

Family Life

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Annual Orphan Sunday Set for Today, November 8

The **15th Annual Orphan Sunday** sponsored by the **Churches of Christ Orphan's Lifeline International**, is set for today, 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 simple to give. **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.

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 what we consider basic needs - 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, offering guidance and support beyond the orphanage.

Consider the Jaranwala home in Pakistan (at right), established in 2004 by a Christian man. Each child receives a Christian education and has a personal copy of the Bible, perilous in a country that is 90% Muslim and where persecution is common.

Pakistan is a poor country about twice the size of California. More than 40% of the population lives below the poverty level, and many of the poorest people are Gypsies or those who work in the kilns. They are little more than slaves, with poor health, no health care, a high infant mortality rate, and virtually no social status. Orphaned children literally have no one, so to survive, they dig through the trash or sell themselves into slavery.

Orphan's Lifeline began to sponsor this home soon after it was established. Its future needs include additional monthly sponsorship of \$900 to cover the needs and expenses. The director also would like to start a vocational school to teach employment skills.



November 8, 2015 – Pray that all of the orphans in the world will have their needs supplied by our father in heaven.

Our 2nd Sunday Fellowship is a Potluck Set for Today; No Evening Assembly

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

As is our custom, following the luncheon we will dismiss for the day, so **There will be no evening assembly.** **Fellowship Crew #1 is the "duty group" for this event.** **Clark Richardson** is the leader but there is ALWAYS a need for more assistance SO PLEASE PITCH IN.



Pot Luck Supper

⌘ a dessert

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:

⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)
⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip

OR

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.

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 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.



Oliver & Janice McDaniel will host the next **Wednesday Night Supper** coming up November 11 from 6 to 7 pm. The *menu du jour* will include chili with the "fixins" plus grilled cheese sandwiches and dessert. As before, the cost is \$4 per adult, \$2 for children under 10, and no more than \$20 for an entire family.

Interested?? **Add your name to the sign-up sheet** in the fellowship hall or the one on the bulletin board in the lobby -

preferably NO LATER THAN THIS SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 8.

And one more very important detail! Are you interested in a Wednesday Night Supper on Nov. 25, the day before Thanksgiving? This would be a breakfast of omelettes, pancakes and bacon. There is a sign up sheet for that too!



Power House 2015



This weekend the **Upper Room Teen Ministry** will be at **Power House 2015**. Our teens and students will be hanging out with fellow believers from all over our area and beyond. They will be spending time in small groups and in large sessions digging deeper into the Word and Faith. They are also getting to know each other better and encourage each other's faith.

The Fairfax Church of Christ holds Power House every other year and it is always a high quality event. They take the time to get good speakers for the large group sessions. These sessions are then processed in smaller groups in order for teens and students to build on what they learned and continue that learning. Power House is also known for uplifting worship where we turn our focus from ourselves to our LORD. Finally there is time for our teens to meet teens from the Mid-Atlantic area.

Over the next few weeks I am going to be highlighting some of what we learned and experienced.

In other news:

Be sure to mark **December 5th** as the day of the **Youth Ministry Family Christmas Party!** We will announce a theme soon.

Also - information about **Winterfest 2016** will be coming soon!



Annual Senior Saints Luncheon and Autumn Get-Together Set for Nov. 12

The Annual Fall Luncheon and Get-Together for Senior Saints is set for next Thursday, Nov. 12, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, according to **Ann Ford & Linda Reagan** who are in charge of this program.

The term “seniors” is somewhat ambiguous, but probably includes anyone who qualifies for a senior discount or membership in a senior organization.

The food is always excellent and the entertainment will be terrific! **But please sign up on the sign-up sheets no later than THIS SUNDAY to allow Ann and Linda to acquire the essential items for the meal.**

You can also talk to them in person. It’s ok!



Baby Shower

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

It is hard to believe that the Falls Church congregation has conducted the **Annual Harvest Festival** for **25 years**, and during that time so many of our youth have grown up with this ministry.

Look at the photos on this page and try to identify the children below as they looked in 2002 vs the way they look now.

And THAT is precisely the reason we continue this “living” display of love and generosity.

Not only do we restock the food pantry - still one of the most important community outreach programs we maintain - but also we perform this ministry as a **church family**. **And working as a church family is more than just a theme.**

Our children learn not just by hearing but by watching and doing. This is a point that **Wendy Ward** made when her sons were involved in the school supplies unloading. The nature of the “body of Christ” was the theme of this year’s **Family Retreat**. And one of the topics at this weekend’s **Men’s Retreat** is “Walking As a Family.”

The common thread is that we - the church - achieve the most when we work together for a common goal, a goal to serve the Lord with gladness and to bring up our youth with the example of and training in service, faithfulness and love.

All of us have a chance to participate during the evening assembly on Nov. 22.

You will find a list of needed supplies on a yellow-colored page in the lobby. Please take that page with you as you shop.

Bring your bags to the fellowship hall BEFORE the assembly, and our younger children will have the chance to unpack those bags.

Everyone will form two lines from the fellowship hall to R. 121 where the food pantry is located. There, the pantry workers will take the items, sort them and set them by in store for the needs of our community.

If you can’t make it here Sunday evening, bring in your bags anytime from next Sunday, Nov. 15 and leave them in the hallway leading into the fellowship hall.



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 8, 2015

Morning
Calanthia Tucker
Meaza Zemech

Evening
Janice McDaniel

November 15, 2015

Morning
Marsha De La Cruz
Wendy Ward

Evening
Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship

November 8, 2015

2/3s Dana Hatcher, Keisha Citizen
P/K C. Waterston, Abby Smith

November 15, 2015

2/3s Jennifer Estes, Joy Hayes
P/K Lisa Byrd, Jackie Arevalo

Worship Today, November 8, 2015

Hymn #63	<i>I Will Call upon the Lord</i>
Hymn #452	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>
Hymn #180	<i>Jesus Is Lord</i>
Prayer	Grant Smith
Hymn #484	<i>You Are My All in All</i>
Hymn #364	<i>Come, Share the Lord</i>
Communion/Collection	Kelvin Hatcher
Hymn #608	<i>He Gave Me a Song</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Ephesians 2:1-9</i>)	Peter Franco
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #490	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>
Announcements	Bill Kincaid
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Jonah Shumate
Song Leader	Clark Richardson
Ushers	Hal Swetnam, Ken Yeatman



THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.

Nov. 8 Servers: Jun Amores, Tyler Baker, Joe Bohannon,
John Davis, Caleb Mayfield & Habtu Zemech.

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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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, November 1, 2015

Bible Study	192
Morning Assembly	306
Evening Assembly	124
Contribution	\$16,851
YTD Average	\$12,248
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Classes & Online 67

Wednesday, November 11

Prayer - Mike Tune

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid