

# Family Life

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## VBS Scheduled for August 12 & 13--Registration Continues

Registration continues for **Vacation Bible School** which is scheduled for **Friday evening, August 12** through **Saturday morning, August 13** according to director **Kelly Shumate**. Kelly notes that, "This year, we will use a new method of registration. You can click on the link sent out from the office e-mail with the bulletins on Friday; or you can contact the office and we can send to you direct; or you can visit our website at [www.fallschurchcoc.org](http://www.fallschurchcoc.org)."

This year's theme is **RUNNING** and is centered around the story of **Jonah**. There will be many fun activities for kids including classes from ages 6 months through 6th grade. We will also have crafts, games and snacks.

### Schedule

#### Friday, August 12

- Dinner served from 5-6 pm
- Grilled hot dogs, chips, carrot sticks, dessert and drinks
- Sign up sheet in the lobby
- Program will start at 6 pm and conclude about 8 pm.

#### Saturday, August 13

- Breakfast served from 8-9 am; pancakes, bacon/sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and milk
- Sign up sheet in the lobby
- Program will start at 9 am and conclude about 11:30 am

## Wedding Events

**Taylor Fariss** also will report to the Missions Committee about her campaign to Nicaragua last month. This campaign is the last of several Taylor has completed over the past four years to Peru, Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Falls Church has supported two of these. She is the granddaughter of **Jim and Janet Lane**.

## More Than We Could Image: The Mission of “China Now”

**Ed and Pam Mosby** will be here at Falls Church on Wednesday July 27 to report on their work with “**China Now**,” a program in which English-speaking Americans travel to China to teach conversational English at the college level. This is the program that former member **Rachel Shoenhard** joined in 2007.

For over 60 years, the Chinese people were told that religion is a foolish pursuit for the uneducated, while missionaries were expelled, and multiple generations grew up with no knowledge of God. But as the country’s global economy grew, so did their need to communicate in English, thus the welcome for English teachers.

Through experience, the Chinese government recognizes that Christians make reliable teachers without causing problems. Although public evangelism is illegal, Christian teachers are welcomed to the universities and are paid to travel to and work in China, including housing, a salary and airfare.

The purpose of **China Now** is to share the Gospel through the English language in universities in China. The organization recruits faithful Christians whose lives demonstrate integrity.

Ed and Pam Mosby moved to Wuhan, China, in August 2000, where he served as a missionary through June 2005.

Currently, he is the Missions Minister, working under the oversight of the Spanish Fort Church of Christ, and he coordinates teacher recruitment for **China Now**.

He is a native of Searcy, AR. After three years at Harding University, he entered the restaurant management field until returning to Harding where he completed a Bachelor of Ministry degree and a B. A. in History in 2000.

Pam is a native of Memphis, TN, but grew up in White Station. She too attended Harding University, but holds a B. S. and a Master’s in Education from the University of Memphis. She taught at the high school level for many years and also has a wide variety of administration experience both at Harding School of Theology and, currently, with the China Now ministry.



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)



### Youth Ministry Family Beach Camping Trip - August 3 - 5, 2016!

If you have teens or students in the Youth Ministry (3rd - 12th grade) then this is the trip for you!

The **Family Beach Camping Trip** has become one of the most anticipated events of the summer. We will be camping in Cape Henlopen State Park, near Lewes, DE. You can look forward to hanging out on the beach, hiking the great dunes and enjoying a campfire. On the way to Cape Henlopen we will stop at the SONIC for lunch! We also will stop at Vanderwende’s Creamery for farm fresh ice cream on the way home (see photo at right from previous year).

If you don’t own a tent or a sleeping bag, we have extras available.

If you have never been camping and wonder if this trip is for you, just ask Hal Swetnam or Oliver Arevalo and they will tell you about the crazy fun we have.

The cost is \$40.00 a family; this includes 3 meals, your campsite and transportation if you need.

In order to RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact me (**Joshua Byrd**) as soon as possible.



GRACE + PEACE  
*Joshua Byrd*

# Welcome Home, Kevin & Deanna

**Deanna (Meredith) & Kevin Amores** are now home from their mission work in Concepción, Chile. For Deanna, it concludes a seven-year odyssey which began at the Halbert Institute for Missions at Abilene Christian University in 2009.

Deanna and Kevin met here at Falls Church while she completed an internship in 2010. She then moved to Chile, first to Santiago where she completed an intensive language program through Berlitz before she and her team made the move to Concepción. After their wedding June 22, 2013, Kevin joined the team in Concepción.

The couple now plans to move to Deanna's hometown of Houston, TX.



