

Family Life

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Haldon L. Arnold - In Memoriam

It is a challenge to find words to describe a man like **Haldon Arnold**, whose life spanned nearly a century and whose love for God and for his fellow man have left behind a legacy that will extend far beyond our knowledge.

Haldon passed from this life Aug. 12, less than a month after his 99th birthday on July 14. He is shown here with his wife Dorothy "Dot" who preceded him in death on April 30, 2012.

The big smile on Haldon's face is the way he always looked, for he was a happy man. That wasn't because he never knew loss or trouble. In fact, his most seering childhood memory was his sense of devastating loss when his father, Charles, died June 5, 1925, after a brief illness. His mother, Ida was left with few financial resources other than life insurance and help from older children, but she taught him the lessons of frugality, hard work and making do.

He was a happy man because of his decision to be baptized on July 16, 1933 after a friend and co-worker Ralph E. Betterton, invited him to services. Haldon later recalled, in his 1999 autobiography, that, while he was taught morality by his mother, he didn't learn about Christ until he visited church with his friend.

The next day, he said, "I set about at work at Kraft Cheese Corp. to convert everyone to Jesus Christ." Over the years, he also brought his younger brother Harvey to the Lord and helped his mother "re-ignite" her own faith.

The next major event in his life was meeting Dorothy Nolen who became his life companion. They met at a Sunday School social, and were reacquainted when Haldon's close friend - John Smith - invited him to join a family party on New Year's Day in 1935. That friend, John Smith, was a member here at Falls Church, and his widow Bess is still a member here.

Haldon and Dot were married on December 22, 1938 - with John Smith as his best man - and that marriage was to last 73 years. They are survived by their son Phil and his wife Sherril, their daughter Rose Lane Booth, a grandson J. C. Stull II and his wife Patricia, a granddaughter Tracy Over and her husband Scott, and two great-grandchildren Connor and Thomas Stull.

After their wedding, Haldon completed his high school education in a night program, until the world changed on Dec. 7, 1941, with the bombing at Pearl Harbor. While



he didn't believe in killing, he couldn't "...stand by and watch our great country...fall into the hands of such ruthless people." He was accepted into training as a navigator in the Army Air Corps. While stationed at a base near Las Vegas, NV, he worked with a small congregation which met in an Odd Fellows Hall, and, while Dot was visiting him, he decided to "preach the unsearchable riches of Christ."

In the summer of 1945, Haldon was sent to the Philippines and then to Okinawa, just before the Japanese surrender. He was part of the U.S. occupation forces until his discharge the following year.

At the age of 29, he enrolled at David Lipscomb College (now Lipscomb University) where he was graduated on June 5, 1950. His first major preaching job was in Augusta, ME, a city of 20,000 people. The Church of Christ in Augusta, ME, met for the first time in a courtroom at city hall on Sept. 3, 1950, and is still going strong.

After five years, they returned to Las Vegas as they had promised. From there they went to Lemon Grove, CA, then to Tullahoma, TN, and then to Camp Hill, PA. While at Camp Hill, he was given leave to study at Abilene Christian University with the McGarvey Fellowship.

He was recruited to the Springfield (VA) Church of Christ, and in May 1965 moved to this area. But three years later he decided to leave pulpit preaching, and began his next career with the Demaine Funeral Home where, for 25 years, he ministered to those in grief.

For nearly 20 years, Haldon and Dot were members here at Falls Church, until declining health forced them to stop attending services. But he had one last career, at Greenspring Retirement Community where they moved in 2004. There he spent his last few years spreading his joy and love and faith with his fellow residents and with the young people who worked there.

Coffee Can of Controversy 2015

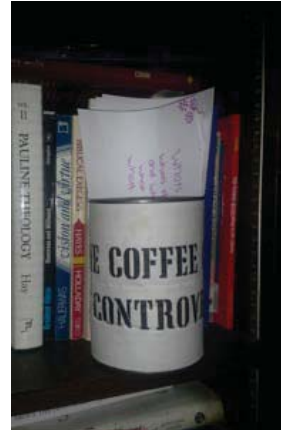


Beginning this Fall during Sunday Night Live the teens and students of the Upper Room Teen Ministry will begin to explore their questions and doubts. To do this we will once again bring out our old friend The Coffee Can of Controversy.

The way this will work is simple. Your teens and students will submit questions they have. These can be theological questions, questions about life or doubts they have about their faith. We will then take our time to carefully explore what the Bible has to say about these questions. Sometimes there are direct answers to these important questions. Sometimes we have to rely on the principles we find in the Bible to answer these questions.

I am continually amazed at the questions our teens and students ask. They don't want to believe simply because their parents or grandparents believed but they want to own their faith. Faith is not something we can inherit; it has to be our own faith to be viable and alive.

By honestly and openly answering questions about faith we make our faith our own. Whether you are a 15 year old or an 85 year old, it is important to look to the Bible for answers to our questions.



GRACE + PEACE
John B. L.

