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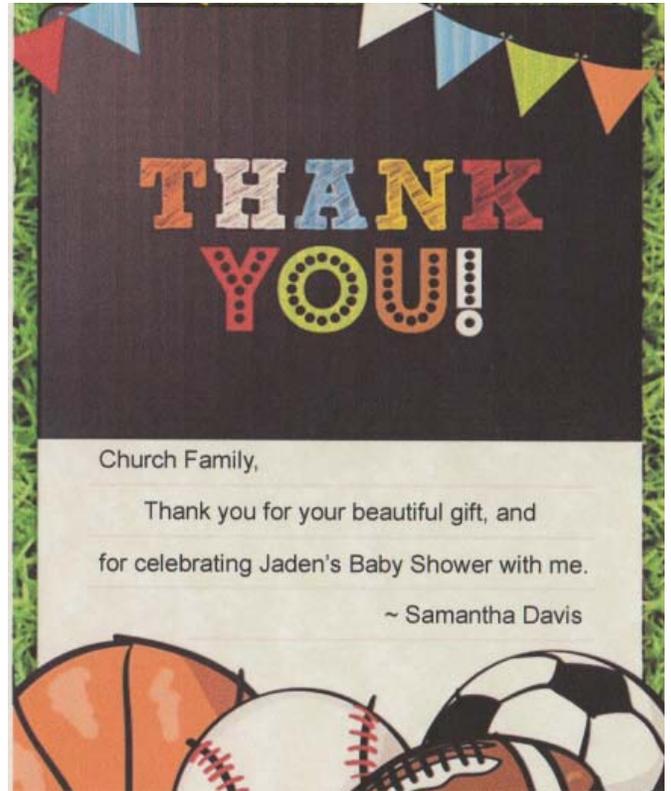
August 21, 2016

Vacation Bible School 2016 is now over. We have a special thanks to director **Kelly Shumate** shown with her husband **Jonah** (who also played Jonah) and children **Kate & Owen**. ALL of them spent many hours in preparation for the event.

Thanks go also to “artistic directors of big fish & deep sea scenery” - **John & Linda Reagan**.



Thanks also to Adria Owens, Jessica Alvarez Arevalo, Lisa Swetnam and Joe Bohannon for the wonderful photo record of this event. See pages 2 & 3 for the rest of the story, and see the rest of the photos in the slide show in the lobby.



6th Annual School Supplies Collection for Bailey's Elementary School to Run through August 28; Delivery to Be Made About Aug. 29

Falls Church is conducting its **6th Annual School Supplies Collection to benefit our neighboring school - Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences**. The collection is taken under the auspices of the CARE Committee (formerly Benevolence).

Baileys has over 1,300 students and due to the enrollment increase, is located in two separate facilities. These students represent over 40 countries with more than 30 different languages spoken at home.

The school itself represents equally diverse programs. It's one of the two elementary magnet schools in the district, with a focus on the sciences, the arts and technology.

The science program includes outdoor classes, a science lab, and an ongoing approach to understand science as a part of the environment.

The arts program includes music, visual arts, drama and creative movement. Since 1999, Baileys' has enjoyed a partnership with the Kennedy Center as part of the Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA).

The technological focus includes the latest laptops, document cameras, SMART board and iPads.

Since many students come from families with limited resources, the supplies we provide fill in a major gap. This year, the school requests **10 top supplies that are most needed. Please limit your purchases to the list below, including:**

- ❖ Headphones (not ear buds)
- ❖ glue sticks (multipack and jumbo size)
- ❖ 5" blunt cut and 5" pointed tip scissors
- ❖ #2 pencils
- ❖ Large pink erasers
- ❖ Water bottles (no logo)
- ❖ Paper Mate Flair Black Felt Tip Pens
- ❖ Post-it notes
- ❖ Crayola markers, colored pencils and crayons
- ❖ Backpacks

The supplies will be delivered to the school during the last week of August.

Vacation Bible School - An Excellent Adventure

Nearly 40 children came, saw and learned about Jonah and his relationship to God and the city of Ninevah during the 2016 Vacation Bible School last weekend (below).

And most of them took a turn through the BIG FISH (below) - the work of Linda and John Reagan. They adapted a prototype balloon setting they had used many years ago, and Linda modified the plan with a few "trial balloons." They then used black plastic sheeting - which Linda cut free hand - with the seams taped together. After the fish was inflated with a high-volume fan, John and Ignacio Espinoza installed the "bones," which were white paper taped to the inside of the fish. A black light made the bones "glow in the dark."

Hal Swetnam drew the "eye" of the fish, while Lisa Swetnam and their son Sam made the jelly fish from clear garbage bags. The "bubbles" were made of balloons by Connor Yeatman. Linda made the "coral" from pool noodles, the kind used in swimming pools, and added, "We couldn't have hoped for it to turn out any better."

Hal was the voice of the fish Pinky and Spike, from inside the Big Fish. You can see him - his head anyway - from his vantage point under the fish's ribs, along with Christina Goetzinger inside the fish.



Hal also designed the "Great Wall" of the City of Ninevah (see photo of children). Members of the Teen Ministry designed and installed the market place during the Thursday workday. That group included John & Oliver Arevalo; Austin, Sarah & Tyler Byrd; Priscilla Espinoza; Sophia Habtu; Carmen Reyes; David Rodriguez; Alyssa & Xander Williams; Cody, Connor & Rylan Yeatman; & Bianca Y.

Heather Roelke (at left) spearheaded the snacks for the event, with the able assistance of Sally Dasher, Genia Deibler (below), Ann Ford (at right), Lisa & Hal



Swetnam (who also designed "porpoise" bananas) & Kevin Thie.

The crafts, including a whale-shaped magnet and a fish mobile, were the inspiration of Lesya Yeatman, helped by Abby, Lisa & Sarah Byrd & Amy Saxton (left and above).

Marilyn McDermett & Lynda Eubank manned the registration desk (at right).

Intern Amanda Jimenez directed the teens (listed above) in the outdoor games, with Daniel & Leslie Williams (photo on next page) lending their expertise.



Even the table decorations showed a "sea"



influence, as the tales of a whale used as centerpieces. Those were the work of Alaina Griggs,



Marilyn McDermett, Adria Owens &



Peggy Williams from the Saturday workday which also included Tom Griggs, George & Amy Saxton, Jeff Ford, the Swetnam family, the Reagans, and Ignacio Espinoza.

Intern Nate Randolph (below) led the singing with some very spirited songs, and Clark Richardson also helped direct some singing during the lessons which



were based on a play written by Mary Ann Kincaid but greatly enhanced (saved) by the



creativity of the cast.

Act 1 included Bill Kincaid (voice of The Lord), Jonah Shumate (Jonah), Nate & Clark (citizens of Joppa), and Josh Byrd (first mate aboard The Big Ship,



which Jonah takes in his flight from God's instructions).

Thanks to special sound effects which Connor Yeatman helped operate with the sound system, Act 2 opened with the sounds of a major storm, as Nate (the

captain), Sam Swetnam (crew member) & Josh Byrd with other crew members Wilfredo Reyes and Ignacio Espinoza try to save themselves. They awaken Jonah who instructs them to throw him into the sea to save themselves. The children sat on the "ship" that Josh Byrd created to go with the Act.



Act 3 was divided into two parts. In one part, some of the children went into the big black fish with the glowing bones. The other part of the children went upstairs to listen to Jonah converse with the fish and with three other "residents" in the fish stomach.



While Jonah Shumate and Hal Swetnam took care of the big black fish, John Reagan took the role of Jonah, with Joe Bohannon as the fish and Saira Reyes, Jessica Hullett & Geosh Saxton providing the other voices.

The opening scene of Act 4 had Jonah washed up on shore and looking for a ride to Ninevah. Fortunately, Sam Swetnam (Obadiah the camel driver complete with outstanding costume) shows up to give him a ride as far as

Tarshish.

Finally, he arrives in Ninevah, and starts to deliver God's message. He is ignored at first but finally, the crowd at the market show him some attention. The crowd includes Joe Bohannon, Jessica



Hullett, Saira Reyes & Geosh Saxton. They arranged their own little market to be more convincing.

Finally he speaks with the King, played by Kelvin Hatcher whose innovation took him from royal robes to sack cloth as he assures Jonah that a royal decree has been declared for the people of Ninevah to repent and be redeemed by God's compassion.

Thanks to the loving people who escorted the children from one event to the other, including Nikii Frank, Casey & Hank Waterston, Ignacio & Sandra Espinoza, Saira Reyes, Tahirah Elliott, Dana & Dejjia Hatcher. And many thanks to Janet



Lane & to Carolina & Emily Alvarez for Cradle Role class Saturday morning (right).



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.

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

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Elders

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

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez	Jose Arevalo
Ben Bohannon	Ignacio Espinoza
John Reagan	Saul Reyes
Wilfredo Reyes	Jonah Shumate
Hal Swetnam	Kevin Thie
John Waterston	Ken Yeatman
Habtu Zemech	

Missionaries

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, August 14, 2016

Bible Study	174
Morning Assembly	254
Evening Assembly	124
Contribution	\$12,454
YTD Average	\$12,281
Budget Goal	\$12,710

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Classes & Online 68

Wednesday, August 24
Prayer - Ken Yeatman
Song Leader - Connor Yeatman

Nursery Attendants

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Morning

Tek Lim Chea

Lisa Swetnam

Evening

Janice McDaniel

August 28, 2016

Morning

Erica W-Chenevert

Peggy Williams

Evening

Janice McDaniel

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

Worship Today, August 21, 2016

Hymn #666 I Am Thine, O Lord

Hymn #507 Does Jesus Care?

Prayer Jonah Shumate

Hymn #504 In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came

Hymn #334 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Communion/Collection Rick Schneider

Hymn #517 Heaven Came Down

(Children's Worship does not meet during August.)

Scripture Reading (Romans 13:8-10) Habtu Zemech

Bible Lesson Mike Tune

Hymn #567 Restore My Soul

Announcements Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer Hal Swetnam

Song Leader Joseph Tucker

Ushers for August 21 Joe Bohannon, Mark Ward

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Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening,

while Wayne Doran & Brock Barker will lead the prayers.

August 21 Servers: Austin Byrd, Holden Dinerman,

Brian Ellis, Frank Estes, Bill Furr, Clark Richardson