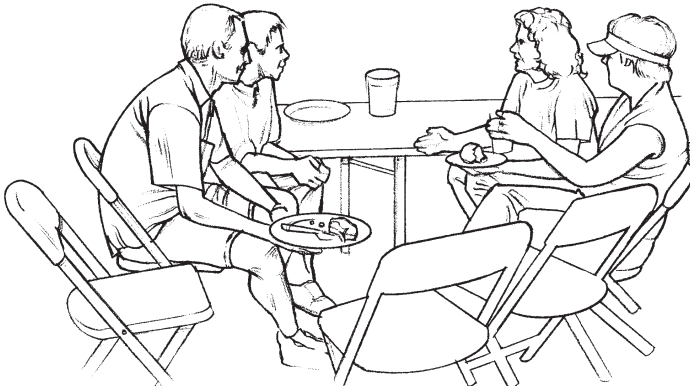


Family Life

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2nd Sunday Fellowship in September Is "Catered" Meal After Morning Service on September 11



Our **2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner** is coming up next weekend, September 11, following the morning worship service.

This will be a **catered** meal, so all you need to bring is - YOU!

It is our custom after fellowship meals in the afternoon that we adjourn for the remainder of the day. Therefore, **THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE DURING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 11.**

All assistance is appreciated before, during and after the dinner - in terms of setting up, serving, and cleaning up/ putting the fellowship hall back in order, etc.



The **Missions Committee** will meet in R. 120 after the luncheon on September 11.

Louisiana Flood Relief

The elders have designated Sunday, September 11, for a special collection to assist victims of the flooding in Louisiana. Please make your checks out to the church, marked for Flood Relief.

New Baby

Wedding Reception



The entire Falls Church congregation is invited to a **wedding reception** honoring

on Sunday, September 25,
in the foyer of our main auditorium
directly after evening services.

Please, no gifts, but your presence
would be welcome.

Hostesses include



Tune's Notes

The name "Zion" occurs 163 times in our Bibles, usually referring to the city (or a part of the city) of Jerusalem. It is also God's name for His people.

Notice these words from Tuesday's daily Bible reading: "For the Lord has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying "This is my dwelling place for ever and ever; here I sit enthroned, for I have desired it. I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor I will satisfy with food. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her faithful people will ever sing for joy" (Psalm 132).

The Holy Zion of the New Testament is the body of Christ, the Church, God's dwelling place, His temple. Seen from that perspective, the words of David take on new meaning for they underscore the preciousness of the Church to God, and the blessed nature of the people of God because God has chosen to make His dwelling in us.

Psalm 132 is one of 15 "Psalms of Ascent" (Psalms 120-134) hymns traditionally thought to have been sung by pilgrims going up to Jerusalem for worship. As such, they served to remind them that God's dwelling was not in the world, but in His holy place and to be in that place was to be in communion with the Lord and privileged to be under His care.

As we make our way up the hill for worship each Sunday, I hope you will be reminded of the Psalms of Ascent, and this one in particular, and how special you are to God, and how special it is to be His holy city.

Love you all
Mike

Ladies Bible Class to Resume October 4, with a Study of the Book of Acts

All women are invited to join the **Ladies Bible Class** as it resumes on Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 10:15 to 11 am.

Leaders for the first 6 sessions are:

Lynda Eubank	week 1
Sally Dasher	week 2
Erica Walker-Chenevert	week 3
Casey Waterston	week 4
Peggy Williams	week 5
Amanda Barker	week 6

The topic of study will be the book of **Acts**, using a study edited by **Vance H. Pitman**.

Anyone who wishes a study guide should contact **Lynda Eubank** for a copy.

The Ladies Bible Class follows the Fairfax County Public Schools calendar. If Fairfax County schools are cancelled - due to weather events, holidays, teacher workdays or any other reason - then the Ladies class will NOT MEET that day.

Two of our Elders are available in R. 221 on the main level after the morning assembly to meet with anyone who would like prayer for special concerns. Prayer requests also may be submitted to the Elders at: prayerrequestfc@gmail.com



Reflections: What Just Happened? Jacob and Esau, Part Five Genesis 33

According to wikipedia, a plot twist is "a change in the expected direction or outcome of the plot of a novel, film, television series, comic, video game or other work of narrative." (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plot_twist) We expect novels, comics, television shows and movies to have a twist at the end but we don't expect this in the Bible.

The story of Jacob and Esau ends with a plot twist. When Jacob flees his home, it is because his brother Esau wants to kill him! Over the next 30 years we have the story of Jacob in Padam-Aram but we do not have the story of Esau. We expect Esau to want revenge and try to kill Jacob.

This is not what happens. When Esau meets Jacob, he gives him a big bear hug! Esau doesn't want Jacob's gifts. Esau wants to help protect Jacob in his travels. This is a plot twist. The mystery is even deeper because we don't know why Esau has changed so much.

It would seem that in the last 30 years instead of allowing the hurt Jacob caused him to fester, Esau has learned to forgive. Esau let go of the pain caused by Jacob. Esau let go of the feelings of betrayal caused by Jacob. Esau let go of his hatred of Jacob. Esau learned to forgive. This must have been a hard lesson to learn but Esau learned it.

When we first met Jacob and Esau, they were not the kind of people we would hold up as examples of how to live as one of the LORD's people. Now at the end of their story they have become the kind of people we would point to as examples to follow as we try to live as the LORD's people. How are you living? Are you the young Jacob and Esau or are you like the older mature Jacob and Esau?

GRACE+PEACE
A.H.B.

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 28, 2016

Bible Study	147
Morning Assembly	252
Evening Assembly	67 (SWA)
Contribution	\$ 8,748
YTD Average	\$12,021
Budget Goal	\$12,710

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

Classes & Online	68
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Wednesday, September 7
Prayer - Joseph Tucker
Song Leader - John Reagan

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Nursery Attendants

Morning

Jackie Arevalo
John Arevalo

Evening

Janice McDaniel

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Morning

Amy Saxton
Kristine Spraker

Evening

NO EVENING SERVICE

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

Lisa Byrd, Anna Souza

Jessica Arevalo, Jennifer Ellis

Worship Today, September 4, 2016

Hymn #63

I Will Call upon the Lord

Hymn #578

We Will Glorify

Hymn #689

Be Still, My Soul

Prayer

Mark Dawson

Hymn #718

We Shall Assemble

Hymn #176

Lamb of God

Communion/Collection

Hal Swetnam

Hymn #742

When Upon Life's Billows

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

Scripture Reading (*Romans 14:13-23*)

Jun Amores

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #417

Where He Leads I'll Follow

Announcements

Bill Kincaid

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

John Hilboldt

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers for September 4

Jose Arevalo, Grant Smith

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Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening,

while Jeff Malcolm & John Reagan will lead the prayers.

September 4 Servers: Brock Barker, Matt Bensusky, Joe

Bohannon, Chantha Chea, Mark Ward, Habtu Zemech