

Family Life

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2nd Sunday Fellowship Set for This Evening After PM Service

Finger Foods will comprise the *menu du jour* for the 2nd Sunday Fellowship coming up today, October 9, after the evening assembly.

Each family is asked to bring the following:

◆ A platter of sandwiches - already assembled and ready to eat

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:

◆ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres* OR a tray of fruit or vegetables with or without dip OR a bowl of chips 'n dip

OR

◆ A tray of bite-sized deserts - emphasis on the bite-size since the whole idea of finger food is no flatware

While there isn't a specific "clean up crew," ALL help is gratefully appreciated!



Wednesday Night Out Set for Oct. 12

The next Wednesday Night Out dinner is coming up next Wednesday, October 12, from 6-7 pm.

The menu will include ham, macaroni & cheese, a veggie, biscuits, dessert and drinks.

The cost is \$4 per adult and \$2 per child, but no more than \$20 per family.

THERE IS A SIGNUP SHEET IN THE LOBBY. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT SO THAT THE CHEF KNOWS HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE!!!!



Directory Change

ADULT CLASSES FOR SUNDAY MORNING

"Living as the Community of God" Mike Tune, FH

"Living Sacrifices" The Elders, 121

ADULT CLASS FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING

"Better Days Ahead" Mike Tune, FH

Baby Shower

All ladies of the Falls Church congregation are invited to a

Baby Shower honoring

in the fellowship hall at 5 pm on Sunday, October 16.

Hostesses are (Lead Hostess) Lesya Yeatman,

Martha Ashley, Marilyn McDermett,

Ashley Shelton and Adria Tippins.

If you would like to contribute to the group gift, please see Martha Ashley, Sally Dasher or Candy Thie.

New Baby

Arlington Congregation Hosts Co-Parenting Conference Oct. 22

“One Heart, Two Homes: Co-Parenting Kids of Divorce to a Positive Future,” is a conference designed for blended families, single parents, adults children of divorce, and other similar situations.

A flyer about this event is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Hosted by the Arlington Church of Christ, it will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, between 9 am and 3 pm at the Arlington building at 20 N. Irving St., Arlington, VA 22201.

The presenters are **Tammy and Jay Daughtry**, founder and executive director of Co-Parenting International, and both are co-founders of the Center for Modern Family Dynamics. Both hold a Masters in Marriage and Family

Therapy and have a counseling center in Nashville.

They will look at co-parenting between households to help single parents and blended families meet the challenges due to death, divorce, incarceration, deployment or separation. The cost is \$20 per person and includes breaktime snacks and a copy of Tammy’s workbook, “Co-Parenting Children of Divorce to a Positive Future.”

To sign up for for additional information, go to the church website - arlingtonfamily.org and click on the “Resources” table and then click on “Blended By Grace.” Or you may contact Ray and Vanessa Hall, co-directors of Blended by Grace Ministries, at the church, 703-528-0535.

Lunch will not be provided but is readily available at restaurants located nearby.

Falls Church Member Raises Funds for Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation

plans to run in a 5K race Nov. 13 at National Harbor to raise funds for the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. In addition, her mother will join in the walk this year. This organization supports research into the incurable cancer which claimed the life of her brother last year.

To learn more about the disease or to contribute to support, go to this link:

Falls Church Contribution for the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort

The Falls Church congregation raised **\$10,000** for a second contribution this year to the **Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort** located in Nashville, according to Bill Kincaid, Elder.

The Elders commended members here for their continued generosity. A check for \$10,500 was sent to CCDRE in April after a similar special collection. The second collection was taken in response to the devastating floods during recent weeks.

THING?

Question: What is this Upper Room Teen Ministry “thing” on Saturday, October 22nd?

