

# Family Life

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## Our First "2nd Sunday Fellowship" of 2017 Is a Potluck Luncheon Today After the Morning Assembly; There Will Be No Evening Assembly

The first church-wide 2nd Sunday Fellowship Event of 2017 will be a **potluck luncheon** today January 8 after the morning worship service.

It is our custom to dismiss for the remainder of the day following such events. **AS SUCH THERE WILL BE NO EVENING ASSEMBLY TODAY.**



Since today's event is a potluck, each family is requested 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 **Missions Committee** will meet TODAY, January 8, in R. 120 after the luncheon.

## Baptism

### Central Agape Group Plans Luncheon on January 29

The **Central Agape Group** will host a luncheon on Sunday, January 29, immediately following the morning worship services. All group members are encouraged to attend, while family and guests are welcomed.

**Please check your email or talk to group leader Janice McDaniel for details.**

If you do not remember or know your Agape group assignment, please check the list which is included in the email version of the bulletin for this week.



#### WINTER QUARTER ADULT CLASSES WHICH STARTED JANUARY 1

"God's Ministers in a Fallen World"	Eric Slecter & Jim Lane	FH
"Walking with God in the Desert"	John Waterston	121

#### WINTER QUARTER ADULT CLASS STARTING TODAY, JANUARY 8

"10 Things I Wish Jesus Hadn't Said"	Kathy Koczanski [Women's Class]	123
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#### LADIES BIBLE CLASS RESUMED JANUARY 3, 10:15 am, R. 121

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS STARTED JANUARY 4

"Where it all Began," a study of Genesis	Mike Tune	FH
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# Welcome Our Newest Member

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## Rooms Needed to Rent

One of the couples in our congregation seeks a basement apartment anywhere in the area. Please contact the church office if you have or know of such a unit.

**Anna Souza's** cousin **Patrick** needs a room while serving an internship with Sen. Purdue from January through May of 2017. If you have or know of a room to rent, please contact **Anna**.



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## The Weekly Update returns for 2017!

The “**Weekly Update**” is an email sent out each week that is used to keep the teens, students, parents and families in the Upper Room Teen Ministry informed about upcoming events and important news. If you are not getting the “Weekly Update” and have a teen or student in the Upper Room Teen Ministry (7th - 12th grade) please let **Josh Byrd** know.

The most recent WU looked like this:

*Last Sunday we continued our study of the book of Exodus during our Sunday morning Bible class. As the book comes to an end the Israelites are faced with a crisis of their own creation. Earlier they committed a great sin by creating an idol and worshiping it as if it was their god. We call this the Golden Calf. As a result the LORD has pulled away from them because of holiness. The LORD is afraid He will destroy the people because of their sin. So instead of the LORD accompanying them into the promised land an angel will be sent with them.*

*Moses and the people don't just want an angel to go with them. They have committed to be the LORD's people and to follow the LORD's commands. The LORD also wants to be with them and that is why a covenant was created. Now this is all in question.*

*As we finish Exodus this coming Sunday (January 8) we will get our answer to “Will the LORD go with us?”*

## Two Reminders

1. **Winterfest registration is due on January 15.** You will need to turn in your registration forms, medical release forms and registration fee that Sunday.
2. **Scout Sunday will be February 5.** If you are involved in any form of scouting (American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Trail Life USA etc) please come in your uniform and participate.

GRACE + PEACE  
*J. Byrd*

# *In Memoriam to Donald B. Thie*

*November 28, 1932 - December 5, 2016*

**Don Thie** and his wife **Ellie** placed membership at Falls Church on March 16, 1963, and from that day until his death, Don was a totally devoted and committed member dedicated to serving, learning and living a Christian life.

It is significant that the life of service to which both devoted themselves began in some part due to a lifechanging plane crash which ended one career but brought him to the Washington area.

Commissioned in the U. S. Navy in 1954, Don became a flight instructor. But on April 18, 1961, his plane crashed and he was critically injured, so much that his Navy career ended in a medical discharge.

But, while hospitalized in the Houston, TX, area, he was befriended by an intern who was a member of the Southwest Church of Christ in Houston. This intern mentioned Don and Ellie to other members at Southwest, and they in turn visited the young couple who had two young children. Both were baptized Aug. 21, 1962.

In September, Don was transferred to the naval hospital in Bethesda, MD. The minister at Southwest, Clifton Rogers, wrote to the congregation at Falls Church where Jack Meyer, Sr., was the minister. Jack contacted Don and Ellie who came here and stayed.

It was quite a change for the young couple from Clifton, NJ. Don was born to Ysbrand and Florence Thie, both of whom were immigrants from Amsterdam, Holland. They brought up Don in the Dutch Reform Church, where he had been active. In fact, he was always fully involved in whatever activity he undertook. Even as a youth, he belonged to the fraternal organization the DeMolays, affiliated with the Order of Masons to which his father belonged. He served as president for several terms.

It was at Clifton High School that Don met Eleanor Leswing, known to most as Ellie. After high school, Don attended the Newark (NJ) College of Engineering before enlisting into the U. S. Navy Reserves. After completing training at Pensacola, FL, he entered fulltime Navy service as an Ensign and a flight instructor in 1954, serving until the accident.

He and Ellie had married Dec. 17, 1955. In fact, he died just 12 days short of the 61st anniversary. Their first child Kevin was born July 17, 1957, in Jacksonville, FL. Their daughter Lisa was born Aug. 26, 1961, in Houston, TX, shortly after the plane crash.

After completing his treatment at Bethesda, Don went to work for the Metro system, in its early days. He helped design and install the heating and air-conditioning system.



Donald Bernard Thie

When that work ended, he went to work for the federal General Services Administration, until his retirement. He was a “natural” engineer, a talent shared by grandson Matthew. Although a hard worker, Don loved life and his son described him by the words, “faithful, honorable, committed, loving and funny.”

And he never lost his love and respect for the Navy. One of his greatest experiences was visiting the U.S.S. Intrepid now in New York City. He loved going aboard and being greeted on the ship on which he once served!

While his severe injuries caused him considerable and often debilitating pain for the rest of his life, Don remained a positive and loving man. No matter how bad he felt, he attended classes or worship service if at all possible. He and Ellie read the Bible every day for their lives. And he always had a smile and word of encouragement for others. He loved humor as well, often noting, “The only kind of good humor is the kind that melts.”

They loved and encouraged their own children, but did the same for their grandchildren, Matthew and Candace, the children of Kevin and his wife Janet. Don and Ellie attended every one of Matthew’s baseball games and all of Candace’s equestrian events or choir performances.

Don had an outgoing personality which shone in many ways. He loved tap-dancing, and was especially fond of the big band/swing music of the likes of Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. In fact, the family has a photo of him on stage as a boy.

He also loved classical music. But a major love was Christian music. He and Ellie sang at nursing homes after church on Sunday for many years. And Don was part of a singing group led by John Fletcher Floyd. The family has a book, “Hymns for Him,” that consisted of beautiful poetry, including words for familiar Falls Church names like Imogene Fanning Baker and Harriet Johnson, both now deceased.

## 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.

## 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
<i>(October through April)</i>	

### Wednesday

7:15 pm

### Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

## Contact Information

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 Website: www.fallschurchcoc.org

## 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, January 1, 2017

Bible Study	131
Morning Assembly	220
Evening Assembly	81
Contribution	\$11,532
YTD Average	\$11,532
Budget Goal	\$ -----

### Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Classes & Online	83
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**January 8, 2017**

**January 15, 2017**

### Nursery Attendants

Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening
Ruth Amores	NO SERVICE	Fern Musteen	Janice McDaniel
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### Children's Worship (Ages 2 through Pre-K, R. 222)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WILL NOT MEET DURING JANUARY

## Worship Today, January 8, 2017

*Hymn #144 O Worship the King*

*Hymn #681 More Holiness Give Me*

Prayer London Brown

*Hymn #318 O Sacred Head*

Communion/Collection John Reagan

*Hymn #715 The Church's One Foundation*

*(Children's Worship will not meet today.)*

Scripture Reading (*Acts 2:42-47*) Tom Griggs

Bible Lesson Mike Tune

*Hymn #540 O for a Faith that Will Not Shrink*

Announcements Jim Lane

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer Rick Schneider

Song Leader Bill Kincaid

Ushers for January Jose Arevalo, Habtu Zemech



**THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.**

January 8 Servers: Jun Amores, Matt Bensusky, Holden Dinerman, Tangent Lin, Eric Slechter, Daniel Williams

**Wednesday, January 11**  
**Prayer - Joseph Tucker**  
**Song Leader - Connor Yeatman**