

Family Life

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Next 2nd Sunday Fellowship is a Potluck on November 13

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship** will be a **Potluck Luncheon** next Sunday November 13 after the morning worship service.

As is our custom, following the luncheon we will dismiss for the day. **There will be no evening assembly on November 13.**

Since this is a potluck, each family is asked to bring the following:



⌘ a main dish

(usually a meat or casserole to feed your family and a few others)

PLUS two of the following three items:

⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)

⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip

OR

⌘ a dessert (no description necessary)

As usual, ALL ASSISTANCE is gratefully accepted.

Don't be shy to volunteer!

The Youth Ministry Family Hayride is set for November 12 at 5:30 pm at Butler's Orchard, Germantown, MD. Although all spaces are reserved, there may be cancellations. Check with Josh Byrd for availability.



The **Annual Budget Meeting** is set for Saturday Nov. 12 at 9 am. This is designed for deacons and other ministry leaders, although any member is welcome to attend.

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.

New Baby

Wedding Invitation

Falls Church member **Anna Souza** plans to run in a 5K race at National Harbor next Sunday Nov. 13 to raise funds for the **Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation**.

This organization supports research into the incurable cancer which claimed the life of Anna's brother Jesse last year. This year, Anna's mother is joining her for the run.

To contribute or to learn more, **go to the link included in the opening note with the email bulletin.**

16th Annual Orphan Sunday Scheduled for November 13

The **16th Annual Orphan Sunday** is set for Nov. 13, when Falls Church members will have the opportunity to make a “group contribution” to this church of Christ organization devoted to orphaned children. There won’t be a “special collection.” **Please make out your check to the “Orphan’s Lifeline of Hope,” and give it to any one of the elders on either Nov. 13 or 20.** The checks will be collected and transmitted to the organization which will mail you a letter for your tax deductible donation. ***This is a 501 (c) 3 Non-profit.***

It is estimated that there are 143 MILLION orphans around the world. And that doesn’t include the uncounted children who live in sewers or forage for food in garbage heaps or struggle to stay warm on cold streets in cities around the world. It does include all the precious human lives who may never hear the word of God!

The sheer enormity of the task is overwhelming, but we CAN help - not only with obvious physical needs like shelter, food, safety, medical care, clothing - but also with emotional and spiritual needs - love, education and Bible training. EACH child has his or her own Bible!



Children at the Agape Home in India

And THAT is the work of the Orphan’s Lifeline of Hope which sponsors the annual Orphan Sunday. It was founded under the direction of a Christian board in March of 2000 as Lifeline of Hope, based in Kalispell, MT.

The work started in Russia, but over the years has expanded to more than 20,000 orphans located in India, Kenya, Uganda, the Philippines, Pakistan, Haiti and Mexico.

Lifeline of Hope does not simply provide funds, but also oversees each orphanage to ensure that the children’s needs are met in the best manner possible. And the children’s “success stories” speak to the benefit of the program.

They measure success through the following questions:

- ◆ Do the majority of the graduated children go on to higher education, good jobs and productive lives?
- ◆ Are the children integrated into society instead of turning to crime or abandoning their own children?
- ◆ Do the communities where they live now exhibit charitable character?

The answer is YES!

- ◆ In Russia, nearly 100% of the children leaving the homes are going to college. Some are now married and are CARING for their own children.
- ◆ In India, dozens of graduating children are in college, vocational schools or skilled trades.
- ◆ One of the homes in the Philippines has EVERY graduating young adult attending college.
- ◆ Even governments that are typically suspicious of Christian organizations completely trust the Lifeline of Hope program and wish to copy it for their own programs!

Reflections - Exodus and the Plagues



On Sunday mornings, the Upper Room Teen Ministry’s Bible Class has been studying Exodus. Last week we read through the first 9 plagues against Egypt. At first it may seem harsh or arbitrary that the LORD sends these upon the Egyptians but as we discover they are in response to the LORD’s judgement. The LORD has found Egypt guilty of enslaving and mistreating the people of Israel. The plagues are the punishment for that crime.

As we looked deeper into the plagues we found at least three themes.

The LORD is greater than we. In the first 2 plagues we see that the Egyptian magicians by their own secret arts are able to reproduce the results. It is not until the 3rd and following plagues that they can’t. We see that sometimes through our own power we can seem to get by or do great things but ultimately that is false. Ultimately the LORD’s power is far greater than our own.

The LORD’s people are special and set apart from the rest of humanity. Starting with the 4th plague the Hebrews living in the land of Goshen are protected from the rest of the plagues. Initially, Hebrews and Egyptians suffered from the plagues until the LORD made a distinction between His people and the rest of the Egyptians. This is true for us today as the LORD’s people. We are set apart and because of that we have special responsibilities too.

The LORD’s power is greater than any other power. We have seen that the LORD’s power is greater than our own. We have seen that the LORD’s people are set apart. Now with the last plagues we see that there is no power greater than the LORD! Forces of nature that are so wild, chaotic and powerful are His to command! No other god or spiritual power can stand against the LORD’s command

Next Sunday - November 13 - we will look at the last plague - the Passover - and discuss its importance to the Hebrews and to us today.

GRACE+PEACE
A.B.L.

Wednesday Night Out on Nov. 9

The next **Wednesday Night Out** dinner is coming up Nov. 9, between 6 and 7 pm. The *menu du jour* is the perennial favorite - sloppy joes, with tater tots, peas, dessert & drinks. As usual, the cost is \$4/adult, \$2/child, no more than \$20/family.

THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE LOBBY!!!!

Happy Birthday

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.

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Nursery Attendants

Morning

Tek Lim Chea
Patty Woods

Evening

Janice McDaniel

November 13, 2016

Morning

Lisa Swetnam
Wendy Ward

Evening

Janice McDaniel

Children's Worship (Ages 2 through Pre-K, R. 222)

Jackie Arevalo, Joy Hayes

Lisa Byrd, Anna Souza

Worship Today, November 6, 2016

Hymn #950

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Hymn #767

In the Hour of Trial

Prayer

Alec King

Hymn #48

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Communion/Collection

John Waterston

Hymn #747

Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims

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

Scripture Reading (*Psalm 34*)

Rick Schneider

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #478

Nearer, Still Nearer

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Hal Swetnam

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers for November 6

John Reagan, Grant Smith



Joseph Tucker will lead singing tonight, while
Wayne Doran & Brock Barker will lead the prayers.

November 6 Servers: Jun Amores, Joe Bohannon,
Austin Byrd, Tangent Lin, Jeff Malcolm, Dave Miller

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
(October through April)

Wednesday

7:15 pm

Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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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
Deonté Watkins, Blacksburg, Va Tech
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, October 30, 2016

Bible Study	No Count
Morning Assembly	No Count
Evening Assembly	82 (SWA)
Contribution	\$10,267
YTD Average	\$12,030
Budget Goal	\$12,710

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Classes & Online 71

Wednesday, November 9

Prayer - John Reagan

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid