

Family Life

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May 25 Is Next

Wednesday Night Out Dinner

The next **Wednesday Night Out** dinner is coming up next Wednesday May 25, between 6 and 7 pm.

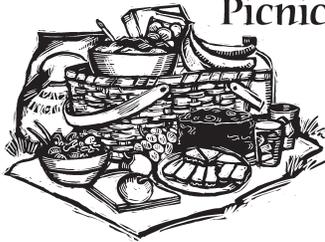
The menu will include a specialty - tostados prepared by resident chef **Roberto & Blanca Alvarez**. There will be a choice between beef or chicken.

As usual, the cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 per child, with no more than \$20 per family.

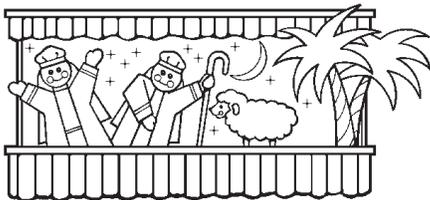
Also, the Sign-Up Sheet is in the lobby.



Annual Picnic



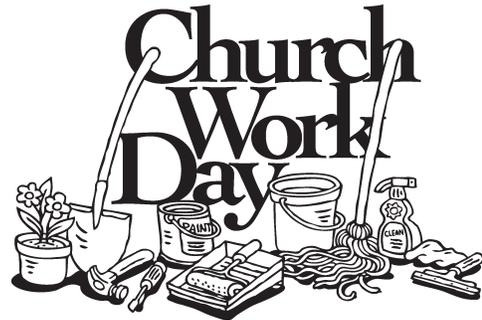
Mark your calendars now for the annual 4th of July picnic. It will be held on **Monday, July 4** at **Bluemont Park in Arlington**. More details will be coming soon!



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars now for our **2016 Vacation Bible School**. The dates are **August 12 and 13**. Additional details will follow, but make sure you're **HERE** for the **BIG EVENT!**

Workday Set For June 18



A **Church Work Day** has been scheduled for June 18 at the building. There are numerous projects to be done, each with varying level of skills required. So mark your calendar and make plans to attend and help get the building cleaned up and ready for many summer activities!

Feel free to drop by anytime during the day to help.

Breakfast will be served starting at 8 am and work will begin at 8:30 am.

Lunch will also be provided for all workers.

Collection Continues for Multiple Sclerosis Walk

The annual **Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Old Town Manassas** was held April 9, but was the 27th anniversary for walk veteran **Kevin Thie**.

Kevin's daughter **Candace** is now in her 23rd year. And this year, their team included another veteran walker **Jeff Ford**.

They are part of the **M. S. Keteers team**, which has raised over \$125,000 for research and for various types of assistance rendered to people suffering from multiple sclerosis.

Kevin and Candy are now collecting pledges. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is a qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Kevin hopes to collect all pledges by June 26.

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

Congratulations

Paying So Long



We Do It Our Way! (The Tower of Babel) Reflections on Genesis 1 - 11

The truth of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11.1 - .9) is not that it just happened once but that it continues to happen. In the first 11 chapters of the Book of Genesis we are continually faced with stories of humanity trying to do it our own way and failing. Adam and Eve listen to the serpent and try to be like god on their own terms. Cain decides he can do things himself rather than listen to the LORD's warnings. Humanity as a whole turns away from the LORD and is destroyed in a flood with only one family saved. The descendants of this family gather in a plain in Shinar to settle and once again try to do things their way.

The LORD has created an entire world for us to inhabit but we decide to stay together and build a city. We had been called to fill the Earth and inhabit every corner but instead we decided go our own way and build one city. To build this city and tower we make our own bricks, instead of the rocks the LORD created. The purpose of this city and the tower was to make a name for ourselves. It is all about our selfish pride as we once again try to be like god. Once again we are choosing something that seems good but is actually evil.

When the LORD comes down to inspect the tower and its city he is horrified. Once again we are disobedient. Once again the LORD has to help us come back around to where we should be by confusing our language and scattering us. Because we are created in the image of God we are capable of more evil and destruction than other parts of creation.

Today this story still happens when we choose to try to live on our own terms we fail. We have been called to live a greater life through Jesus Christ than any life we could imagine or find without him. The choice is ours.

GRACE + PEACE
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Annual Special Collection for Camp WaMaVa Set for Today, May 22

Camp WaMaVa is the only Church of Christ camp for the greater Washington Metropolitan Area. The name stands for Washington-Maryland-Virginia.

The Falls Church congregation has dedicated its support to the Camp since it began in 1956. To that end, we have an annual Special Collection, which will take place on May 22 this year. Members are asked to make out checks to "Camp WaMaVa" NOT to Falls Church.

But please keep in mind that the camp benefits not only from the funds collected today, but also from the children who are signed up for this event for the summer.

The first line of the Camp's mission statement is: ***"Camp WAMAVA's primary mission is spiritual. It exists to provide camping in a Christian environment and to glorify God. Emphasis is also placed on the physical and emotional growth of the young people who attend the camp."***

"This [the Camp] is a place to plant the seeds of baptism or for the young people to return to their home congregation to plant that seed," commented **Perry May**, President of the Camp. He notes that area residents have multiple opportunities for summer camp programs, but adds, "Camp WaMaVa provides a unique benefit because we offer the way to salvation."

The camp is for youth grades 3 through 12. It opened its door to the first group of campers Aug. 11-25, 1956, on 146 acres of land just east of Front Royal, VA.

But, the first "Christian camping" in the greater Washington Metropolitan area was in 1950, at a rented facility at Skymont, about 5 miles south of Front Royal. By 1955, efforts were in full swing to purchase the land where **Camp WaMaVa** thrives today. The cost was \$4,500 for 146 acres, and was paid by \$25 shares of stock, sold to area Christians.

With about 1,000 campers per season, the cost per camper is \$400, but the charge is just \$230. Fund raising efforts like the special collection along with partnerships between individual congregations and the camp help reduce costs for all students, including

those who otherwise would be unable to afford the experience.

To reduce paper work, you may register your children through the website: <http://www.wamava.com/>

The 2016 Schedule is:

Week	Dates	Camper's Grade as of Fall 2015
1	June 26-July 2	3, 4, 5
2	July 3 - July 9	4, 5, 6
3	July 10 - July 16	5, 6, 7
4	July 17 - July 23	7, 8, 9
5	July 24 - July 30	7, 8, 9
6	July 31 - August 6	10, 11, 12 & 2016 High School Graduates

Please note that all sessions start on Sunday and end on Saturday. There is a canteen for the youth to obtain snacks.



All three of the youth in the photo above are from Falls Church. Recognize anyone?

At right is an assembly on the hillside, from the 2004 season.



Above is a shot of students walking across the spacious grounds. This is a place where the beauty of God's world is especially evident.

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

May 22, 2016

Morning

Tek Lim Chea
Lisa Swetnam

Evening

No service

May 29, 2016

Morning

Erica W-Chenevert
Peggy Williams

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship - Ages 2 through Pre-K, R. 222

Worship Today, May 22, 2016

Hymn #23

Our God, He Is Alive

Hymn #797

Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Prayer

Jonah Shumate

Hymn #718

We Shall Assemble

Communion/Collection

Clark Richardson

Special Collection for Camp WaMaVa

Steve Dasher

Hymn #3

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

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

Scripture Reading (Acts 11:19-30)

Kirk Crews

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #15

Step by Step

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

John Reagan

Song Leader

Andrew McDaniel

Ushers for May

Kelvin Hatcher, Grant Smith

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Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening.

Jose Arevalo & Hal Swetnam will lead the prayers.

May 22 Servers: Jun Amores, Josh Byrd, Chantha Chea,

Brian Collins, Brian Ellis, Sam Habtu

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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Steve Dasher Wayne Doran
Bill Kincaid Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
Ben Bohannon Brian Collins
Ignacio Espinoza Kelvin Hatcher
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, May 15, 2016

Bible Study	No Count
Morning Assembly	267
Evening Assembly	No Service
Contribution	\$ 9,058
YTD Average	\$12,421
Budget Goal	\$12,710

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Classes & Online 61

Wednesday, May 25

Prayer - Jim Lane

Song Leader - Clark Richardson