

# Family Life

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## Baby Showers

**December 20, 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.**

Today is the last day you can get your gifts wrapped and still make a donation to **"My Neighbors,"** the program operated by **Habtu Zemech** to finance a wide variety of projects in his native country of Ethiopia. It's easy! Just take your presents to **R. 121 between 3 and 5:30 pm.** Your gifts will be wrapped beautifully and you donate to the fund. My Neighbors is a 501(c)(3) ministry which supports homes for orphans, a school for the hearing impaired, a school for preachers, the installation of wells and the care and expenses for children recovering from club foot surgery.

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](mailto:prayerrequestfc@gmail.com)

## Beginning, Come and Go



Mark 1.1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah.

John 1.1 In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God

Everything in this World\* has a beginning.

Our World is a world of beginnings and endings. In fact the World began in an act of creation and it will end one day too in an act of renewal.

That act or renewal began with the birth of the LORD Jesus Christ. His entry into this world as a helpless baby marked the beginning of the end. During His time on Earth He began to teach us how we are to live as one of His people. As His people we are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. As citizens of this Kingdom we live differently from those around us.

The early disciples were to go out into the nations and make more disciples. They did this by living out what they learn from the LORD Jesus Christ. They incorporated into their lives the changes we must make to live as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. We help make this world a better place by being the LORD's people in this world.

As we live out our lives we are also waiting for the final end. The ultimate renewal of this World has not yet come. We are waiting for it. We desire it. We know that there will be a New Heaven and a New Earth. We know that the power of sin and death will be broken. The end of this World is coming.

This truth changes everything in our lives and how we live!

\*By World I am not referring to the planet Earth alone but the entire created universe around us.

GRACE + PEACE  
*ALB*

# Congratulations

Falls Church member **Calanthia Tucker** has been named Chairperson of the Apple Federal Credit Union Board of Directors. She is the first woman to fill this position in the union's nearly 60 years. Established for members of the Fairfax County Public Schools, it is a not-for-profit financial cooperative which is owned and operated by its nearly 177,000 members.

Dr. Tucker has served as a member of the Board since 2003, and during that time has been Secretary and Vice Chairman as well as serving on various Board committees.

She retired from the Fairfax County school system after 33 years. She began as a teacher, was promoted to an assistant principal, and later became principal of Mt. Vernon High School where she worked to establish the

International Baccalaureate program at the school. She also implemented wireless laptop computer labs for student and community use. During her tenure, she was awarded The Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award and also was the Fairfax County Principal of the Year.



Calanthia Tucker

She completed her career as a Cluster Superintendant for one of eight clusters, or regions in the FCPS administration.

Calanthia and her husband Joseph have been members at Falls Church since 1968. They have served in countless ways, and Joseph is also one of our Elders. They have two daughters, LaCanas Tucker of New York and Tahirah Elliott who resides in Charlottesville, VA.

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The **Ladies Bible Class** will reconvene on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, to begin a study of **A Life of Worship** by **Sheila Walsh**. In keeping with the Elders' focus on Worship in 2016, the ladies will discuss worship in their everyday lives and practice ways to grow and glorify God in 2016.

See **Diana Kuhn** to pick up your book.

There will be a Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall following this first class.

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## Diomedes Damian to Address Meeting This Evening of Iglesia de Cristo Congregations in the Metropolitan Area

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



Diomedes Damian

**The dates, times & themes are:**

**Friday, Dec. 18, 7 pm - Sanctifying our lives, our families and all we have to God in Christ our Lord and Savior.**

**Saturday, Dec. 19, 7 pm - Lost World: Embracing the Darkness of Sin**

**Sunday, Dec. 20, during morning worship -**

**Jehovah Is My God: What Is Yours?"**

**Sunday, Dec. 20, 6 pm - Testing in the Christian Life. This will be 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, Damian holds a degree in Agronomy from the Pedro Enrique Ureño Uni-

versity in Santo Domingo, followed by a degree in Agricultural Engineering from the Universidad Central de Este, also in Santo Domingo, in 1983.

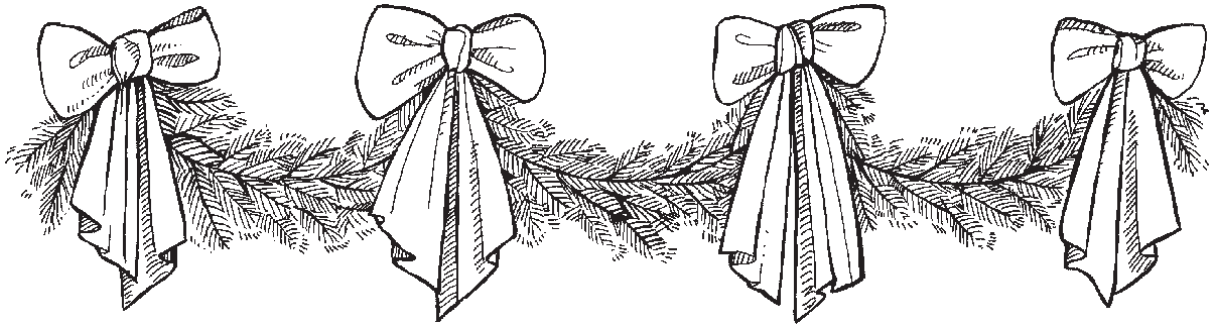
He was baptized on Sept. 11 that same year, and in January 1985 moved to New York where he served as a Bible teacher with the youth ministry at the 2nd Ave. Church of Christ in Manhattan. He also worked as a substitute preacher in congregations in the area.

Damian is a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX [It became Sunset International Bible Institute in 1995], and then he completed basic and advanced Biblical studies by extension from the Institute of Biblical Studies in Houston, TX.

Currently he serves as the Spanish Minister for the Mountain Island Church of Christ, Charlotte, NC. He has preached via radio programs in Charlotte, NC, and in the Dominican Republic, and participated in television programs in San Juan de la Maguana, Santo Domingo.

A popular guest lecturer, he has been invited to participate in Bible conferences with congregations in Virginia, Ohio, Texas and the Dominican Republic, and has been a guest speaker for gospel meetings in Colombia, Panama and Torreon Cahuilla, Mexico. In addition, he had a prison ministry in both New York and Charlotte, NC, from 1991-1994.

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.



*A Rainbow Merry Christmas -  
From all of us to all of you -  
a Falls Church tradition since 1968*

## 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

**December 20, 2015**

### Morning

Abby Collins  
Melissa Collins  
Patty Woods

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

**December 27, 2015**

### Morning

Nicki Barrett  
Billie Bohannon

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## Children's Worship for Ages 2 through Pre-K, R. 220

Teachers today are Jessica Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez & Casey Waterston

## Worship Today, December 20, 2015

Hymn #997

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn #998

*What Child Is This?*

Prayer

Rick Schneider

Hymn #366

*By Christ Redeemed*

Communion/Collection

Kirk Crews

Hymn #1028

*O Holy Night!*

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

Bible Reading (*Matthew 1:18-25*)

*Greg Spraker*

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #1001

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Announcements

Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Hal Swetnam

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

John Reagan, Grant Smith



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening;

Jerry Williams & Joseph Tucker will lead the prayers.

December 20 Servers: Joe Bohannon, Chantha Chea,  
Mark Dawson, Brian Ellis, Beni Venkatesan & 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

## 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 13, 2015

Bible Study 207  
Morning Assembly 290  
Evening Assembly 137  
Contribution \$12,938  
YTD Average \$12,147  
Budget Goal \$12,725

### Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Classes & Online 84

**Wednesday, December 23**

**Prayer - Oliver McDaniel**

**Song Leader - Bill Kincaid**