

Family Life

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February 14, 2016

Baby Shower



2nd Sunday Fellowship Set for February 14 After the Evening Service

Finger Foods will comprise the *menu du jour* for the 2nd Sunday Fellowship coming up TODAY, February 14, after the evening assembly.

Due to the date - February 14 being Valentine's Day - this event will feature a Valentine's theme!

Each family is asked to bring the following:

- ◆ A platter of sandwiches - already assembled and ready to eat

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:

- ◆ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres* or a tray of fruit or vegetables with or without dip or a bowl of chip with dip

OR

- ◆ A tray of bite-sized desserts - emphasis on the bite-size since the whole idea of finger food is no flatware.

Hint: This is a GREAT opportunity for red and white cupcakes, cookies, cakes (think red velvet) and other assorted delicacies that you are just busting to make/bring!

After all, Valentine's Day comes but once a year!

As is our tradition, ALL HELP IN SETTING UP AND CLEANING UP IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED!



New Babies

Falls Church Elders Are Seeking Nominations for New Deacons

The elders desire to appoint additional men to serve as deacons of this congregation. As in the past, we seek the input of the members with regard to those men you believe would be appropriate to serve.

On the table in the foyer are recommendation forms for your use. One side of the form outlines the qualification requirements as found in I Timothy 3:8-13. The other side has space for the names of your recommendations.

We encourage you to discuss your recommendations directly with the individuals you list on the form. Each form must be signed and given to any one of the elders.

Recommendations must be provided no later than the morning service, Sunday, February 21. We ask that all members pray diligently that spiritual and qualified men will be selected.

The Elders



Winterfest 2016

I am only slightly freaking out that our big Winterfest trip is next weekend (February 19-21)! This year we have about 30 students, teens and sponsors registered to go.

This is always a great weekend for those who are able to attend. Our teens get closer together on the long bus ride down and back. They are encouraged during the big worship and lecture times.

We process this all together each evening during our evening devotionals. We all have fun hanging out in Gatlinburg and being entertained during some of the large sessions.

You will find a series of full reports in the Family Life here after the trip.

If you want to keep tabs on our Winterfest adventure check out the Youth Ministry's twitter (twitter.com/cocfcym) and instagram feeds ([instagram.com/cocfcym](https://www.instagram.com/cocfcym)). This account will also be used to update parents and guardians to any news they need to know while we are in transit.



Scout Sunday



A great group of Scouts turned out last Sunday for our Scout Sunday group picture! If you didn't get a patch last week let me know. I have one for you!

GRACE + PEACE
John Bl

Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua

Pedro & Mireya Batres have served in the mission fields since 1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. His wife Mireya, a native of Nicaragua, holds a degree in social service. They worked in Nicaragua until moving to Guatemala in 1985, returning to Nicaragua in 2000. He is an evangelist in Managua, the capital city, and the surrounding areas, plus he is a popular guest speaker at special programs such as seminars, retreats and workshops. Mireya is a popular guest lecturer at women's events, especially pertaining to marriage and the family.



Freddy Gonzalez (above, far left) is the President of the 11-member legal team which will represent the Churches of Christ before the government of Nicaragua for a two-year term.

The photo below includes the 11th member (far right)



Dear sister Mary Ann,

The legal team is a group of 11 members of the church of Christ in Nicaragua who have been appointed to represent the church of Christ before the Nicaraguan authorities.

The government of Nicaragua has a ministry called the *Ministerio de Gobernación*. Every church - Catholic, Baptist, Episcopal, etc. - is required to maintain such a group which reports to this ministry. The governments of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras have similar ministries.

The legal team is appointed by vote at the biennial general meeting of all the Church of Christ congregations, and the members serve for a two-year term. They are responsible for preparing an annual economic report which includes such information as a list of any property that is purchased

or sold, plus weekly collections and disbursement of funds.

Compliance is essential to maintain the government's official approval known as *Personería Jurídica*. This year, there are no representatives from *Nueva Libia*.

The following note arrived this week.

To the Falls Church Church Of Christ

I am very glad to write you today Feb. 8. Greetings in Jesus our Lord to all of you.

We are now in February and two invitations came for me to preach the Word:

The first invitation came from the local Church of Christ in barrio "Jose Dolores Estrada," located in Managua. I will speak at 6 pm on Feb. 14, so I will not be with my brethren in "Nueva Libia" at that hour. The congregation in "José Dolores Estrada" is about 12 years old and has about 50 members.

The second invitation came from my native country, El Salvador, to preach in a wedding of a young couple and the fiancé is my nephew Josue Azucena. The wedding is set for June 25 at 4 pm in the city of San Salvador.

The local church of Christ in "Nueva Libia" is going ahead with several spiritual activities without any interruption. Thanks to God! Our attendance yesterday, Sunday, was about 280, including our children and our three meetings that you already know. There is no change in our weekly schedule: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm and for each one of those meeting times, the attendance is between 20 to 30. Of course, the higher attendance is each Sunday.

Dear brethren, I am closing it but I will write you again.

With fraternal love,

Pedro Salvador Batres

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

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

February 14, 2016

Morning

Melissa Collins
Gayla Keller

Evening

Janice McDaniel

February 21, 2016

Morning

Tek Lim Chea
Lisa Swetnam

Evening

Janice McDaniel

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

Teachers for Feb. 14 are Jessi Arevalo, Carolina Alvarez, Anna Souza

Worship Today, February 14, 2016

Hymn #860

There Is a Habitation

Hymn #827

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayer

Steve Dasher

Hymn #334

'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Communion/Collection

Jim Lane

Hymn #10

A Mighty Fortress

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

Bible Reading (*Romans 15:1-4*)

Brian Collins

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #822

Sweet Will of God

Announcements

Oliver McDaniel

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Jonah Shumate

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Jose Arevalo, Kirk Crews



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening;

Jeff Malcolm & Caleb Mayfield will lead the prayers.

February 14 Servers: Josh Byrd, Chantha Chea,

Brian Ellis, Frank Estes, Bill Furr, Hal Swetnam

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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administrator@fallschurchcoc.org
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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
Jesus & Abigail Sosa, Mexico City, MX
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, February 7, 2016

Bible Study 195
Morning Assembly 308
Evening Assembly 127
Contribution \$19,262
YTD Average \$12,464
Budget Goal \$12,671

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Classes & Online 91

Wednesday, February 17

Prayer - Joe Bohannon

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid