the Vacation Bible School is encouraging and inspiring to all those who attend and that there will be a house full of children.

## August "2nd Sunday Fellowship" is Annual Ice Cream Social

Our annual Ice Cream Social will take place next Sunday, August 9, after the evening assembly. This will be our 2nd Sunday Fellowship Event for this month.

If at all possible - please bring a container of HOME-MADE ice cream. Any flavor is just fine!

Please prepare the ice cream at home, then wrap it securely to keep it cold and bring it into the fellowship hall before the evening service.

Make sure your ice cream is labeled, and please go to the fellowship hall immediately after the assembly in order to spoon out your culinary art!

However, if you simply cannot bring homemade ice cream, then please bring all the other accessories, including but not limited to:

Toppings like chocolate syrup, hot fudge sauce, caramel sauce, butterscotch, strawberry syrup, etc.



Fresh fruit like strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, peaches, etc.

The "final touches" like nuts or granola or cherries or whipped cream.

And - last but not least - cookies or mini-cupcakes or brownies or any bite-size desserts.

## Directory Updates

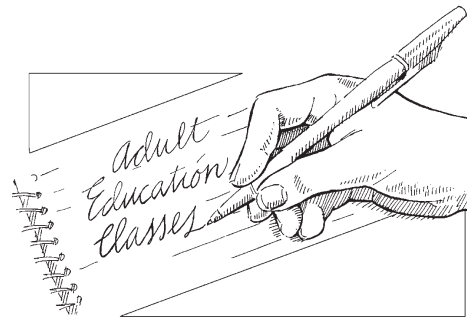
## August Schedule Changes

**Children's Worship is taking some "leave" time during August. It will resume in September.**

**Sunday EVENING Bible classes for children are "on break" during August.**

## Alumni News

## Adult Education Ministry to Meet August 9 After Morning Assembly



The **Adult Education Ministry** which determines the adult classes each quarter will meet on Aug. 9 after the morning worship service. The meeting is set for R. 120 (Elders' Conference Room).

**John Waterston**, chairman of this group, asks that all members be prepared to discuss the different proposals for classes for the fall quarter starting in September.

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)



## The End is Near!

Last Sunday morning the Upper Room Teen Ministry's combined Bible class took a look at Matthew 24. If you are unfamiliar with this passage, Jesus essentially describes the destruction of Jerusalem and signs of the "end of the world".

Popular entertainment has told us a variety of stories about the end of our world. Sometimes we destroy ourselves by creating genetic mutants or an artificial intelligence that decides to destroy their makers. Sometimes we simply blow ourselves up as part of a cataclysmic war. Other stories tell us about threats from outer space. A killer comet or asteroid comes crashing down on us or aliens invade and wipe us out. Then there are monsters that arise including but not limited to atomic fire breathing monsters, zombies and vampires.

Jesus paints a picture that is more focused on our response to the end rather than the specifics of the end. In our class we looked at 3 main points.

1. Jesus teaches us an end will come. The world as we know it will not last forever. The powers of this world will end. Later we learn (Revelation) that something new will come. The old powers, old world and old creation will be replaced with a new world and a new creation.
2. Our response to this truth is to be faithful. Jesus teaches us that no matter what happens - no matter how scary or uncertain things become - we are called to wait faithfully for the end.
3. Finally the end is not a random occurrence but rather the LORD is in control. The LORD will orchestrate the end of the old and the coming of the new. The LORD is the only one who knows the time when this happens! Finally the LORD will bring judgment on the world (Matthew 25 and Revelation).

Today we continued this discussion and I will write about that soon.

Finally our interns have one more Sunday. Be sure to thank them for their hard work and ministry this Summer.

GRACE + PEACE  
Josh Byrd

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**Caleb Dillinger** will be our speaker next Sunday evening, August 9.

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## Long Term Events for the Youth Group

**POWER HOUSE Youth Rally @ the Fairfax Church of Christ - November 6-8, 2015.**

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

In case you didn't know:

The Upper Room Teen Ministry is for grades 7 through 12

Kids for Christ is for grades 3 through 6

The "Youth Ministry" is for all youth in grades 3 through 12

## 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

### August 2, 2015

#### Morning

Calantha Tucker  
Meaza Zemech

#### Evening

Janice McDaniel

### August 9, 2015

#### Morning

Kristine Spraker  
Sydney Spraker

#### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship

### August 2, 2015

2/3s Closed for Summer  
P/K Closed for Summer

### August 9, 2015

2/3s Closed for Summer  
P/K Closed for Summer

## Worship Today, August 2, 2015

Hymn #991

*This Is My Father's World*

Hymn #300

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Prayer

Ben Bohannon

Hymn #53

*Father, I Adore You*

Hymn #662

*All to Jesus I Surrender*

Communion/Collection

Kelvin Hatcher

Hymn #450

*Give Me the Bible*

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

Bible Reading (1 Peter 5:1-4)

Rick Schneider

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #924

*Just As I Am*

Announcements

Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors

Jonah Shumate

Closing Prayer

Clark Richardson

Song Leader

John Waterston

Ushers

John Reagan, Barry Smith



Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening;

Jose Arevalo & Jerry Williams will lead the prayers.

August servers: Austin Byrd, Greg Citizen, Grant Smith,

Hal Swetnam, Beni Venkatesan, Daniel Williams

## 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

## 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 26, 2015

Bible Study	189
Morning Assembly	324
Evening Assembly	96 (SWA)
Contribution	\$11,325
YTD Average	\$12,147
Budget Goal	\$12,725

### Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Classes & Online	91
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### Wednesday, August 5

Prayer - John Reagan

Song Leader - Clark Richardson