5th Annual School Supplies Collection for Bailey's Elementary Continues Through TODAY

Today is your last opportunity to add to the **5th Annual School Supplies Collection** to benefit a neighborhood school - Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences. The CARE (formerly Benevolence) Committee operates the collection.

The supply list this year includes the **top 10 supplies that the school needs the most**. Please consult the list below and restrict the urge to buy everything in the "back to school" section.

The list includes:

- ◆ backpacks - but NO wheels
- ◆ Papermate Point Guard Flair Porous Point sticks pens - NOT Sharpies
- ◆ ear buds
- ◆ disinfectant wipes (Lysol, Clorox or similar brands)
- ◆ boxes of tissues - any brand
- ◆ wide-ruled composition notebooks
- ◆ water bottles - refillable type
- ◆ hard plastic pencil cases - \$1 or less
- ◆ boxes of 12 colored pencils
- ◆ boxes of 24 crayons



Bailey's, which is just two miles from our building, has over 1,000 students representing more than 40 countries of origin and featuring almost 20 languages.

It has multiple innovative programs, such as the Kennedy Center's program Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA). This emphasizes teaching through the arts - music, dance, drama and visual art.

The U. S. Forest Service is another partner, offering many outdoor learning programs that allow students to work with practicing scientists.

A Spanish Immersion Program as well as English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is a major part of the school's lineup.



While it may seem that the area around the school is reasonably prosperous, there are many families who struggle to cover expenses such as rent, food and utilities. School supplies can seem like a luxury that some families can't afford, so many children arrive at school without even the most basic items like paper and pencils.

Wendy Ward brought this problem to the attention of the CARE committee five years ago, and since that time this congregation has become well known to the school.

Congregational Prayer Request for August 30, 2015 – Prayer of thanksgiving that we have the opportunity to share gifts with the students at Bailey's elementary school.

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

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 30 Essentials Class after morning service		1 Lamentations 3-5	2 Ezekiel 1-3	3 Ezekiel 4-6	4 Ezekiel 7-9	5 Ezekiel 10-13 <i>Youth Ministry, 5:30 pm</i> <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
6 Ezekiel 14-17	7 Ezekiel 18-20 <i>Labor Day—Office Closed</i> 	8 Ezekiel 21-23 <i>Fairfax County Public Schools Begin Classes</i>	9 Ezekiel 24-26	10 Ezekiel 27-29	11 Ezekiel 30-32	12 Ezekiel 33-36 <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
13 Ezekiel 37-40 <i>2nd Sunday Fellowship—CATERED LUNCH</i> <i>MISSIONS CMTE.. MEETING</i> <u><i>NO PM ASSEMBLY</i></u>	14 Ezekiel 41-43	15 Ezekiel 44-46 <i>Ladies Bible Class Resumes—class @ 10:15 am with potluck lunch to follow</i>	16 Ezekiel 47-48; Daniel 1	17 Daniel 2-4	18 Daniel 5-7	19 Daniel 8-11 <i>Spanish Worship, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
20 Daniel 12; Hosea 1-3	21 Hosea 4-6	22 Hosea 7-9 <i>Ladies Bible Class @10:15 am</i>	23 Hosea 10-12 <i>Fall Begins</i>  Autumn	24 Hosea 13-14; Joel 1	25 Joel 2-3; Amos 1	26 Amos 2-5 <i>Spanish Worship & Fellowship Dinner, 7-8:30 pm, FH</i>
27 Amos 6-9 <i>Essentials Class After am worship, R. 120</i>	28 Obadiah 1; Jonah 1-2	29 Jonah 3-4; Micah 1 <i>Ladies Bible Class @10:15 am</i>	30 Micah 2-4	Oct. 16-18—Congregational Retreat		

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 30, 2015

Morning

Tek Lim Chea
Abby Collins

Evening

Janice McDaniel

September 6, 2015

Morning

Rebecca E-Hayes
Lisa Swetnam

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

August 30, 2015

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

September 6, 2015

2/3s TBA
P/K TBA

Worship Today, August 30, 2015

Hymn #745	<i>Humble Yourself</i>
Hymn #226	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>
Hymn #77	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>
Prayer	Kelvin Hatcher
Hymn #979	<i>I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger</i>
Hymn #18	<i>Faithful Love</i>
Communion/Collection	Jeff Malcolm
Hymn #781	<i>Thank You, Lord!</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading	Kirk Crews
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #290	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>
Announcements	Oliver McDaniel
Introduction of Visitors	John Reagan
Closing Prayer	Brian Collins
Song Leader	Clark Richardson
Ushers	John Reagan, Barry Smith



Bill Kincaid will lead the 5th Sunday Singing this evening.

Steve Dasher and Wayne Doran will lead the prayers.

August Servers: Austin Byrd, Greg Citizen, Grant Smith,
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
<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, August 23, 2015

Bible Study	161
Morning Assembly	266
Evening Assembly	86
Contribution	\$ 8,184
YTD Average	\$12,128
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Classes & Online 80

Wednesday, September 2

Prayer - Wayne Doran

Song Leader - Clark Richardson