

Family Life

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Easter Egg Hunt and Fellowship Dinner Set for Next Sunday April 9

The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is coming up next Sunday April 9 starting at 4:30 pm, while our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner** is scheduled for the same day after the evening service.

Organizers

Kelly Shumate &

Josh Byrd emphasize that there are sufficient plastic eggs already, so **ONLY** candy is requested.

Please bring in your bags of candy no later than the morning service so that volunteers will have time to fill and hide the eggs.

After the hunt, the children will have crafts and a light refreshment, since a fellowship dinner is scheduled after the evening service.



2nd Sunday Fellowship Set for April 9 After PM Service

Finger Foods will comprise the *menu du jour* for the **2nd Sunday Fellowship** set for next Sunday, April 9, after the evening assembly.

Each family is asked to bring the following:

◆ A platter of sandwiches - already assembled and ready to eat

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS:

◆ A tray of *hors d'oeuvres*
OR a tray of fruit or vegetables with or without dip OR a bowl of chips 'n dip

OR

◆ A tray of bite-sized desserts - emphasis on the bite-size since the whole idea of finger food is no flatware

While there isn't a specific "clean up crew," ALL help is gratefully appreciated!



Next Wednesday Night Out Set for April 5

The next **Wednesday Night Out** dinner is coming up next Wednesday, April 5, from 6-7 pm.

The dinner will feature poppyseed chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and 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!!!!

Or you can call Lisa Swetnam.



Western Agape Group Plans Soup/Chili/Game Night April 8

The **Western Agape Group** under the leadership of **Ann Ford** is planning a **Soup/Chili/Game Night** on April 8 from 5 to 9 pm at the home of Group Leader **Ann Ford**. (address in directory)

Group members are asked to bring soup or chili and the "trimmings," like cheese/onions/etc. Dessert and drinks will be furnished. Ann plans to send an email to members, **but she asks that you call or email her to tell her what you plan to bring.**



Central Agape Group Plans to Attend Concert June 24 at Wolf Trap

The **Central Agape Group** invites all Falls Church members to join them at a concert featuring musician and performing artist **Diana Krall**, at Wolf Trap on June 24. She is a Canadian born jazz singer and pianist.

The group members plan to buy lawn seats and have a picnic dinner before the concert, although they may opt for a catered picnic. Individuals must purchase their own tickets and arrange their own transportation, but carpooling may be an option.

Tickets are on sale now, so if you are interested, purchase soon and let **Janice McDaniel** know if you plan to join the group.

Spring Quarter Classes for Adults Begin This Week

Class	Teacher	Room
Sunday Schedule - Classes Begin April 2		

“1st & 2nd Samuel”	Richard Bowles & Mark Dawson	FH
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How do Samuel, Saul, David, and others, respond – or not – to the will of God? In the transformation from a theocracy to a monarchy, from a family of tribes to a nation, two principles recur for individuals and groups: 1) Seek God’s guidance in every activity, 2) Obeying the whole of God’s will, not piecemeal, is what yields success

“Discipleship”	Oliver McDaniel & Dave Miller	121
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“Disciple” is the title used more than any other to describe our identity. Specifically, we are disciples of Jesus and no one else. What does the “disciple” life look like? Oliver McDaniel and Dave Miller will be addressing this theme in a discussion class held in room 121.

“Life Principles” - Young Professionals	Hal Swetnam & Jonah Shumate	304
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“Life Principles” is the title of our Young Professionals class meeting in R. 304. Taught by Jonah Shumate and Hal Swetnam, this weekly study will focus on becoming more Christlike in every facet of our daily lives - at home, at work, with friends, and within our community of faith.

Wednesday Evening Class Begins April 5

“The Revelation to John”	Mike Tune	FH
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Mike will teach our Fellowship Hall class on the book of Revelation. Often avoided, Revelation was the most popular New Testament book in the early Church. I hope you will, in our class, come to understand why.

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 Are You?

