

Family Life

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Baby Shower



Ladies - you are invited to a baby shower for

Luncheon Workshop for Men Today Focuses on "Excellence in Worship"

As part of our 2016 Year of Emphasis, toward excellence in worship, on March 6, 2016, after the morning assembly, there will be a **luncheon workshop** in the fellowship hall for men involved in or interested in **leading communion**. Attendance at this session, or watching the video recording of the session, is an indispensable part of our preparation for service in the assembly.

Please note: Families who wish to join the group for lunch are welcome, so long as we receive an rsvp as soon as possible. The meeting is expected to run a little over an hour.

Any men who may be interested in serving should email **Oliver McDaniel** or **Joseph Tucker** about your attendance at this session or interest in serving.

Oliver McDaniel and Joseph Tucker, for the Elders

[NOTE: The Elder prayer session that occurs normally after the morning assembly will not meet today.]

Special Contribution to Aid Victims of Storms and Disasters Set for Today

Today is the special collection for Falls Church members to contribute to disaster relief through the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort (DRE) located in Nashville, TN. The collection will follow the regular one today.

Make out your check to the Church of Christ in Falls Church, but designate "disaster relief" in the memo line!

So far this year along, the DRE has distributed \$415,031. Since the "unofficial" beginning of its efforts in 1990, DRE has distributed more than \$124 million in emergency food and supplies in response to over 425 disasters in 44 states.

Last year our nation experienced ten weather and climate disaster events with losses over \$1 billion each across the United States. Those events included a drought, two floods, six severe storms, and a major wild-



Scenes from Pensacola, FL, February 2016

fire, resulting in 155 deaths. In addition, there is the now well-publicized drinking water crisis in Flint, MI. In many cases, while news of these disasters no longer occupy the headlines, the suffering continues. In every case, not only the community was affected, but also our brothers and sisters in Christ. We want to help, but the question is "how"?

The Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort (DRE) is a non-profit corporation [section 501(c)(3)] which responds immediately to any major disaster in the continental United States. They take truckloads of emergency food, water, cleaning, and other supplies to be distributed to all disaster victims through a local congregation of the church of Christ.

Following hurricane Katrina, DRE shipped relief products amounting to over sixteen million dollars. This is a remarkable achievement considering that most of the effort is staffed by volunteers. Like the church's last contribution for weather-related events, the Elders have decided to contribute the funds to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort. Find out more about DRE by going to their website: disasterrelieffort.org.

Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled for March 20

All children are invited to the **Easter Egg Hunt** set for Sunday, March 20, starting around 4:30 pm.

In addition to the egg hunt, there will be crafts and snacks plus of course a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Members are asked to bring plastic eggs - the kind that can be filled - and bags of individually wrapped candy. Naturally, if you were to bring your eggs with the candy already filled in, your effort won't go unnoticed!

There will be a box in the lobby for your donations of plastic eggs and candy.

Also, PLEASE add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so that the organizers, **Kelly & Jonah Shumate**, can estimate the snacks and craft materials for the event.



Arlington Church of Christ Invites Us to Their 75th Anniversary Celebration April 30/May 1

Dear Falls Church congregation,

Please save the date: April 30/May 1, 2016.

The **Arlington Church of Christ** is celebrating its 75 years of ministry in the national capital area—and looking ahead to the future. We invite you to join us for special events on the weekend of April 30/May 1.

Saturday afternoon (April 30), from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm will include a meal, an area-wide singing, and guided tours of the Arlington congregation's renovated building.

Sunday morning (May 1) will start with an 8:30 am coffee hour to be followed by Bible classes and a special worship service. We hope that members of your congregation will be able to join us for these activities.

More details will be announced when they are available, and will be posted on our website (www.arlingtonfamily.org).

Grace and Peace,

Lamar Reinsch (on behalf of the Arlington elders)



Winterfest: The Walk High Wire Walkers!

After a long bus ride we gathered in front of the Gatlinburg Convention Center before walking into the cavernous meeting area for our first Winterfest session.

Set up in the middle of the convention center was a circus style high wire! It was also central to the message we heard that evening.

Two men and two women climb one of the towers up to the platforms high about the convention floor. They began their routine which included the usual walking back and forth on the wire. The routine included riding a bike on the wire and two men with a chair balanced between them on a pole upon which one of the women sat!

Following this routine Phil Brookman talked with the older man about some parallels between tight rope walking and faith. One of the ideas that stuck with many of us was - practice is their greatest safety feature. The everyday practice and training gets them ready for every performance. The discipline of training in the small things helps them keep an eye on the big things. Mechanical safety features may fail or not be present but good training and practice are always with them.

