

# Family Life

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## Baby Shower

All ladies of the Falls Church congregation are invited to a **Baby Shower** honoring in the fellowship hall at 5 pm today October 16. The lead hostess is Lesya Yeatman, with Martha Ashley, Marilyn McDermott, Ashley Shelton and Adria Tippins.

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

## Trunk or Treat Scheduled for Oct. 30 at a New Time and With Dinner As Well

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 30, with some major improvements!

**First**, it will take place earlier than in previous years, starting at 4:45 pm so that the youngest children with earliest bedtimes may participate.

**Second**, it will be followed by a hot dog dinner at 5:15 pm.

**To join in the hotdog dinner - please put your name on the sign up sheet on the Youth Ministry bulletin board. You do not need to sign up for the Trunk or Treat only.**

Children should wear their costumes for the special occasion, and bring a bag to carry home the loot.

Adults are asked to provide treats like glow sticks, fruit snacks, candy, homemade goodies or other yummys, plus a seasonally decorated trunk. The children will then go from trunk to trunk to solicit the treats! Please consult the map on the youth bulletin board for the proper place to park!



Trunk or Treat

### 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

## Senior Saints Are Invited to a Fall Luncheon Nov. 3

Senior Saints among the Falls Church congregation are invited to a **Fall Luncheon** on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 11:30 am.

**Ann Ford and Linda Reagan** are co-hosting the event and you are requested to RSVP to either of them **NO LATER THAN Oct. 30**, two weeks from today.



The **Annual Budget Meeting** is set for Nov. 12. This is designed for deacons and other ministry leaders.

Over the next few weeks, Treasurer Ben Bohannon will distribute your budget packets which you should review.

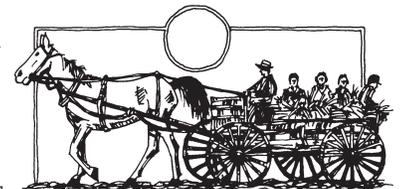
Prepare your proposals for the coming year and be prepared to make a brief - no more than 5 minutes - presentation at the meeting.

## Family Hayride Scheduled for Nov. 12

The **Youth Ministry/ Family Hayride** is set for Saturday, Nov. 12 at 5:30 pm at Butler's Orchard, Germantown, MD.

A bonfire and s'mores treat will follow the hayride. We have only 30 open spots for this event so sign up soon to reserve your family's place. The cost is \$5 per family member.

**Talk to Josh Byrd.**



HAYRIDE

## 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

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)

## What was the Awesome Lego Challenge?



During last Sunday night's (October 9, 2016) **Upper Room Teen Ministry** meeting (7th - 12th grade) the teens participated in the "Awesome Lego Challenge."

The challenge was to build a simple Lego set as a team. This may sound easy, but I am good at making easy things difficult! In one room were the instructions, and only one team member, the instructor, was allowed to see them. In the other room were the Legos themselves. The instructor went back and forth telling the team which pieces to find and where they went. The team was further divided into finders and builders. The finders located the needed parts and handed those parts off to the builders. The builders then put the bricks together.



It took about 20 minutes using this method to build a small plane!

Why did we do this? First, it was a fun team building exercise (see pictures).

Second, it was a good way to start a discussion on the church as the Body of Christ. In the church everyone has an important and needed ministry, job or task. Each of us as a member of this church is needed. Each



of us has a task, job or ministry. It is important for us to find where we fit into this church.

If you don't know where you fit, my advice is to try something out and see. Try helping in the nursery, children's worship, the C.A.R.E. ministry, the Fellowship Ministry or doing Communion preparation. If you find a place where you fit stay there. If you try a place and don't feel right about it, try something else. You won't know what the LORD has for you until you try. You might be surprised!

GRACE + PEACE  
*John Bl*



## Habtu Zemech Plans Next Trip to Ethiopia Oct. 24 - Part 1

Falls Church member **Habtu Zemech** plans to make his second trip this year to his home country Ethiopia. He expects to leave on Oct. 24 and return on Nov. 7.

He is accepting donations of school supplies and children's clothing. The supplies include pens and pencils, erasers, crayons, school scissors & glue sticks - BUT NO PAPER WHICH IS TOO HEAVY. The clothing should be folded and placed neatly in heavy-duty black garbage bags which are more easily transported.

In addition, there is a steady need for funds for his foundation, "My Neighbors." This 501(c)(3) organization provides the \$895 in post-operative care for the children who undergo corrective surgery for a condition called "club foot." While the procedure is at no cost to the families, there is a year of care including shoes and trips to the hospital in Addis Abada where the hospital is located.



However, their physical needs were only a temporary solution, so "My Neighbors" selected the children to attend Trinity Youth Academy School, an easy walk from their home. And both children are shining examples of the help they have received.

Habtu reports that, "Today Mentessinot and Betsega are 6th graders and for the last four years have been the top students in their respective classes. Betsega mastered the 4th grade curriculum so rapidly that she was promoted to the 5th grade during the school year." Their photos are shown below.



Mentessinot Tadesse



Betsega Tadesse

During his last visit in April, Habtu heard the school owner and principal say, "I started this school to make a living and encourage families to invest in their children's future by bringing them to this school. But, I have never been so assured that what I planned to do would enable me to see such talent in children like Betsega and Mentessinot. For me they are the bright star that shines in my heart every day and makes me feel good about what I do."

Habtu points out that "My Neighbors" has helped provide school uniforms and supplies to over 215 students, plus tuition for 25 students who reside in Addis Ababa. He added, "You have been so generous in providing financial support and sharing your love. In a few years, Betsega and Mentessinot will be able to overcome poverty because of your support and the hard work they put forward for their education. Thank you for your kindness and making it possible for us to reach out to these children."

While on his October trip, he will spend much of his time receiving reports about all the children the program is supporting. To donate to this program, make out your check to "My Neighbors," and give to Habtu by next Sunday, Oct. 23. Or you may mail a check to his home address.

One other part of his work deals with a new technology called "Solar players," a device fueled by solar panels and which provides a means of listening to over 400 hours of Bible lessons. The lessons were prepared by Sunset International Bible Institute and translated into Amharic, the dominant language of Ethiopia. More about this exciting program will be covered in an article for next week.



Above are the children who benefitted from the foot operation during Habtu's April trip. So far 35 children have had the corrective surgery, but 36 more remain on the registration list. No more names will be accepted for registration until the current waiting list is reduced.

"My Neighbors" also provides tuition for school children who otherwise would have no means of attending school. Two of the children now attending school because of those funds are Mentessinot Tadesse (12) and Betsega Tadesse (11).

Habtu explained, "I met them in 2010 when they were 6 and 5. Their father Tadesse works as a guard for one residential property and earns \$1.60 a day. The family, including three more siblings, lives in a one-room house built of old rusted corrugated sheet metal and plastic covered roof to seal out rain. I immediately saw a need for adequate shelter and at least one good meal a day."