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2.9 – .10)

Finding our identity in Christ as a People Belonging to God.

Who owns you??

This is an odd question. We all like to think we own ourselves and we are masters of our own lives.

If you are a follower of Jesus you belong to the LORD. You surrender to the LORD your will and become a slave of the LORD. Unexpectedly in surrendering you discover who you were truly created to be. The LORD doesn’t take away our identities, desires or personalities; instead the LORD brings out our true selves. We find our true selves in the light and holiness the LORD desires for you and me.

On the other hand, Satan uses the power of sin to enslave us. It is sin that has corrupted our identities, desires and our personalities to the point that who we were created to be is lost. Satan wants you to find your identity, desires and personality in sin and darkness.

When we find our identity in belonging to the LORD we discover who we truly are!

GRACE + PEACE
John B. G.

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.



Baptism of Juan Ramón Obando Ayestas on Feb. 2 at Nueva Libia.

Greetings to the Elders and Members of the Falls Church Congregation,

I am glad to write you again about the Lord's work in Nicaragua and, furthermore, to send my fraternal regards to all of you.

Bro. Juan Ramón Obando Ayestas was baptized on Feb. 12, 2017, as a fruit of our evangelism program in "Nueva Libia." This important activity is alive in this local church! A good number of Christians are spreading the Good News person-to-person and the baptism of our bro. Juan Ramón is an example. Several brethren bring to our meetings their non-Christian friends or relatives, and once we have their names and addresses, we visit them. Sometimes the results come later but some obey in a shorter time.

This month, February, "Nueva Libia" has had between 300 and 340 people during our Sunday worship service, including children. I am always with this local church since I serve both as an elder and as one of the preachers.

The other area of my ministry is the monthly meeting of the Nicaraguan preachers. [lower right] I am shown at a recent meeting, held Feb. 18 at the local church in barrio "Grenada," Managua. Our meetings are held in the morning on the third Saturday each month, and last about three hours.

I was invited to preach in a Gospel Meeting with the local Church of Christ in "Madrigales Norte" (20 Kms. out of Managua) on Feb. 18, 2017. I have a good relation with this local church and also with the local leadership.

Also, I recorded the message for our TV program "Nicaragua for Christ" on Feb. 15, 2017. I perform this important ministry once a month.

Dear brethren, it is all for now and, as always, I ask your prayers for the Nicaraguan Church of Christ and for me please.

Fraternally in Him,
Pedro Salvador Batres



Pedro conducted a Gospel Meeting with the congregation of Madrigales North, about 12 miles from Managua



(at left)
Pedro addressing the monthly meeting of Nicaraguan Ministers, held at the Granada congregation in February

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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Nursery Attendants

Morning

Joanne Carter

Fern Musteen

Evening

Janice McDaniel

April 9, 2017

Morning

Ruth Amores

Patricia Woods

Evening

Janice McDaniel

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

Gayla Keller, Amanda Venkatesan

Abby Smith, Anna Souza

Worship Today, April 2, 2017

Hymn #6

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn #827

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Prayer

London Brown

Hymn #366

By Christ Redeemed

Communion/Collection

Jonah Shumate

Hymn #1025

God of Our Fathers

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

Scripture Reading (*Matthew 4:1-11*)

Eric Slechter

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #922

Jesus Paid It All

Announcements

Jim Lane

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Hal Swetnam

Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Matt Bensusky, John Waterston

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John Reagan will lead singing this evening.

Brock Barker & Wayne Doran will lead the prayers.

Servers: Brock Barker, Bill Furr, Tangent Lin,

Geosh Saxton, Grant Smith, Connor 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

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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, March 26, 2017

Bible Study 174

Morning Assembly 294

Evening Assembly 82 (SWA)

Contribution \$ 9,356

YTD Average \$12,367

Budget Goal \$12,758

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Classes & Online

No Count

Wednesday, April 5

Prayer - Habtu Zemech

Song Leader - Xander Williams