Answer: **Our Fall Nerf Night!**

That’s right! If you want to run around the building shooting nerf darts at your fellow Upper Roomers, this is the night for you. We will start at 6:30 with pizza and then transition to a game of capture the flag, free for all and other Nerf fun. **Be sure to RSVP with Josh Byrd if you plan to attend.**



Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 30th 2016 (4:45 - 5:45)

Everyone is invited to participate in this month’s Trunk or Treat!

Grown ups - you can join in the fun by decorating the trunk of your vehicle and distributing glow sticks, fruit snacks, candy, homemade cookies or other yummys! To participate you need to park in our Trunk or Treat Zone (see map on bulletin board in the lobby) by 4:40.

If you are a kid! - You get to dress up in a costume and walk from trunk to trunk getting goodies!

You may have noticed we are make a couple of changes to our annual **Trunk or Treat**.

First, it will take place earlier (start at 4:45pm) than previous years. This is to help our families with the youngest kids and earliest bedtimes to participate.

Second, we are marking off the “middle lower parking area” as our Trunk or Treating zone.

Third, there will be a hot-dog dinner available (at 5:15 pm) for anyone who doesn’t want to cook that night. **For a hotdog dinner - please put your name on the sign up sheet on the Youth Ministry bulletin board.**

Finally, everything will finish in time for Sunday evening’s 5th Sunday Singing

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Josh Byrd.

GRACE + PEACE
A. Byrd

Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua

Pedro & Mireya Batres have served in the mission fields since

1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. His wife Mireya, a native of Nicaragua, holds a degree in social service. They worked in Nicaragua until moving to Guatemala in 1985, returning to Nicaragua in 2000.

He is an evangelist in Managua, the capital city, and the surrounding areas, plus he is a popular guest speaker at special programs such as seminars, retreats and workshops. Mireya is a popular guest lecturer at women's events, especially pertaining to marriage and the family.



Below are photos regarding recent events and activities of our brother Pedro Batres, of the “*Nueva Libia*” congregation in Managua, and of other major events in Nicaragua.

August 31, 2016

I am glad to send my greetings to the Family of God in Falls Church.

I am sending three photos of my recent work. Below is of me preaching the word at “*Nueva Libia*.” I preach quite often.

The other photo shows a sad and uncommon experience preaching the word in a cemetery.

A preacher's mother died in August, and sadly, he also lost his 6-month old granddaughter at the same time. So he had two funerals in his family.

Just before those deaths, a Christian woman in the congregation lost her mother.

That made three funerals in one week. In such cases, we have the opportunity to “...weep with them that weep.” Romans 12:15.

I ask blessings for all my brethren and sisters in Falls Church.

With love in Him,
Pedro Salvador Batres



To the Family of God in Falls Church,

I am including more photos to explain how things are going with the local church “*Nueva Libia*” in Managua.

In the photo below, you can see our attendance Sunday morning, and it is always over 130 plus about 35 children, with lower numbers at the 4 and 6:30 pm services.

As you know, this church has three meetings each Sunday, plus other classes Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm.



In the photo at right, you can see **Ramón Pérez**, left, and **Carlos Tellez**, on either side of a barrel we use to collect donations for our benevolence program operated by our deacons. We collect grains, rice, beans, cereals, soap, etc. to help our brothers and sisters with their physical needs. Carlos isn't a deacon but is a very involved member.



Sept. 16, 2016

Greetings to each one of you from your brother in Jesus working in Nicaragua's mission field.

Yesterday, Thursday Sept. 15, we had our XVII Nicaraguans Preachers Encounter with an attendance of 350 adults and two little children. There was not room for more people. [see photo below; Pedro is standing at left]

Our bro. Bill Richardson, Director, Center for Ministry Training and Professor of Bible and Missions at Harding University, was our guest speaker. He is fluent in Spanish so his lessons were clear for everyone, and there was a fraternal friendship and joy in this important activity.

My partners and I are grateful with you, beloved brethren, for your support in every sense for this 17th Encounter and we ask our Lord His reward for His Family in Falls Church.