Connecting this to our walk with Jesus is pretty easy. We practice disciplines each and every day. Our training involves prayer, meditation, reading & studying the Bible and gathering together with other believers make us stronger. Stronger when our faith is tested. When we face trials and tests of our faith.

We succeed in being faithful in the difficult times because we are faithful in the easy times.

We are not alone or powerless when facing trials. Not only do we have our training/discipline but also we have the Holy Spirit as part of our "safety features" in life.

GRACE + PEACE
Phil Brookman

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.

Dear brethren in Falls Church Church of Christ,

It is a pleasure for me to write you again and I am sending my fraternal regards to the Family of God in Falls Church. We are closing the second month of this year - the time is runing very fast!

March will be very special and busy. First, "Nueva Libia" has FIVE new Christians, four men and one woman who were baptized during February.

Also, on March 4 "Nueva Libia" will celebrate 15 years as a local Church of Christ in this area of Managua, Nicaragua. As you know, I began this local congregation in March 4, 2001 as a personal mission plan for Nicaragua and I did it after leaving Guatemala with my family. This church, with over two hundred members, will celebrate the XV anniversary in March 5 at 4 pm with a special program.

I began to work in "Villa Progreso," close to "Nueva Libia" and the church grew up in 4 years. After that time, the church bought the property where we are at the present time. You, dear brethren, have had an important participation with this new Nicaraguan local church all the time.

On March 10, I will fly to Guatemala City where I have been invited to present two Biblical subjects to the annual seminar of the school of preachers there. I plan to return to Nicaragua on March 14.

Dear brethren, it is all for now but I will write again in the near future. Thank you so much for your involvement in the Nicaraguan mission field and, because of you, our Lord is blessing the Nicaraguan church, specially in "Nueva Libia" and Juigalpa, Chontales. God bless you always!

As you see, this newsletter written to you concludes on a note of gratitude for your christian interlace with your brethren and sisters in Nicaragua. As your missionary, I recognize the value of what you contribute to the development of this mission work and, without you, it would not enjoy the same success. I ask to our Lord a rain of blessings for all of you!

Lots of love in Him,
Pedro Salvador Batres

2nd Sunday Potluck Fellowship Coming up March 13

Our next "2nd Sunday Fellowship" event is coming up next Sunday, March 13, following the morning worship service. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

As is our custom after such events, WE WILL NOT MEET FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY EVENING.

This will be a potluck luncheon, so each family is asked to bring:

⌘ a main dish

(usually a meat or casserole to feed your family and a few others)

PLUS two of the following three items:

⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)

⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip

OR

⌘ a dessert (no description necessary)

FELLOWSHIP



DINNER



The **Missions Committe** will meet in R. 120 after the luncheon on March 13.

March 6, 2016 – Pray that we may be generous to all who are in need and who have had tragedies in their lives as God has been generous to us.

The Falls Church bulletin is sent to all members by email on Friday afternoon. If you are not receiving the bulletin electronically, please inform the church office so your name can be added to the list. It won't do to miss your bulletin!

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

March 6, 2016

Morning

Jackie Arevalo
John Arevalo

Evening

Janice McDaniel

March 13, 2016

Morning

Calanthia Tucker
Erica W-Chenevert

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Worship Today, March 6, 2016

Hymn #193 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Hymn #825 *My God, My Father, Though I Stray*

Bible Reading (Hebrews 11:32-12:7) *Joseph Tucker*

Prayer *Kelvin Hatcher*

Hymn #684 *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

Communion/Collection *John Reagan*

Special Collection for Disaster Relief

Hymn #288 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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

Bible Reading (Colossians 2:8-12) *Greg Spraker*

Bible Lesson *Mike Tune*

Hymn #698 *My Jesus, As Thou Wilt*

Announcements *Steve Dasher*

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer *Jonah Shumate*

Song Leader *Bill Kincaid*

Ushers for March *Barry Smith, Mark Ward*



Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening;

Oliver McDaniel & Hal Swetnam will lead the prayers.

March 6 Servers: Jun Amores, Oliver Arevalo, Dave Miller,

Grant Smith, Kevin Thie, Connor Yeatman

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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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 28, 2016

Bible Study 203
Morning Assembly 306
Evening Assembly 77 (SWA)
Contribution \$12,408
YTD Average \$11,795
Budget Goal \$12,671

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Classes & Online 79

Wednesday, March 9

Prayer - Hal Swetnam

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid