

Family Life

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Baby Showers

December 13, 2015 - Pray that in this season of good will to all men, we will remember the poor and those who are suffering by providing comfort and the necessities of life that will sustain them.

Two of our Elders are available in R. 221 on the main level after the morning assembly to meet with anyone who wishes prayer for special concerns. Prayer requests may be submitted to the Elders at: prayerrequestfc@gmail.com

The Ladies Bible Class will hold a potluck luncheon following the class on Tuesday, Dec. 15. After this class, they will adjourn for the holidays, to resume in January.



Women's Bible Study

NOTE:

Today is the first day of the **Gift Wrap** which also is a fund raiser for **Habtu Zemech's program "My Neighbors."** See p. 2 for details and location.

Confession of a Marsh-Wiggle



Toward the end of C.S. Lewis' The Silver Chair, we find the heroes (Eustace Scrubb, Jill Pole and Puddleglum, the marsh-wiggle) trapped in the Underland. They are under the spell of the Lady of the Green Kirtle who is the queen of the Underland. They have been sent under Narnia by Aslan to rescue Prince Rillian, the rightful heir to the throne of Narnia. He had been kidnapped by the evil Queen of the Underland years before. The spell that is enchanting Eustace, Jill and Puddleglum confuses their minds, and they begin to forget that Narnia and the Overland are real. The Queen is trying to convince them that there is no Narnia and there is no Aslan. Puddleglum proclaims one of the greatest confessions of faith in the Chronicles of Narnia.

"Suppose we have only dreamed, or made up, all those things - trees and grass and sun and moon and stars and Aslan himself. Suppose we have. Then all I can say is that, in that case, the made-up things seem a good deal more important than the real ones. . . We're just babies making up a game, if you're right. But four babies playing a game can make a play-world which licks your real world hollow. That's why I'm going to stand by the play world. I'm on Aslan's side even if there isn't any Aslan to lead it. I'm going to live like a Narnian even if there isn't any Narnia. . ." (SC pg. 159)

The culture we live in tries to enchant us. The messages that are all around us try to convince us that there is no Kingdom of Heaven and that the LORD is not real. We know that the LORD and that the Kingdom of Heaven are real. Puddleglum's confession is our confession.

"I am going to live as a citizen of Heaven and I am going to stand on LORD's side no matter what culture says!"

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Holiday Events to Include in Your Plans

- **Through TODAY - Rainbow Christian Services Christmas Card; Collectors are Martha Ashley & Melissa Collins; card will be published in *Family Life* of Dec. 20. Contributions are tax-deductible.**

Rainbow Christian Services is a non-profit organization providing assistance to children and their families in the greater metropolitan Washington area. It was begun in the early 1960s by the elders at the Arlington Church of Christ. A residential Children's Home opened in 1964, and in 1983, the name, Rainbow Christian Services, was adopted to reflect multiple facets of care. Although the residential program closed in spring 2004, RCS has reorganized to focus entirely on counseling. **Lynda Eubank**, Falls Church member, longtime RCS board member & retired social worker with Arlington County Child and Family Services, volunteers as the Executive Director. The office is located in the Falls Church building, although RCS is not under Falls Church supervision. She works with two other volunteers who are trained social workers, **Doug Smart** whom she knew through Arlington, and **Cathy Cooper** who is a member of the Arlington Church of Christ and currently employed with the Fairfax County Family Services.

- **Through next Sunday, Dec. 19 - Collection for families here at Falls Church - Collectors are Sandra Espinoza & Lynda Eubank.**

Last year funds were collected for Falls Church families who were experiencing difficult financial situations, and that collection helped make the holidays a better time for 14 families. This year we plan to repeat that outreach which included both gifts and food cards. Again, such donations are tax-deductible and you will receive written confirmation.



- **December 13, 3 to 5:30 pm AND ALSO December 19 & 20, 3 to 5:30 pm, R. 121 - Gift Wrap to Benefit "My Neighbors," the fund administered by Habtu Zemech to benefit people in his home country of Ethiopia,**

Bring your Christmas presents to the church building on the dates/times above and have them wrapped for you. Then you may contribute as you wish to "My Neighbors," a ministry that supports homes for orphans, a school for the hearing impaired, a school for preachers, the installation of wells, and the care and expense for children recovering from club foot surgery.



Special Note: Gifts for Falls Church families will be wrapped at these times.

- **December 19 - Ladies Holiday Brunch, 10 am to 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall [NOTE: This is a new time.]**

This is an annual fellowship brunch - a time to slow down for a few minutes and savor the sweetness of friendship. There is no charge, and this is a "drop in" event which does not require advance notice or an RSVP.

Hostesses are **Billie Bohannon, Lynda Eubank, Sharon Gunselman, Whitney O'Halek, Kelly Shumate & Erica Walker-Chenevert.**



Falls Church Youth Perform in "Bah Humberg: Scrooge's Christmas Carol"

Abby and Marshall Collins and Cody Yeatman can be seen on stage for December performances of the Northern Virginia Players presentation of ***Bah Humberg: Scrooge's Christmas Carol***.

The play will be presented at the Lakeside Theatre, Northern Virginia Community College, 15200 Neabsco Mill Rd., Woodbridge, VA 22191. This venue is a bit smaller than the one for previous productions, so tickets are likely to sell out quickly.

The first weekend, Cody will play the role of Young Ebenezer Scrooge and Abby and Marshall Collins will be Waifs. The second weekend Abby will perform as Polly Pointer, Marshall as Peter Cratchit, and Cody will be in the ensemble.

To purchase tickets, go online to: www.nvplayers.com

The performance dates and times are:

THIS WEEKEND

Friday Dec. 11, 7:30pm
Saturday Dec. 12, 1:30pm
Saturday Dec. 12, 7:30pm

NEXT WEEKEND

Friday Dec. 18, 7:30pm
Saturday Dec. 19, 1:30pm
Saturday, Dec. 19, 7:30pm

Diomedes Damian Returns to Falls Church for December Meeting of the Iglesia de Cristo in This Area

Prominent minister and guest speaker **Diomedes Damian** is returning to Falls Church this month for a three-day seminar hosted by the *Iglesia de Cristo*.



Diomedes Damian

The dates and times are:
Friday, Dec. 18, 7 pm
Saturday, Dec. 19,
7 pm
Sunday, Dec. 20, 6 pm
followed by a fellowship meal.

Damian has spoken here before, in 2011 and again in 2013, and he also delivered the funeral speech for the late Matilde Rodriguez in 2010.

His association with this congregation began almost 20 years ago when he met David Rodriguez who was visiting in Charlotte.

A native of the Dominican Republic, Nathan is a graduate of the Pan-American High School in that country. He holds a degree in Agronomy from the Pedro Enrique Ureño University in Santo Domingo, followed by a master's degree as a Land Management Expert.

He has been married for nearly 40 years to Griseldis Damian who holds a master's degree and is a teacher in North Carolina, and the couple has a daughter Rode.

After becoming a Christian in 1983, he enrolled at the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX [Sunset International Bible Institute as of 1995]. For two years he served as a missionary in Panama, Mexico, Colombia and his native country the Dominican Republic.

He moved to this country 29 years ago, and discontinued his work in agronomy to focus on preaching. While in New York, he preached at the maximum security detention center for about 10 years.

Currently he serves as the Spanish Minister for the Mountain Island Church of Christ, Charlotte, NC.

Recent Works of the Church of Christ in Juigalpa, Nicaragua

Henry Gutierrez, Nicaragua

Henry Gutierrez has preached for the congregation in Juigalpa, Nicaragua (about 100 miles east of Managua) since 1989. In addition to his ministerial duties, he conducts evangelistic campaigns, and works with various other congregations in the area of Juigalpa. He and his wife, **Rosa**, have been married since 1991 and have three daughters **Kimberly, Eunice & Aurisol**.



The three photos below illustrate a marriage seminar that Henry conducted during November.

The woman shown at right is a doctor who volunteered a day of free consultations as well as free medications for the sick in the community in Juigalpa.

Henry Gutierrez organized the event.



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

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December 13, 2015		December 20, 2015	
Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening
Amy Saxton	Janice McDaniel	Marsha De La Cruz	Janice McDaniel
Erica Walker-Chenevert		Fern Musteen	

Children's Worship

This is a combined class for children between ages 2 and pre-k, and it meets in R. 220. Teachers today are Lisa Byrd, Jennifer Estes & Courtney Burch

Worship Today, December 13, 2015

Hymn #554	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>
Hymn #599	<i>On and On We Walk Together</i>
Prayer	Oliver McDaniel
Hymn #569	<i>Sweeter Than All</i>
Hymn #496	<i>O Listen to the Wondrous Story</i>
Communion/Collection	Kelvin Hatcher
Hymn #590	<i>Jesis Is All the World to Me</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Luke 2:1-20)	Gordon Rampy
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #524	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>
Announcements	Wayne Doran
Introduction of Visitors	Jonah Shumate
Hymn #544	<i>Without Him (1st verse)</i>
Closing Prayer	Jonah Shumate
Song Leader	Joseph Tucker
Ushers	John Reagan, Grant Smith



Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening;
Mark Dawson & Jeff Malcolm will lead the prayers.

December 13 Servers: Jun Amores, Matt Benskys, Brian Collins, Kirk Crews, Frank Estes, Clark Richardson.

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	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, December 6, 2015

Bible Study	178
Morning Assembly	284
Evening Assembly	113
Contribution	\$19,291
YTD Average	\$12,131
Budget Goal	\$12,725

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Classes & Online 77

Wednesday, December 16

Prayer - John Reagan

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker