

Family Life

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Meet Our Newest Member

Baby Shower



*All ladies of the Falls Church congregation
are invited to a Baby Shower
on Sunday April 30 at 4:30 pm
in the fellowship hall in honor of*

They do not know if the baby is a boy or girl.

*If you wish to contribute to the group gift,
please give your donation to*

MS Keteers Finish 2017 Walk; Pledges Requested Soon

Pledges for the annual fundraiser “Walk for the Cure” for the **National Multiple Sclerosis Society** are requested as soon as possible by the members of the walking group known as the “MS Keteers.” Checks should be made to NMSS, but you may donate online as well.

Now in his 30th year of walking, **Kevin Thie** was 15th highest fundraiser in the region last year, while the team took first place. The 2017 group included Kevin, his daughter **Candace Thie**, **Jeff Ford** and **Anna Souza**.

The walk in Manassas was held April 8.



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.

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

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

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION SET FOR TODAY, APRIL 23

A special contribution to help a fellow congregation in **Barrio Centro, Catacamas, Honduras** is scheduled for **today, April 23**. The special collection will be taken immediately following the regular collection.

PLEASE MAKE OUT YOUR CHECK TO “CHURCH OF CHRIST IN FALLS CHURCH” AND INDICATE “FOR BARRIO CENTRO” ON THE SUBJECT LINE.

The congregation in Catacamas has about 85 members, with a Sunday attendance of usually about 100. Two of their members – **Alejandro and Maria Martinez Euceda** – are parents of our **Saira Reyes** and her brothers **Jose Adalid, Nelson and Mario Euceda**. [see photo at right]

In February 2015, the Falls Church congregation had an opportunity to contribute funds to help them purchase land on which to build a permanent structure. At that time, Falls Church members donated over \$4,000 and the Barrio Centro congregation was able to make the purchase. They have provided much of the labor to the construction [see photos below].



Alejandro and Maria Martinez Euceda are included in this photo in front of the welcome to the Barrio Centro. Alejandro is in the back row, 6th from the right; Maria is in front of him and to his right.

We now have another opportunity to assist our brothers in Barrio Centro. They need about \$12,000 to complete the construction.



left: the foundation is laid

below: the posts for the walls



the walls are going up



The Women at the Wardrobe

Lucy, in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis, discovers that the wardrobe is actually a door to another world, Narnia. She has come in contact with a magical place. It is a life changing place and she wants to tell everyone she can about it. She is so excited about her discovery that she runs to tell her siblings. They, of course, don't believe her. They have never heard of such a thing nor have they seen such a place. It takes their own experience of going to Narnia for them to believe.

In the Gospel of John we meet a lady who has a similar event happen in her life. She discovers a well which was a doorway to a new life because, at this well, she meets Jesus. He is the life changing person. Her encounter with him is a life changing event. She also runs and tells people about whom she has met. They believed what she said and had their own experience with Jesus. Many come with her to see this man and believe.

There stories are ours as well. We have had a life changing encounter with Jesus. We also should run out and tell everyone we can. Not all will believe us. Some will even make fun of us. We need to be like little Lucy and the Samaritan women. We need to bring people to meet Jesus and his forgiveness.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. J.

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 2001. He is an evangelist and elder of the Nueva Libia congregation 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.



Ashley Solorzano (above) was baptized March 5. Roger Augusto Moral Mayorga (at right) was baptized March 3

At right are photos about recent activities & baptisms at the Nueva Libia congregation.

Below are photos about the congregation's 16th Anniversary celebration on March 12.



The Youth Group was very active during March, especially by preparing packages for some of the older brethren.

Another feature of the program was a Biblical drama about Deborah & Barak from the book of Judges. The title roles were played by Mireya and Pedro.

Below is a photo of the large assembly as they signed in for the program which ran from 9 am to noon, followed by a luncheon.

Attendance at the 16th Anniversary celebration was 326 (above). The guest speaker was Frank Castaña, an elder of the congregation in "Villa Alemania," while the guest song leader was Ramón Ayala, preacher at the "Las Mercedes" congregation, also. Both congregations are in Managua

(below) 77 children sang Christian songs



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

Erica W-Chenevert

Wendy Ward

Peggy Williams

Evening

Janice McDaniel

April 30, 2017

Morning

Amanda Barker

Erica W-Chenevert

Alyssa Williams

Evening

Janice McDaniel

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

Jessica Arevalo, Jennifer Ellis

Jennifer Estes, Casey Waterston

Worship Today, April 23, 2017

Hymn #6 All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn #134 The Lord's My Shepherd

Prayer Alec King

Hymn #113 His Grace Reaches Me

Hymn #924 Just As I Am

Communion/Collection Habtu Zemech

Special Collection for Barrio Centro

Hymn #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

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

Scripture Reading (Matthew 16:5-12) Austin Byrd

Bible Lesson Josh Byrd

Hymn #747 Sing On, Ye Joyful Christians

Announcements Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer Clark Richardson

Song Leader John Waterston

Ushers Matt Benskys, Hal Swetnam



Bill Kincaid will lead singing this evening.

Jonah Shumate & Jose Arevalo will lead the prayers.

Servers: Chad Booker, Dave Miller, Jonah Shumate,

Eric Slechter, Mark Ward, Xander Williams

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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Elders

Steve Dasher

Bill Kincaid

Oliver McDaniel

Wayne Doran

Jim Lane

Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez

Ben Bohannon

John Reagan

Wilfredo Reyes

Hal Swetnam

John Waterston

Jose Arevalo

Ignacio Espinoza

Saul Reyes

Jonah Shumate

Kevin Thie

Ken Yeatman

Habtu Zemech

Missionaries

Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI

Pedro & Mireya Batres, Nicaragua

Henry & Rosa Gutierrez, Nicaragua

Gene & Janice Luna, WBI/Guatemala

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, April 16, 2017

Bible Study 155

Morning Assembly 283

Evening Assembly 47

Contribution \$15,473

YTD Average \$12,975

Budget Goal \$12,758

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Classes & Online 90

Wednesday, April 26

Prayer - Wayne Doran

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid