

Family Life

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Ladies!

You are invited to a baby shower honoring and her infant in the fellowship hall at 4:30 pm on Sunday, December 11.

Hostesses are Lesya Yeatman, Martha Ashley, Marilyn McDermett, Ashley Shelton and Adria Tippins.

Alaina is registered at Babies R Us and at Target. If you would like to contribute to the group gift, please see Martha Ashley, Sally Dasher or Candy Thie.

Next Wednesday Night Out Is Dec. 7

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

NOTE: This will be the last Wednesday dinner of 2016. Make sure you give hearty thanks to the organizers and chefs - Linda Reagan, Kelly Shumate and Lisa Swetnam. Also, extend your appreciation to their husbands, John Reagan, Jonah Shumate & Hal Swetnam who help serve and clean up. This is a special treat and we need to let them know we are grateful.

The menu will include fried turkey, roasted root vegetables, broccoli, rolls, drinks and desserts.

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!!!!



Continuing the Christmas Calendar



December 10 Annual Christmas Open House at the home of **Ann Ford**, 5:30-8:30 pm; ALL are welcome.

You can find her address in the pocket directory. If you don't have a directory - 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 cook or bake food for this event, or to help decorate, prepare and clean up. This is a special time of fellowship during the Christmas season.

December 25

There will be NO EVENING SERVICE on December 25.

The Annual "Christmas Card" Collection Starts Today Through December 18, For Struggling Families

Collection begins today for the annual **Christmas Card** for members of this congregation.

Many families make a practice of sending Christmas cards to friends and relatives. In 1968, we began the tradition of having a **congregational** Christmas card. Instead of spending money on individual cards and postage, our members could contribute that money to a church project, and the names of those contributors would be published in a "Christmas Card" on the Sunday nearest Christmas.

Originally, the collection benefited Rainbow Christian Services (a counseling service). This year, the funds will assist financially struggling families, whether members of or from outside the congregation.

Your donation is tax-deductible and your name will be included in the "Card" which will be published in the December 25 *Family Life*.

Give your donations to Lynda Eubank or Sandra Espinoza.

Falls Church Members Contribute \$10,000 to Disaster Relief Effort, 2nd Contribution This Year

Dear Falls Church Family,

The following is a message from **Wayne Doran** regarding the Disaster Relief effort special contribution.

Our church family received the following note from the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc., of Nashville TN, concerning the recent donation of funds to help areas affected by storms, flooding and forest fires throughout the nation.

Mike Lewis, Executive Director of the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc., wrote:

“Your check in the amount of \$10,000 was greatly appreciated. The Lord’s work could not continue without the financial support from you and others each year. Thank you for your generosity.

We are currently helping with Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina due to Hurricane Matthew and with Louisiana, Mississippi and Pennsylvania due to flooding. We have recently helped California due to forest fires, Indiana and Kansas due to tornadoes, and Texas and West Virginia due to recent flooding and tornadoes.

Thanks again for your support and please keep us in your prayers as we continue to strive to help those in need.

*Mike Lewis
Executive Director
Churches of Christ Disaster
Relief Effort, Inc.*

This is the second special collection taken here at Falls Church this year. A check for \$10,500 was sent to Disaster Relief in April.

Thank You Note

To the Family at Falls Church,

Thank you once again for your encouragement and generous donations to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation in connection with my participation in the 5K race in November.

With your support, we raised over \$2,100 for new cancer treatments. This is hundreds more than we raised last year and much more than our initial goal.

My Mon, who walked the 5K with me, also extends her deep appreciation.

Sincerely,
Anna Souza

Directory Updates



Revelation is full of bizarre and interesting stories. One such story is just perfect for this time of the year.

Our culture is focused on Christmas - a time for family and gift giving inspired by the birth of Jesus. In most traditional Nativity scenes you find Mary, Joseph, shepherds and wisemen all gathered in a barn to witness the birth of Jesus. We also find sheep, goats and donkeys. The weirdest thing to show up are the angels. Nothing quite out of the ordinary or your typical Biblical story.

If you flip to the end of the New Testament, you find another telling of the birth of Jesus. Instead of cute farm animals, we read about a dragon in Revelation 12! This is not just any dragon but Satan himself. The vision begins with a woman in the sky clothed in the sun and who is giving birth. Then the dragon appears ready to eat the baby as he is born. God rescues the child and protects the woman in the wilderness.

Now you may be scratching your head as to how this vision fits into the story of Jesus birth that you remember. One of the things Revelation does is to pull back the curtain and show us symbolically what is going on behind the scenes.

In Matthew 2 we read about the magi looking for the new king to worship. In the process they meet Herod in Jerusalem. Herod also wants to find this king but unlike the magi he wants to kill him! When the magi find the new king - Jesus - they are warned not to go back to Herod. In spite of this Herod still tries to kill Jesus by murdering all the children about his age in Bethlehem. Before this takes place Jesus’ family is warned in a dream and flee.

From this different view we see that our enemy is not Herod or people like him. Instead our enemy is the Dragon working through evil and corrupted people.

GRACE + PEACE
AHL

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

Popular Guest Speaker Diomedes Damian Is Guest Speaker for the Area-Wide Spanish Assembly Hosted at 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.

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December 11, 2016

Nursery Attendants

Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening
Lisa Swetnam	Janice McDaniel	Paige Dinerman	Janice McDaniel
Erica W-Chenevert		Fern Musteen	

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

Abby Smith, Keisha Citizen Gayla Keller, Joy Hayes

Worship Today, December 4, 2016

Hymn #997 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn #51 *Father of Mercies*

Prayer Brock Barker

Hymn #350 *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Communion/Collection Mark Dawson

Hymn #226 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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

Scripture Reading (*Psalm 46*) Xander Williams

Bible Lesson Mike Tune

Hymn #698 *My Jesus, As Thou Wilt*

Announcements Jim Lane

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer Jonah Shumate

Song Leader Bill Kincaid

Ushers for December Matt Bensusky, Hal Swetnam



John Reagan will lead singing this evening.

Kevin Thie & Jim Lane will lead the prayers.

December 4 Servers: Jun Amores, Jose Arevalo,

Austin Byrd, Dave Miller, Connor Yeatman, Habtu Zemech

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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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 27, 2016

Bible Study	191
Morning Assembly	270
Evening Assembly	70 (SWA)
Contribution	\$ 8,106
YTD Average	\$12,019
Budget Goal	\$12,710

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Classes & Online 71

Wednesday, December 7

Prayer - TBA

Song Leader - Clark Richardson