For the 4th of July that year, the team shared the day with their Chilean neighbors and with traditional hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and an American flag cake.

The team used every method to meet people, through the University of Concepción English School, by a study of history of Chile with the help of another team member Chad Lukkason, and by attending Roman Catholic services to learn about the faith which was so much a part of the culture. She met new people through a cooking class!

They also worked with "Let's Start Talking," a program that uses the Bible to teach conversational English, which is especially important in a city with six universities.

Another contact source was Sept. 18, which is Chile's Independence Day. One evening she attended an Asado (Chilean BBQ) with neighbors. On Sunday, she attended the Dieciocho, the Independence Day party which is celebrated by a traditional dance called La Cueca. It involved dancing with a handkerchief, and many dancers wear traditional garb of colorful dresses for the girls and ponchos and books for boys.

During November, the team celebrated American Thanksgiving with a traditional meal. And for their first Christmas in their new home - which in Chile is during the summer - they attended a BBQ! New Year's Eve ended with fireworks.

Their first "house church" met on March 4, 2012. The next year they named their new congregation "*Vastago Iglesia de Cristo*." In Spanish, Vastago means the stem of a plant, the offspring of a seedling, thus signifying the start of God's congregation in that city.

Once Kevin arrived, the pace of life escalated with the team and the work and new opportunities. They conducted a Vacation Bible School, held team retreats, offered seminars on parenting and health and fitness. They helped plant trees to restore land damaged by a forest fire. They have welcomed new brothers and sisters in Christ, including a man named Hector who is blind and who has become a major blessing to the church.

Their final contribution to Vastago was to help turn a former restaurant into the new meeting place for church!

The **Missions Committee** will meet for about 30 minutes today following the worship service this morning. **Kevin and Deanna** will give their final report to the committee.

The evening assembly will meet in the FH.

After a short worship period, **Kevin and Deanna** will present their end-of-mission report to the congregation.

Afterward, cookies and drinks will be served during a personal greeting time with them.

After earning a B. A. in Psychology from ACU in 2006, she worked in campus ministry in Colorado before returning to ACU for mission training. Her interest in mission work was sparked by a trip to Honduras while in high school, but her commitment followed a summer as a missionary intern in Buenos Aires through ACU's Worldwide Witness program. She was awarded a master's degree in mission work from ACU in May 2010 and was part of a seven-member missions team which moved to Concepción the next year to establish a congregation.

Kevin is the son of longtime Falls Church members **Jun and Ruth Amores**, and has two sisters who also are members here, **Kristine Spraker** and **Karen Beck**. He holds a B. A. in Art with a concentration in Graphic Design from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), through the College of Architecture and Urban Studies. Kevin also received the Silver Student Addy for Web Design, an annual award for designers, and was president of the student organization Ambassadors for Christ.

Deanna arrived in Santiago, Chile, in January 2011, for intensive language training through Berlitz. This included 45 hours a week in class, followed by homework.

In May, the team made the move to their new home where Deanna announced, "I officially have a home in Concepción." It was a major adjustment. Although renting, she still had to provide her own appliances. And the source of heat was a wood-burning stove.

## 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

July 17, 2016

### Morning

Sophia Habtu  
Calanthia Tucker

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

July 24, 2016

### Morning

Billie Bohann  
Joanne Carter

### Evening

Janice McDaniel

**Children's Worship - Ages 2 through Pre-K - meets in R. 222**

## Worship Today, July 17, 2016

<i>Hymn #827</i>	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>
<i>Hymn #767</i>	<i>In the Hour of Trial</i>
Welcome to Kevin & Deanna Amores	Jim Lane
Prayer	Habtu Zemech
<i>Hymn #387</i>	<i>Tell Me the Story of Jesus</i>
Communion/Collection	Kevin Amores
<i>Hymn #540</i>	<i>O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Scripture Reading ( <i>Hebrews 12:1-3</i> )	Jun Amores
Bible Lesson	Kelvin Hatcher
<i>Hymn #807</i>	<i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i>
Announcements	Jim Lane
Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer	Jonah Shumate
Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers for July	John Reagan, Mark Ward



Charles McMillian will lead singing this evening.

Jose Arevalo & John Reagan will lead the prayers.

July 17 Servers: Sam Habtu, Dave Miller, Geosh Saxton,  
Grant Smith, Kevin Thie & Beni Venkatesan

## 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	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, July 10, 2016

Bible Study	193
Morning Assembly	275
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$ 8,893
YTD Average	\$12,343
Budget Goal	\$12,710

### Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Classes & Online	88
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**Wednesday, July 20**

**Prayer - John Reagan**

**Song Leader - Joseph Tucker**