

Family Life

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Youth Ministry Events Coming Up

- ◆ **Zootopia Movie Night** - Saturday, Sept. 24 -
6 to 8 pm in Fellowship Hall.

All families are welcome to watch the Disney movie **Zootopia** and munch on some popcorn. You are welcome to bring dinner to eat during the movie, but the popcorn and drinks will be provided!

Louisiana Flood Relief

The special collection to benefit the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort is still open. You may give your check to any of the Elders at least through today. Please make out your check to Falls Church, but mark it for "Flood Relief."

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

Adult Classes for Fall Quarter Begin October 2

The 4th Quarter Classes for adults are listed below, according to Mike Tune.

Class	Teacher	Room
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Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin October 2

“Living As the Community of God”	Mike Tune	FH
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This is a study of Deuteronomy. Usually unread, sometimes read too hurriedly, Deuteronomy is a spiritual gold mine. It not only teaches us about the nature of God and the grace of God, but (as one Bible scholar writes) it “...shows what it means to be in a fruitful relationship with God.”

“Living Sacrifices”	The Elders	121
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This is a class on Romans 12-15 for all who missed it in the Spring. It has been our theme for the year and this class will offer an opportunity not only to be reminded but to openly discuss the lessons we’ve studied. God calls His people to be united into one life, and that one like Christ’s, sacrificial.

Ladies Bible Class Resumes Tuesday, October 4

“A Study of the Book of Acts”	Different Teachers	123
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This class meets on **Tuesday from 10:15 to 11 am**. The course will include use of a study edited by Vance H. Pitman. See **Lynda Eubank** for your copy. PLEASE NOTE: This class follows the Fairfax County Public Schools calendar. The class will not meet when school is cancelled, delayed or dismissed early due to inclement weather, holidays, teacher workdays or other reasons.

Wednesday Evening Class Begins October 5

“Better Days Ahead”	Mike Tune	FH
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This a study of the New Testament book of Hebrews. Luke Johnson, professor of New Testament at Emory University writes: “Hebrews is one of the most beautifully written, powerfully argued, and theologically profound writings in the New Testament.” But most of all, it is a book about behavior, about “hanging on” when life gets ragged, and what “hanging on” really means.



Reflections: Joseph Genesis 37 - 45

Have you ever wanted to just quit?
Have you ever just wanted to give up?
Has life ever just gotten you so down you were done?
Has your job, family or school just pushed you so far over the edge you just wanted to stop?

We have all been there or we will all be there. You are not alone.
Life is hard. Anyone who says different is lying or trying to sell you something. The LORD never said life would be easy. Jesus never promised us an easy life. But we should not give up hope.

Look at Joseph. He has so many opportunities to say “That’s it - I give up” or “I have followed the LORD all my life and this is what I get in return. I quit!” When his brothers threw him into a well and planned to kill him. When they sold him into slavery. When he was purchased by Potiphar. When he went to jail for a crime he didn’t commit. When he helped Pharaoh’s cup-bearer but then was forgotten by the same man. These were all chances for Joseph to walk away from a god who seemed to make things worse rather than better.

But he doesn’t let go of the LORD and the LORD doesn’t let go of Joseph. The LORD in the end turns out to be the GOD who takes the horribleness of life and redeems it into something beautiful.

Reflect on that.

I know life is not easy. I know it is not easy following Jesus. I know that in spite of this following Jesus and holding onto the life he calls us to is better than anything our culture has to offer. By not giving up on God we are blessed today, tomorrow and in the age to come.

GRACE + PEACE
A.H.B.

In Memoriam

Imogene Fanning Baker

June 10, 1919 - August 3, 2016

A memorial service is scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 10:30 am at the Church of Christ in Falls Church. It will be an opportunity to bid farewell to **Imogene Baker**, a long-time member, friend, sister and co-worker in the vineyards of the Lord.

She and her husband **Leon** served this congregation from April 4, 1954 to Jan. 19, 1992. Imogene had a passion for studying, writing and teaching the Bible. She taught classes for teenage girls and adult women, but reached a wider audience with her "Christian Woman" radio broadcast funded by this congregation. At that time, Falls Church had a large radio ministry that also included programs targeting the former Iron Curtain nations as well as Bible lessons aired at key times on Sunday morning.

In addition to her weekly broadcast and other teaching duties, she published articles in Power for Today, Christian Woman and Teenage Christian.

Her husband Leon also served extensively, through teaching and through his 16 years as service as an Elder.

Both also reached out to the greater community in need. Imogene is described by her children as someone who "made gallons of soup for the sick and recovering and provided comfort and counseling to anyone in distress."

After their move to the Lynchburg (VA) area to be closer to their son, they continued to serve the Lord at the Seven Hills congregation in Lynchburg. As her health deteriorated, she moved to a facility in Pennsylvania, nearer one of her daughters.

She was born June 10, 1919, and was the third child of Inez Palestine Horton and Henry Brooks Fanning. Her husband of 52 years, Harold Leon Baker, who was born Jan. 12, 1913, passed away Sept. 1, 1999. Her parents, one brother and two sisters preceded her in death.

She was brought up outside Cullman, AL, on her par-



Leon and Imogene Baker

ents' 60-acre farm. Her family notes, "She was characterized by a zest for life, impish sense of humor and unconquerable attitude, which she displayed for the rest of her life, even during her final days."

She is remembered as someone who possessed a thirst for knowledge. After graduation from high school at the age of 16, and with a \$100 loan from her grandmother, she enrolled at David Lipscomb College (now Lipscomb University). After graduation, she taught fifth and sixth grade in Alabama and at Dasher Bible School in Valdosta, GA.

It was there she met Leon who was on leave from the U. S. Navy to visit his sister. They were married Sept. 12, 1946, and moved to the Washington area when Leon took a position with the National Security Agency. Imogene worked at the General Accounting Office.

The following year, their lives changed radically when her younger sister Mary Ruth and her husband were killed in an accident. Imogene and Leon adopted Priscilla and Jerry, who were joined two years later when Leonore was born. The family moved to Arlington and worked with the Alexandria congregation before placing membership here.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to "World Christian Broadcasting," 605 Bradley Ct, Franklin, TN 37067; Phone: (615) 371-8707; www.worldchristian.org/ or The Christian Chronicle, P. O. Box 11000, Oklahoma City, OK 73136-1100 ; Phone: (405) 425-5070; <http://www.christianchronicle.org> in her memory.



The CARE Ministry has scheduled a meeting to plan for upcoming activities through the rest of calendar year 2017. CARE is an acronym for "Christian Assistance and Resources for Everyone." Formerly, this was the Benevolence Ministry.

The meeting is set for Sunday, September 25, from noon to 2 pm, and will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Wayne and Jean Doran will provide lunch.

If you are a member, you are urged to attend. If you are interested in this vital ministry, you are welcome to attend to learn how you can serve.

