

# Family Life

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## Ladies!

*You are invited to a baby shower*

*in the fellowship hall at 4:30 pm  
on Sunday, December 11.*

*Hostesses are*

*If you would like to contribute  
to the group gift, please see*

## Next Wednesday Night Out Is Nov. 23

The next **Wednesday Night Out** dinner is coming up next Wednesday, November 23, from 6-7 pm.

The menu will include chicken & waffles, egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, fruit & drinks.

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

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

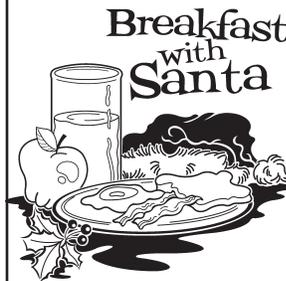


Two of our Elders are available in R. 221 on the main level after the morning assembly to meet with anyone who wishes prayer for special concerns. Prayer requests may be submitted to the Elders at: [prayerrequestfc@gmail.com](mailto:prayerrequestfc@gmail.com)

## It's Not Too Soon to Plan Your Holiday Calendar

It is a week and a half until Dec. 1 and the start of the Christmas Holiday events. Please mark your calendars for the events listed below.

December 3 **Breakfast With Santa**, starts at 9 am;



This will include a pancake breakfast with bacon or sausage, orange juice, milk & coffee, along with crafts and a face-to-face with Santa - *complete with a photo of course*. A SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BOARD - PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME. And of course, if you can volunteer your services, you will be welcomed!



**Youth Ministry "Under the Sea" Christmas Party** - 5:30 pm to ... You do not need SCUBA GEAR.

See **Josh's column on p. 2** for all the important details - like what to bring, etc.

December 10 **Annual Open House** at the home of



ALL are welcome. You can find her address in the pocket directory. If you don't have one - see Mary Ann or Kelly. NOTE: The evening fellowship dinner which would have been held Dec. 11 will not be held this year.

December 17 **Ladies Holiday Brunch**, 10 am-noon; see **Janice McDaniel** to volunteer to help



This is a time of fellowship and the "comfort" food with a Christmas theme.

December 25 **Christmas Day**. There will be no EVENING assembly that day

# Happy Anniversary

Our best wishes are extended to **Pedro and Mireya Batres** who celebrated their 43rd Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 16, and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless their lives and work.



Pedro and Mireya are very dear to this congregation which has been privileged to be a partner with them in their mission work in Nicaragua and Guatemala since 1974.

Below is a recent letter from Brother Pedro regarding his work in Nicaragua.

Sept. 28, 2016:

Here I am again sending my fraternal regards to each one of you in the holy name of our Lord Jesus.

I've attached a photo of your missionary preaching in our T. V. program "Nicaragua for Christ," on a Saturday at the end of August. This program is under the direction of the Iglesia de Cristo in "Villa Alemania" in Managua, while our congregation "Nueva Libia" helps with economic support. I am one of several preachers so that there is a program each Saturday, and is just one of my activities.

On Oct. 1, I will present a seminar about the government of the church - including elders, deacons, evangelists and teachers - with the Iglesia de Cristo in Masaya, near Managua. That congregation is about 30 years old but still does not have biblical leadership.

On Oct. 8, I will present a gospel meeting at the Iglesia de Cristo in Cofradía, about 12 miles from Managua. I'm also attaching photos for two recent baptisms.



Alexander Gutierrez Perez, baptized by his father Sept. 18, 2016.



Ena Valle, baptized Aug. 28, 2016

Dear brethren, thank you so much for your support in every sense for the Nicaraguan Mission field. May God bless all of you. In His service, *Pedro Salvador Batres*



## Trunk or Treat Thank you's

A few weeks ago we had our annual Trunk or Treat. Lots of kids and children turned out for a fun afternoon and a yummy hotdog dinner. This could not have happened without your help. I want to thank Kevin Thie for grilling hotdogs for everyone and my wife Lisa for setting up drinks. I also want to thank the teens who bunned and foiled the dogs for everyone. I need to thank everyone who found a spot in the Trunk or Treat Parking Zone and gave out candy. There were so many creative trunks and costumes that day. Like so many events and ministries they don't happen without your help.

## Youth Ministry Family Hayride Fun!

Last weekend teens, students and their families gathered at Butler's Orchard for a great hayride. It was so much fun! We rode in the hay through a slightly haunted forest. We roasted hotdogs and then marshmallows over a bonfire. Kids and teens ran around in the dark. I think the most important part of the night was the fellowship. That evening I saw fellowship between parents, adults, teens, students and kids. We do these family events in order to help people of different ages and from different families mix together and encourage each other.

## Youth Ministry Under the Sea Christmas Party - December 3rd (5:30 - 7:30)

If you have teens or students in the Kids for Christ (3rd - 6th grade) or the Upper Room Teen Ministry (7th - 12th grade) you are invited to our end-of-the-year Christmas party. Our theme is "Under the Sea" with ocean themed games and activities. You may even get to turn one of your family members into a sea creature!

Drinks will be provided but we are asking everyone to bring an ocean themed dish. This could be a blue cake, fish sticks - be as creative as possible.

To RSVP or if you have any questions please feel free to contact me - Josh Byrd

GRACE + PEACE  
A. B. J.

## 26th Annual Harvest Festival Will Take Place Today, November 20, During the Evening Assembly

The Falls Church congregation is celebrating its **26th Annual Harvest Festival** today, November 20, **during** the evening assembly.

This is one special occasion when we can actually participate in the harvest rather than observe from afar. This congregation has maintained a food pantry for many years, and this festival is the primary means by which we restock that pantry.

So, first we bring bags (as many as you wish) to the fellowship hall. [see photo below] It's helpful if you can



get your groceries to the fellowship a bit before the service begins. **NOTE: We also need all grocery bags!**

The children then unpack those bags. **NOTE: This is one of the principle reasons why we urge you to refrain from glass or other breakable containers.**

After the bags are unpacked, everyone who can is asked to form a double line between the fellowship hall and R. 120 where the food pantry is located.

Then, we literally pass along each box or can or bag from one person to the next until the items reach the door of R. 120. [See photo above right]

There, the workers take the food articles and sort them into groups - vegetables, fruits, canned meats, soup, rice, etc. The festival ends when the last of the food articles is handed over to the pantry workers.



You may ask, "Why not just take bags to the pantry and be done with it?"

But the delight is in the doing, and for that, ALL of us are welcome to join.

It's great for our children who are encouraged to join in, so that they begin to cultivate the habit of helping.

It's great for the adults who demonstrate that service is both pleasant and a privilege.

And it's great for those who love to watch.

And **THAT** is precisely the reason we continue this "living" display of love and generosity. This is a chance to work together as a church family to accomplish a big goal!

**You will find a list of needed supplies on a yellow-colored page in the lobby, and that list is attached to this emailed bulletin. Please take that list with you as you shop.**

If you can't make it here Sunday evening, bring in your bags anytime today and leave them outside R. 120, in the hallway of the office wing.

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## Popular Guest Speaker Diomedes Damian to Address the Area-Wide Spanish Assembly Hosted by Falls Church Dec. 15-18

The *Iglesia de Cristo en Falls Church* will host the final Area-Wide Spanish Assembly starting Thursday, Dec. 18 and concluding Sunday Dec. 18 during the evening worship service. That will be followed by a fellowship dinner.

The guest speaker will be a familiar face - **Diomedes Damian**, the Spanish Minister for the Mountain Island Church of Christ in Charlotte, NC. He has spoken here at Falls Church multiple times.

A native of the Dominican Republic, he attended Pan-American High School, after which he earned a degree in agronomy from Pedro Enrique Ureño University. He completed a master's degree at U.S.E. University and is a Land Management Expert.



After becoming a Christian in 1983, he gave up his career in agronomy to become a preacher. He enrolled at the Sunset School of Preaching in Texas, and after completing the program, served as a missionary in Panama, Mexico, Colombia and the Dominican Republic. After moving to New York, he worked for 10 years as a minister in the maximum security prison system.

He has been married for 38 years to Griseldis Damian who has a master's degree and is a teacher. And they have a daughter Rode, now 25.

His relationship with Falls Church began nearly 20 years ago when **David Rodriguez** met him in Charlotte. The first time Diomedes came here to speak, he brought the entire congregation which was then 20 people!

## 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.

## November 20, 2016

### Nursery Attendants

#### Morning

Amanda Barker  
Alyssa Williams

#### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## November 27, 2016

#### Morning

Ruth Amores  
Meaza Zemech

#### Evening

Janice McDaniel

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

Jessica Arevalo, Jennifer Ellis

Jennifer Estes, Casey Waterston

# Worship Today, November 20, 2016

Hymn #794

*Unto Thee, O Lord*

Hymn #577

*We Bow Down*

Hymn #96

*I Stand in Awe*

Prayer

Jose Arevalo

Hymn #155

*Highest Place*

Hymn #364

*Come, Share the Lord*

Communion/Collection

Habtu Zemech

Hymn #508

*A Wonderful Savior*

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

Scripture Reading (*Psalms 24*)

Eric Slechter

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #113

*His Grace Reaches Me*

Announcements

Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

John Hilboldt

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers for November 20

John Reagan, Grant Smith



The Harvest Festival will be held during the evening service.

Steve Dasher & Wayne Doran will lead the prayers.

November 20 Servers: Brock Barker, Matt Bensusky,

Chantha Chea, Bill Furr, Xander Williams, Ken Yeatman

## 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

## Contact Information

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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  
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, November 13, 2016

Bible Study 150  
Morning Assembly 247  
Evening Assembly NO SERVICE  
Contribution \$16,422  
YTD Average \$12,077  
Budget Goal \$12,710

### Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Classes & Online 72

## Wednesday, November 23

**Thanksgiving  
Devotional**