

Family Life

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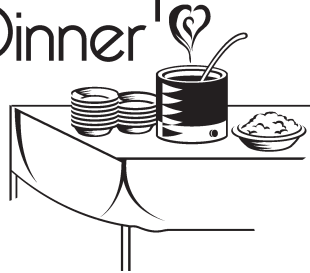
2nd Sunday Fellowship for November Is Finger Food Dinner Next Sunday After Evening Services

Finger Foods will comprise the *menu du jour* for the **2nd Sunday Fellowship** coming up next Sunday, October 11, after the evening assembly.

Clean Up Crew #5 will be in charge of this dinner. **Ann Ford** is the leader of this crew which includes **Heather Jones, Caleb Mayfield, Saul Reyes, Kevin Thie and Vickie Witt.**

Each family is asked to bring the following food items

Fellowship Dinner



◆ A platter of sandwiches - already assembled and ready to eat

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:

◆ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres* or a tray of fruit or vegetables with or without dip or a bowl of chip with dip

OR

◆ A tray of bite-sized desserts - emphasis on the bite-size since the whole idea of finger food is no flatware

Wednesday Night Dinner - October 7

Dinner will be served on Wednesday, October 7.

You must sign up, however, and you are asked to add your name(s) to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby **no later than Sunday evening.**

The menu will include the following delicacies:

Pizza (cheese and/or pepperoni)
Salad
Dessert



The cost is \$4 per person, \$2 per child under age of 10, and no more than \$20 for the entire family.

The meal will be served between 6 and 7 pm to give kitchen staff sufficient time to clean up before the Bible Study. If you can't arrive before 7 pm, text **Lisa Swetnam** at 703-505-2626 and a meal will be saved for you!

While this won't be a weekly feature, it is hoped that these dinners can be arranged at least for the first Wednesday and possible to twice per month if there is a good response.

Volunteers Needed to Prepare Communion Trays

Members are asked to help prepare the trays for the Lord's Supper for one month during October, November and December.

This is a vital part of the worship service each week. It involves filling the cups and also distributing the bread into the trays. You may come in on Sunday morning or during the day on Saturday, depending on your personal schedule.

If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact **Jerry Williams.**



Pick up your Aromas II cookbook - \$5 each - from Mildred Smith or Linda Reagan

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

**Congregational Prayer Request for
Sunday Oct. 4, 2015 – Prayer of thanksgiving
for a wonderful summer and the hopes
for a wonderful fall.**

Falls Church Family Retreat Is Coming Up in Under Two Weeks

The annual **Falls Church Family Retreat** is less than two weeks away, starting on Friday October 16 through Sunday morning October 18 at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (the same facilities as previous years).

SPECIAL NOTE: If you would like a retreat tee-shirt, it is imperative that you notify Lesya Yeatman with your shirt size no later than Wednesday, October 7. Sunday October 4 is preferable.

The theme for this year's retreat is "The Body: An Anatomy Lesson" and will center on Romans 12:4-5.

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Registrants should have dinner before arriving on Friday. Registration is from 4 to 10 pm, fun & fellowship at 7:30 pm, welcome with prayer and an ice breaker at 8:30 pm, curfew by 11 pm.

The Saturday schedule includes breakfast at 8 am, lunch at noon, outdoor activity or personal visit to Williamsburg, 2:30 pm; dinner at 5:30 pm, with hayride & bonfire at 7:30 and curfew at 11 pm.

Saturday speakers and topics and times are:

Cooperation	Ken Yeatman, 9:30 am
Appreciating All Parts of the Body	Brian Collins, 1:30 pm
What Part Are You?	Josh Byrd, 6:45 pm

After breakfast at 8 am on Sunday, the worship service will begin at 9:30 am. The lesson will be "Christ Is Head of the Body," and will be brought by **Kelvin Hatcher**. Checkout is at 11 am.

A few rooms remain available at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. If you are interested, contact **Ken or Lesya Yeatman or Brian or Melissa Collins**. The center is about 20 minutes northwest of Colonial Williamsburg. Below are photos from their website.



Family Retreat



A room in Oakwood Lodge



One of the meeting centers



The deck outside one of the lodges - a great place to visit with friends or just enjoy the view.



path through the woods



Coffee Can of Controversy: Why are there different languages?

Last Sunday night we examined one of the questions from the Coffee Can of Controversy. We took an easy but important question to begin with: Why are there different languages?

The answer seems obvious. In Genesis 11 we read about the Tower of Babel. In this story the LORD confuses the languages of all the people. Why does He do this is not necessarily obvious. The LORD sees what we are doing with one language and concludes that nothing good can come from this.

A careful and close reading gives us the evidence we need to understand why the LORD decided this was no good. First we build the city in order not to be spread out all over the world. The LORD has been telling us to go and spread all over this world He gave us. In trying to stay in one place we disobey a direct command from the LORD. Second we were trying to make a name for ourselves by building this city. We wanted everyone and everything to see how we are awesome. This awesomeness extends into the desire to reach the heavens. We wanted the heavenly powers to see our name to see our power. We wanted to put ourselves on an equal footing with the LORD.

Do you see it now? It seems at first that the LORD was just being mean spirited in confusing our languages but now we see we were trying to be like god. Adam and Eve were tempted to be like god and now the people at Babel are once again trying to be like god. Unfortunately they aren't trying to be like the LORD GOD but a god of our own creation.

Next week we will continue to answer these questions.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. L.

4th Quarter Adult Classes Announced

The 4th Quarter Schedule for classes for adults is listed below, according to **John Waterston**, Deacon for the Adult Education Ministry.

Class	Teacher	Room
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Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin Today, October 4

Jeremiah: Tragedy and Hope	The Elders	FH
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This study of perhaps the greatest of the Old Testament writing prophets will include the following topics, from Oct 4 to Dec. 20: The Call of the Prophet; Can a Bride Forget Her Attire?; Repentance - the Path to God's Favor; The Temple Sermon; The Lord Is the True God; The Struggles of a Prophet; The Last Kings of Judah; A New Covenant; Obedience of the Rechabites; The Price of Being a Prophet; The Fall of Jerusalem; and Jeremiah in Egypt.

Living Jesus	Habtu Zemech & Kirk Crews	121
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This will be a video class taught by Randy Harris, professor of Religion at Abilene Christian University. The discussion portion will be led by Habtu and Kirk.

The Finger of God: Messages from the Miracles of Jesus	Daniel Williams	304
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This class will meet in the newly renovated Room 304 on the third floor, at the end of the corridor outside the balcony.

Wednesday: Summer Schedule Concludes October 7, While Fall Classes Begin October 14

Lives From the Shadows, continues through October 7	Kelvin Hatcher	FH
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A Look at the Letters of John, beginning October 14	Mike Tune	FH
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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

October 4, 2015

Morning

Gayla Keller
Heather Musser

Evening

Janice McDaniel

October 11, 2015

Morning

Ruth Amores
Rebecca E-Hayes

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

October 4, 2015

2/3s Courtney Burch, Jennifer Ellis
P/K Casey Waterston, Wendy Ward

October 11, 2015

2/3s Courtney Burch, Jennifer Ellis
P/K Amanda Venkatesan, TBA

Worship Today, October 4, 2015

Hymn #628 *Will You Not Tell It Today?*

Hymn #627 *There's a Royal Banner*

Prayer *Mark Dawson*

Hymn #636 *To Love Someone More Dearly*

Hymn #334 *'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow*

Communion/Collection *John Reagan*

Hymn #633 *Throw Out the Life-Line*

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

Bible Reading (2 Peter 1:12-21) *Beni Venkatesan*

Bible Lesson *Mike Tune*

Hymn #622 *Ring Out the Message*

Announcements *Jim Lane*

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer *Jonah Shumate*

Song Leader *Joseph Tucker*

Ushers *Grant Smith, Daniel Williams*



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening.

Wayne Doran & Jerry Williams will lead the prayers.

Oct. 4 Servers: Jun Amores, Tyler Baker, Matt Bensusky,
Austin Byrd, Josh Byrd, Brian Collins

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 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
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Lewistown, PA
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*
Kelly Shumate, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Bible Study 203
Morning Assembly 292
Evening Assembly 67
Contribution \$ 8,633
YTD Average \$11,940
Budget Goal \$12,725

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Classes & Online 72

Wednesday, October 7

Prayer - Lee Cassetty

Song Leader - Clark Richardson