

Family Life

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Annual Orphan Sunday Set for November 8

The **15th Annual Orphan Sunday** sponsored by the **Churches of Christ Orphan's Lifeline International**, is set for next Sunday, November 8. This is a special opportunity to help support thousands of children who reside in eight countries, including Haiti, India, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia and Uganda.

The Orphan's Lifeline of Hope is a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit. For each dollar donated, the organization sends \$.89 to the orphanages.

It is estimated that there are 143 MILLION orphans, although this number does not include the uncounted children who reside in the sewers and the garbage heaps and the streets around the world. These are children who wait "their turn" for the elements we hold to be basic ones - a meal or a warm, safe place to sleep.

In addition, millions of children "age out" of homes and programs, and enter the world without family, skills or the means to care for themselves. They drift into lives of crime, or become the victims of human trafficking or die young from disease and malnutrition. Lifeline seeks to reverse this trend with the children they help.

Consider just one of the orphanages, such as the Hope Family of Haiti, whose children are shown below. One of the older facilities, it was established in 1999, but struggles in a country devastated by poverty, disease and natural disasters.



Yet giving to this organization is so easy. **Please make out your check to the "Orphans Lifeline of Hope," and give it to any one of the elders on either Nov. 8 or 15.** The checks will be collected and transmitted to the organization which will mail you a letter for your tax deductible donation.

Congregational Prayer Request for November 1, 2015 – Pray that the men will have a wonderful and inspiring retreat this coming weekend.

Annual Men's Retreat Set for Nov. 6-7 at Camp WaMaVa

All Falls Church men are invited to and encouraged to attend the annual **Men's Retreat** set for next weekend, Nov. 6-7 at **Camp WaMaVa**. This is a great opportunity to grow both individually and as a group in the service of the Lord at this congregation. There is no charge for this event.

The event will begin on **Friday** with a "meet and greet time" from 5 to 7 pm, followed by a dessert fellowship and concluding with a devotional by **Wayne Doran** and **Joseph Tucker** on "Walking As a Servant." Men are asked to have dinner before arrival.

The Saturday schedule will begin with breakfast and a time of sharing from 8 to 9:30 am, under the leadership of Habtu Zemech and Geosh Saxton. At 9:30 am, **Oliver McDaniel** and **Steve Dasher** will lead a study, "Walking As a Family." **Bill Kincaid** and **Habtu Zemech** will follow with a devotional "Walking in Humility," from 11 to 12:15 am. A cookout and cookie feast will follow until 1:30 pm, with outdoor activities after that until 2:30 pm.

The closing prayer session led by the Elders with the topic, "Walking in the Ways of the Lord," will follow from 2:30 to 3:15. All the lesson topics are from *Essential Truths of the Bible, V.II*, James T. Curtis.

Camp WaMaVa is located near Front Royal, VA, in a scenic setting about 1 1/2 from northern Virginia (see photo at right).

The camp facilities are quite warm and comfortable, but **YOU SHOULD BRING YOUR OWN BEDDING.**



The grounds at Camp WaMaVa

Collecting School Supplies, Children's Clothes and Donations Are Goals of Habtu Zemech's Next Ethiopian Trip Nov. 27-Dec. 14; Deadline Is Nov. 22

Clothes for infants and toddlers plus specific school supplies of pens, pencils, erasers, markers, crayons & rulers - but NOT paper or notebooks - are the items that **Habtu Zemech** is collecting for his next trip to Ethiopia beginning Nov. 27. Habtu has been a member of this congregation since 2001 and has been a deacon since 2005.



Habtu Zemech

"My Neighbors" is a 501 (c) (3) organization established to help fund a wide variety of needs and projects all over the country. This includes orphanages, a school for deaf students, a school for preaching students, and help for children and older people.

A major component of "My Neighbors" is providing the necessary one-year support for children with club foot to undergo corrective surgery. "Many today are able to live a normal life like other children in their village and able to go to school without any shame," Habtu noted about this special effort. "This effort also is becoming a way of attracting people to the gospel and many are joining the church. In places where there is no church, people are willing to give land to build a church building."

About one half of the 69 children currently registered for this life-altering operation have been helped, and no more children will be registered until additional funding is available to help them. Below are the most recent six children who were transported to the hospital in Addis Ababa during August. Also shown are some of the crutches collected for the patients.



He asks that the school supplies and clothes be brought to the church building by Nov. 22.

In addition, he hopes to raise funds in order to provide the long-term care for the rest of the children registered for the foot surgery. You may contribute by writing a check to "My Neighbors" and giving it to Habtu by Nov. 22 .



The **Annual Budget Meeting for Deacons and Ministry Leaders** is scheduled for Saturday November 14 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served. The budget synopsis from **Ben Bohannon** will be in the mailbox of each leader; these boxes are in the copy room. Please review that report, make changes as needed, and be prepared to discuss your proposal for the coming year.

Coffee Can of Controversy

Was Jesus mentioned in the Old Testament?



As part of our ongoing "Coffee Can of Controversy" series we took a look at the question "Was Jesus mentioned in the Old Testament?"

The answer is both yes and no.

Nowhere in the Old Testament is there a passage that specifically says "Jesus of Nazareth will be born on such and such a date to Mary and Joseph" Instead we find passages that point to who Jesus will be, what he will be doing and why Jesus came.

