

Family Life

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

The Falls Church congregation has conducted the **Annual Harvest Festival for 25 years**. Many of the members here have grown up with this annual festival. See how many people you can identify from these scenes from previous years - see below.

This is a “living” display of love and generosity - a special occasion when we work together to accomplish a particular goal and to serve the Lord with gladness and thanksgiving and joy!

We restock the food pantry so that members of our CARE Committee may continue the longstanding ministry of providing food to people in our community. But in the process, we demonstrate to our young people that Christianity isn't a spectator activity.

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 evening assembly on Nov. 22, 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 store them for the needs of our community.

If you can't be here, bring in your bags anytime until Nov. 22 and leave them in the hallway leading into the fellowship hall.



Annual Orphan Sunday Collection Continues

It is not too late to contribute to the Churches of Christ Orphan's Lifeline International in order to help support thousands of children residing in multiple orphanages in eight countries.

Make out your check to “**Orphan's Lifeline of Hope,**” and give it to any of the Elders. The checks will be collected and transmitted to the organization which will then send you a letter for your tax deductible donation.

An estimated 143 MILLION orphans are located around the world, but that doesn't include the staggering number of children who don't even “count,” literally. They are the ones who survive in the streets or the sewers or the garbage heaps - all in unimaginable squalor. These are children who wait “their turn” for what we consider basic needs - a meal or a warm, safe place to sleep.

The task seems overwhelming, far too great for mere mortals. But with God, we CAN do something about at least some of those children.

Orphan's Lifeline International is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. For each dollar donated, the organization sends \$.89 to the orphanages. That money is used for housing, clothes, beds, health care, food, education and Christian teaching. What expresses the Christian message more clearly than to support orphans?

In addition, Lifeline helps the millions of children who “age out” of homes and programs, and enter the world without family, skills or the means to care for themselves. They receive support, guidance and training **BEFORE** they drift into lives of crime, become the victims of human trafficking or die young from disease and malnutrition.

Nov. 22 is the Day to Bring in School Supplies, Children's Clothes and Donations for Habtu Zemech's Next Ethiopian Trip Nov. 27-Dec. 14

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.

Please bring in your supplies and articles of clothing by next Sunday, Nov. 22, and leave them in the corner of the lobby.

He also accepts donations to his program entitled "My Neighbors," 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. You may contribute by writing a check to "My Neighbors" and giving it to Habtu by Nov. 22 .

A major component of "My Neighbors" is providing the \$895 necessary for the one-year support for children with club foot to undergo corrective surgery. At right are photos of the most recent group of children helped at the



Habtu Zemech

medical facility in Addis Ababa, plus some of the crutches that are part of the post-operative care.

"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, but no more children will be registered until additional funding is available to help them.



Thank you **John Arevalo, Oliver Arevalo, Austin Byrd, Tyler Byrd, Ben Johanson, Malifu Habtu, Kate Horgan, Michael Horgan, Sam Swetnam and Michael Weaver** for coming out for last weekend's Power House trip.

I also want to thank **Courtney Burch, Lisa Byrd and Hal Swetnam** for helping as adult sponsors.

Finally thank you **Ann Ford** with the help of **Ashley Shelton** for opening your home and allowing us to spend the night in your basement and play pool!

For more pictures see the Youth Bulletin board in the lobby or visit the Youth Ministry's Instagram feed @cocfcym



Baby Shower

New Babies

Thank You Notes

To the Falls Church Family,

Thank you for the many prayers and words of encouragement at the passing of our Mother Violet Crosby. The loss of our Mother was difficult, but the support and love you gave us was comforting. The flowers were beautiful. We also appreciate the help with the memorial service and reception,

Love,
Barbara & Kevin Gallagher and family,
Carol & Gene Krzynefski and family

To My Brothers and Sisters at Falls Church,

Thank you so very much for the many kind notes and cards, and for the beautiful arrangement the congregation sent for my Dad's funeral and visitation.

It has been a very difficult few months, but the love and prayers from my church family at Falls Church have meant so much to me and to my sister, Melissa.

We are profoundly grateful for your loving acts of kindness.

In Christian Love,
Kevin Monroe, James & Melissa Langston

Breakfast Will be Served for the Next Wednesday Night Meal on Nov. 25

Pancakes, bacon, eggs - scrambled or as omelets - plus dessert will be the menu du jour for the **Wednesday Night Dinner on Nov. 25**, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving!

A final count is a **MUST** before Sunday night, Nov. 22 - the night of the Harvest Festival! It's the same price as before - \$4 adults/\$2 kids under 10/no more than \$20 per family.

Hal & Lisa Swetnam are again organizing this banquet.



November 15, 2015 – Pray that as we plan for the coming year we will do so with the confidence that God will supply all of the resources necessary to accomplish His will for this congregation in 2016.

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 15, 2015

Morning	Evening
Marsha De La Cruz	Janice McDaniel
Wendy Ward	

November 22, 2015

Morning	Evening
Melissa Collins	Janice McDaniel
Abby & Marshall Collins	

Children's Worship

November 15, 2015

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

November 22, 2015

2/3s Abby Smith, Anna Souza
P/K Jessi Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez

Worship Today, November 15, 2015

Hymn #3	<i>Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah</i>
Hymn #797	<i>Lord, We Come Before Thee Now</i>
Prayer	John Davis
Hymn #31	<i>Be Still and Know</i>
Hymn #364	<i>Come, Share the Lord</i>
Communion/Collection	Matt Bensky
Hymn #907	<i>Hark the Gentle Voice</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Romans 4:18-25</i>)	Joe Bohannon
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #470	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>
Announcements	Joseph Tucker
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Rick Schneider
Song Leader	John Waterston
Ushers	Clark Richardson, Ken Yeatman



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening, while Jerry Williams and Jeff Malcolm will lead prayers.

Nov. 15 Servers: Ryan Burch, Chantha Chea, Kirk Crews, Mark Dawson, Brian Ellis & Tom Griggs

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, November 8, 2015

Bible Study	209
Morning Assembly	312
Evening Assembly	No Service
Contribution	\$ 9,554
YTD Average	\$12,188
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Classes & Online	77
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Wednesday, November 18

Prayer - Brian Collins

Song Leader - Clark Richardson