

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

In giving recognition to those who had read their Bibles through in 2016, I overlooked one. Donna Barham not only read through the whole Bible, but then backed up and read the New Testament again, and then the book of Psalms again.

Congratulations Donna!

This year I have added a regimen to my daily Bible reading. Besides reading it when I wake up, I am reading it again in the evening, but the second time I read it aloud. It's the first time I have undertaken to read the Bible through aloud and I'm doing it for several reasons.

First, practice. There is an art to reading aloud and it takes practice. I listen to a lot of books while in my car and I'm always impressed when I have a good reader. Sometimes a pause, the speed with which you read, your tone, changes everything about how you hear a book. The goal is to read so that the message is heard the way the author intended.

Second, to hear the message. Likely, the Bible was written to be read aloud and I've found some passages are more easily comprehended when heard than when just read. I'm in the last part of Exodus (the part about building the tabernacle) and I usually find the details mind-numbing and confusing. Surprisingly, by reading it aloud, I'm able to keep the details together and it's been more interesting.

Third, to hear it differently. I've been surprised in reading aloud at things I've not thought of before. That's at the heart of hearing differently.

Aloud or silently, what matters is that you are reading, and I hope your reading is going well.

Love you all  
Mike

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 also may be submitted to the Elders at: [prayerrequestfc@gmail.com](mailto:prayerrequestfc@gmail.com)



**The Senior Saints  
of this congregation are invited to a  
Valentine's Day luncheon  
on Thursday, February 9,  
at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.  
A sign up sheet is on the board in the lobby.  
Ann Ford and Linda Reagan are the  
leaders for the Senior Saints Ministry.**

**Children's Worship Resumes Today.  
After the communion service, please  
escort your children to the lobby and  
then proceed to R. 222, the first  
classroom on the right down the hall.**

## Adult Education Committee to Meet This Morning

The **Adult Education Committee** will meet this Sunday in R. 120 (Elders' Conference Room/Library) following the morning worship service. The purpose is to finalize the classes for the 2nd quarter. Current teachers are invited, and all adults are encouraged to contribute to this ministry, according to **John Waterston**, the deacon contact for the adult education ministry.

**Janet Lane** has offered to provide a lunch meal with ham and side dishes. RSVP to ensure there is enough food.

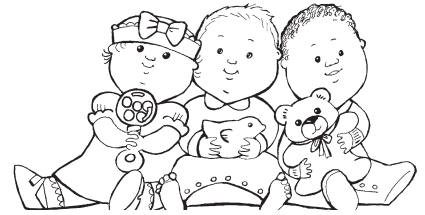
## Baby Sign Language Class Being Planned

A one-time class for babies 6 months to 2 1/2 years to teach baby sign language is being organized by **Keisha Citizen**. She has located an instructor who does group sessions for 8 to 10 families, and uses signs, music, puppets and other techniques to teach.

The class will be offered here at the Falls Church building, at a date to be determined. The cost for the class is \$50 per family.

Keisha is seeking couples with small children who might be interested in this program. Once there is sufficient interest, a date will be set, possibly in March, depending on the preference of interested families.

If you are interested, contact Keisha Citizen.



## Help Senior Citizens get to their medical and therapy appointments.

There are scores of seniors in our area who need help getting to and from their medical and therapy appointments, the pharmacy and grocery store.

The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church helps them get the transportation they need to get to their appointments. The number of new clients continues to grow at a rapid pace and we need more volunteers to help meet that need.

If you have a heart for seniors and want to help them, please be willing to become one of our new volunteers.

To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, please call the Center at (703) 506-2199 or e-mail the Center at [info@scmafc.org](mailto:info@scmafc.org).

The Center's website is [www.scmafc.org](http://www.scmafc.org) and you can follow us on Facebook.



## A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Hiking is one of my family's favorite things to do. Some of our favorites are Difficult Run, the trail from River Bend Park to Great Falls Park and we enjoy exploring many of the trails Shenandoah National Park. One thing many trails have in common are blazes.

A blaze is a mark on trees, rocks or other landmarks that let you know you are on the right trail. If you don't pay attention to the blazes you can find yourself following the wrong trail. Being on the wrong trail means you won't make your destination and you will waste time. You could also find yourself lost.

This coming Sunday is Scout Sunday. You can use the Boy Scout oath as a blaze for a trail through life. When you meet someone new, you can be friendly. You can be courteous by giving up your seat for

someone on the Metro. You will find the loyal blaze when you have a friend in trouble. When things look dark, a cheerful path is needed. Daily we are reverent when we pray, meditate, read our Bibles and gather together as the church. As you go through your life you will find multiple opportunities to be trustworthy, helpful, kind, obedient, thrifty, brave and clean.

Take sometime this week and ask yourself which blazes are you following.



GRACE + PEACE  
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## Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua

*Pedro & Mireya Batres* have served in the mission fields since 1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. His wife Mireya, a native of Nicaragua, holds a degree in social service. They worked in Nicaragua until moving to Guatemala in 1985, returning to Nicaragua in 2000. He is an evangelist in Managua, the capital city, and the surrounding areas, plus he is a popular guest speaker at special programs such as seminars, retreats and workshops. Mireya is a popular guest lecturer at women's events, especially pertaining to marriage and the family.



Dear brethren & sisters in Falls Church Church of Christ,  
I am sending to you my Christian regards in the Holy name of our Lord and King.

I want to share with you a brief report about our children's activities in *Nueva Libia*, Managua. We had a special activity for more than 100 children in December, including the congregations of *Nueva Libia*, *Villa Alemania* and *Laureles Sur*, all of which are located in Managua. See the photo at top right.

In the middle are some of the Biblical materials that I was able to purchase with the working funds that Falls Church provides for such needs. At the bottom right, you see the teachers for these children, including my daughter Marisol. We have seminars to train volunteers to work with children.

*Nueva Libia* has children's classes Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, with about 60 children attending. It is extremely important that we complete a second story addition to our building in order to provide classroom space for our growing number of children.

Fraternally,  
**Pedro Salvador Batres**

Dear brethren in Falls Church Church of Christ,

The *Nueva Libia* congregation hosted a seminar for over 20 Christian couples [see photo below] on Jan. 2, with guest speaker Lenin Munguía [at right], a teacher from the Baxter Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He taught two subjects and offered question/answer time, followed by a fellowship dinner [lower right].

We are persuaded about the great value of marriage and the Christian home here and everywhere. Also, it was a great opportunity to practice Christian agape and through that, to build strong bridges of friendship and Christian relations in this local church.

In His service,  
**Pedro Salvador Batres**



## 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

P. O. Box 1036  
Falls Church, VA 22041  
Office phone: 703-820-1346  
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Sick/Shut in call in: 703-820-2064  
administrator@fallschurchcoc.org  
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 29, 2017

Bible Study	173
Morning Assembly	270
Evening Assembly	312 (SWA, 246)
Contribution	\$11,786
YTD Average	\$12,227
Budget Goal	\$ -----

### Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Classes & Online 87

## February 5, 2017

### Nursery Attendants

#### Morning

Nicki Barrett  
Billie Bohannon

#### Evening

Janice McDaniel

## February 12, 2017

#### Morning

Amanda Barker  
Alyssa Williams

#### Evening

Janice McDaniel

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

Lisa Byrd, Keisha Citizen

Jessica Arevalo, Jennifer Ellis

## Worship Today, February 5, 2017

*Hymn #869*

*We're Marching to Zion*

*Hymn #827*

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Prayer

Jonah Shumate

*Hymn #535*

*The Glory-Land Way*

*Hymn #539*

*Higher Ground*

Communion/Collection

Oliver McDaniel

*Hymn #417*

*Where He Leads I'll Follow*

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

Scripture Reading (2 Peter 1:1-4)

Gordon Rampy

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

*Hymn #346*

*He Lives*

Announcements

Wayne Doran

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Rick Schneider

Song Leader

John Waterston

Ushers for February

John Reagan, Mark Ward



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening.

Mark Dawson & Jeff Malcolm will lead the prayers.

February 5 Servers: Matt Bensusky, London Brown,  
Austin Byrd, Holden Dinerman, Tom Griggs, Tangent Lin

**Wednesday, February 8**  
**Prayer - Kevin Thie**  
**Song Leader - Xander Williams**