Here is a selection of passages that act as markers that point to the LORD Jesus Christ.

2 Samuel 7.1 - .16 In this passage the LORD promises King David that one of his heirs will have an eternal kingdom.

Isaiah 4.2 The promise of the "Branch of the LORD"

7.10 -.17 Immanuel and the virgin will be with child

9.1 -.10 a child is born who will sit on the throne of David forever.

11.1 a shoot/branch from the stump of Jesse (King David's father)

55.3 & .4 Everlasting covenant between the LORD and His people as He promised to King David

Ezekiel 34.23 - 23 A new shepherd will guide the LORD's people and HE will be their god again.

Micah 5.1 - .4 Out of Bethlehem of Ephrathah will come one to rule over Israel

Zechariah 9.9 - .10 The king will come victorious, righteous and riding on a donkey.

This is just a short sampling of the verses we explored to see that the Messiah/Christ is mentioned in the Old Testament and that Jesus of Nazareth is a fit for what we find. Jesus completes what was begun by the LORD thru His people Israel and we are called to continue Jesus ministry here and now.

GRACE + PEACE
A. B. J.

Events Coming Up TODAY

- ◆ The **Missions Committee** will meet today after the morning assembly. A special guest will be Pedro Batres whose work in Central America extends over decades.
- ◆ The **Central Agape Group** will hold a potluck luncheon and fall meeting today after the morning assembly. Members are asked to bring a main dish and either a salad, side dish or dessert. Drinks will be provided.
- ◆ The **annual Trunk or Treat Celebration** will take place tonight AFTER the evening service. Please decorate the trunk of your vehicle in seasonal style - not TOO ghoulish for little ones - and hand out homemade goodies or other treats to the children as they come calling "Trick or Treat."

Events Coming Up This Week

- ◆ The **Ladies Bible Class** will **NOT** meet Nov. 3 due to the Fairfax Public Schools Holiday. The class will resume Nov. 10 with Lesson 8 - Perseverance.
- ◆ The **Southern Agape Group** plans to meet for breakfast next Saturday, November 7, at 9 am at the Old Country Buffet, 2942 Prince William Pkwy., Woodbridge, VA 22192. Members should check their emails to RSVP.

The Next 2nd Sunday Fellowship Is a Potluck Luncheon Next Sunday, Nov. 8, After the Morning Assembly; NO SERVICE THAT EVENING

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Potluck Luncheon** Nov. 8 after the morning worship service.

As is our custom, following the luncheon we will dismiss for the day. **There will be no evening assembly that day.**

Fellowship Crew #1 is the "duty group" for this event. Clark Richardson is the leader.

Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring the following:

⌘ a main dish (usually a meat or casserole to feed your family and a few others)

PLUS two of the following three items:

⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)

⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip

OR

⌘ a dessert



Baby Shower



25th Annual Harvest Festival Is Scheduled for Nov. 22 During the Evening Assembly

It is hard to believe that it has been 25 years since the introduction of what is now a memorable annual event - our **Annual Harvest Festival**, when we come together as a church family to stock our food pantry for the coming year. This is a "living" display of love and generosity.

To contribute to the food collection, please pick up one of the yellow pages which has a lengthy list of supplies and specific needs and sizes. Please take that list with you to the grocery store when you shop and select ONLY from that list.



Bring your bags of food to the building any time before the start of the evening service on Nov. 22. If you bring in your items ON Nov. 22, please take the bags to the fellowship hall. If you bring in the bags before that date, please leave them in the hallway leading into the fellowship hall.

During the service our young people will unpack the bags, after which everyone will form two human chains from the fellowship hall to R. 121 which includes the pantry. There will be workers to collect the items and they also will arrange the food and supplies in the pantry.

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

November 1, 2015

Morning	Evening
Erica W-Chenevert	Janice McDaniel
Peggy Williams	

November 8, 2015

Morning	Evening
Calanthia Tucker	Janice McDaniel
Meaza Zemech	

Children's Worship

November 1, 2015

2/3s Courtney Burch, TBA
P/K Misty Marshall, Wendy Ward

November 8, 2015

2/3s Dana Hatcher, Keisha Citizen
P/K C. Waterston, A. Venkatesan

Worship Today, November 1, 2015

Hymn #848 *Did You Think to Pray?*

Hymn #849 *'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer*

Prayer Kirk Crews

Hymn #837 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Hymn #374 *There Is a Fountain*

Communion/Collection Jerry Williams

Hymn #822 *Sweet Will of God*

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

Bible Reading (2 Peter 3:8-13) Geosh Saxton

Bible Lesson Mike Tune

Hymn #786 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Announcements Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer Jonah Shumate

Song Leader Joseph Tucker

Ushers Daniel Williams, Ken Yeatman



Wayne Doran will lead singing this evening; John Reagan & Mark Dawson will lead the prayers.

Nov. 1 Servers: Caleb Mayfield, Hal Swetnam, Kevin Thie, Beni Venkatesan, Mark Ward, Connor Yeatman

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

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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, October 25, 2015

Bible Study	217
Morning Assembly	308
Evening Assembly	350 (SWA)
Contribution	\$20,790
YTD Average	\$12,141
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Classes & Online	138
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Wednesday, November 4

Prayer - Kelvin Hatcher

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid/Mike

Tune