

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

I appreciate the way you have responded to my call to move "closer to the front" of our auditorium for worship. I know some parents (in the process of training their children to sit and participate in worship) like to sit near the back, but I believe if we

move the "back" closer to the "front" it will be an important enhancement to our assembly. First, you will be able to hear better (I've noticed an echo under the balcony). Second, it puts us closer together and fosters a spirit of community. Third, the singing sounds MUCH better. Thanks for your cooperation. Please keep it up.

Next Sunday morning we are privileged to have Bruce McLarty to preach for us. Bruce is currently the President of Harding University, but for 14 years he was the preacher for the College Church of Christ in Searcy, AR. He is in town next weekend on University business and I am delighted he has accepted our invitation to speak while here. I'm looking forward to hearing his message.

Next Sunday evening is "Singing Night!" If you've got friends who like to sing, OR friends who enjoy hearing good singing, invite them to come. It will be a great evening.

Love you all.
Mike

Directory Update

Central Agape Group Plans Luncheon on January 29

The **Central Agape Group** is starting the new year with a luncheon on Sunday January 29 immediately following the morning worship service.

"We hope to welcome new members to our group, catch up with one another and share prayer requests and concerns," said **Janice McDaniel**, leader of the Central Group.

She adds that they hope to plan some activities for the coming year, and asks that members give some consideration to both plans and dates.

Janice asks that group members RSVP to her no later than next Thursday, January 26. That way, she will ensure sufficient food for the occasion. She will assume that you plan to attend unless she hears otherwise.

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.*



ROOM NEEDED TO RENT

A couple in our congregation needs an apartment to rent. They are looking for a basement apartment and are open to any location within the area - Northern Virginia, Maryland or the District. Please let the office know if you have or know of any such apartment.

However, Anna Souza's cousin has found accommodations.

Attention all AOL e-mail users

AOL e-mail addresses are being bounced back to the office.

To continue receiving the bulletin each week on Fridays, please follow the link below to set the church office up as a safe send user for your account. The e-mail for the office is office@fallschurchcoc.org.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 703-820-1346.

<http://www.subscribermail.com/safe-list/address-book-aol-mail.html>

“Thank You” Note From Children’s Lifeline of Hope

January 10, 2017

Dear Church Family,

There is no adequate way to better describe what you are doing for the orphan children than **truly glorifying God in your good works**. Half of these children would not even be alive if it weren’t for your love and support. The other half would be living a life of poverty, suffering and failure.

But for thousands of orphan children, life is far different. You can see it in their smiles and gratitude in what they write. Every day, because of you, the glory and compassion of the parable of the Good Samaritan is played out in thousands of children’s lives.

We may never truly know how much we have changed all their lives, but we do know we have given everyone of them Love, Hope and the Knowledge of the love of God to guide their precious lives.

Thank you for your prayers for us and the children as well as your **Life-Giving** Support. Thank you and may God continue blessing us all.

In His Service for the Orphan Children,
Dave Board, President
Orphan’s Lifeline International

Below are some of the letters from some of the children. You can see the entire note from them on the bulletin board in the lobby.

“Thank you for serving God with your heart and I want to appreciate God for the gift of life. Thank you for your provision to us. May the almighty God bless you all. May the almighty God bless your jobs and children.

Patience (Life of Favor, Uganda)”

“We are always happy for your support. Since we can give you nothing, I would put you into the hands of our Lord God to guide you and protect you in whatever you do.

Jagenda Fahard (Butiki, Uganda)”

From the Staff at Orphan’s Lifeline:

As you see in the children’s words, they are very thankful for all that you do and have done for them in 2016. Every aspect of their lives and everything they accomplish is dependant upon your care. We are Orphan’s Lifeline are also extremely grateful to you for joining with us to make sure these precious orphan children are protected and allowed to thrive in a healthy environment. May God give you increase and favor as you continue to bless these young lives!

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



Winterfest 2017: Identity - Who Am I?

How do you identify yourself?

During our Sunday Night Live last week we began to explore the theme of how we find our identity in Christ. This is in preparation for next month’s Winterfest Trip.

We began the night by making photo id’s for ourselves by taking a polaroid photo of each teen or student then taping it to a card. The key was each student wrote something that they felt identified them. This could be their favorite color, hobbies, weight, height or other interesting facts. It just had to be something they felt identified them. It helped them to start thinking about how they see themselves or how they identify themselves. We will come back to these as the series progressed.

We also talked briefly about superheroes and why they have secret identities.

Next we read 1 Peter 2.4 - .10 (same passage as last Sunday morning’s sermon topic) focusing on four new ways to see our identity in Christ:

1. We are chosen - The LORD intentionally chooses all of us.
2. We are important - Each one of us is a needed part of the Body of Christ.
3. We are valuable - Jesus Christ did not die on the cross for worthless creatures.
4. We are special - As part of the Body of Christ we all have a special part to play.

The students and teens went around the room to large sticky notes and wrote how they defined each of these ideas: chosen, important, valuable and special.

We ended by reading the next section in 1 Peter where he talks about us being “foreigners and exiles” in the world. This reminds us as followers of Jesus not to identify with the culture around us but with the LORD.

If your teen isn’t able to come with us to WInterfest this year, don’t worry - this class is still for them. Like last year and previous years we explore the Winterfest theme in a way everyone can grow and learn from whether they we able to go on the trip or not.

GRACE + PEACE
Shelby

Henry Gutierrez, Nicaragua

Henry Gutierrez has preached for the congregation in Juigalpa, Nicaragua (about 100 miles east of Managua) since 1989. In addition to his ministerial duties, he conducts evangelistic campaigns, and works with various other congregations in the area of Juigalpa. He and his wife, **Rosa**, have been married since 1991 and have three daughters **Kimberly, Eunice & Aurisol**.



In his most recent report, Henry includes the above updated photo of his family.

His report also includes photos of three new Christians who were baptized in August. From top, they are:

Marcos Suarez

Erasmus Castrillo

Paula Telles



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
(October through April)

Wednesday

7:15 pm

Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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John Waterston Ken Yeatman
Habtu Zemech

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Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI
Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua
Henry & Rosa Gutierrez, Nicaragua
Gene & Janice Luna, WBI/Guatemala
Don & Esther Roarabaugh, Lewistown, PA
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Deonté Watkins, Blacksburg, Va Tech
Jay & Piera Young, Italy & Ukraine
Habtu Zemech, My Neighbors, Ethiopia

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
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Statistics

Sunday, January 15, 2017

Bible Study 175
Morning Assembly 248
Evening Assembly 95
Contribution \$ 9,917
YTD Average \$12,849
Budget Goal \$ -----

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Classes & Online 93

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Nursery Attendants

Morning

Tek Lim Chea
Fern Musteen

Evening

Janice McDaniel

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Morning

Jackie Arevalo
John Arevalo

Evening

Janice McDaniel

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WILL NOT MEET DURING JANUARY

Worship Today, January 22, 2017

Hymn #745

Humble Yourself

Hymn #869

We're Marching to Zion

Prayer

Rick Schneider

Hymn #875

Home of the Soul

Hymn #382

Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion/Collection

Joe Bohannon

Hymn #23

Our God, He Is Alive

(Children's Worship will not meet today.)

Scripture Reading (Eph. 2:19-22)

Daniel Williams

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #683

I Am Mine No More

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

John Waterston

Song Leader

Charles McMillian

Ushers for January

Jose Arevalo, Habtu Zemech

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Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening.

Oliver McDaniel & John Reagan will lead the prayers.

January 22 Servers: Brock Barker, Ben Bohannon,

Chantha Chea, Brian Ellis, Alec King, John Reagan

Wednesday, January 25

Prayer - John Reagan

Song Leader - Joseph Tucker