

Family Life

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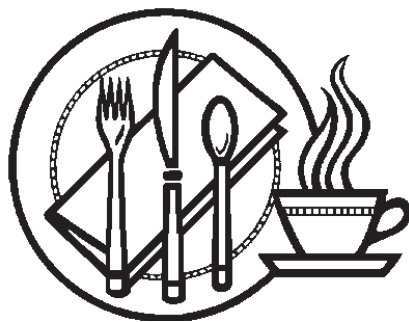
May Fellowship Dinner Set for Today, May 7, After Morning Service; There Will Be No Evening Service

Our 2nd Sunday Fellowship for May will take place today, May 7, after the morning service. The event has been moved from May 14 which is Mother's Day.

PLEASE NOTE:

This will be a **CATERED MEAL**, so all you are asked to bring are - yourselves!!!

As is our custom following a luncheon like this, we **WILL NOT HAVE OUR EVENING SERVICE THAT DAY.**



A new congregational photograph will be taken on Sunday May 21, immediately following the morning assembly. Our last photo was taken in 2007, so it's about time we had a new one. Please plan to be here for that event, but if you can't be here that day, don't worry - in the future we'll try to take this photo more often than once every decade.

Congratulations



The **Missions Committee** will meet Sunday, **May 7**, in R. 120 after the luncheon.

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.



Next Wednesday Night Out Set for May 10

The next **Wednesday Night Out** dinner is coming up next Wednesday, May 10, from 6-7 pm.

The dinner will feature doing tortellini Alfredo, salad, garlic bread, 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!!!!



Welcome Our Newest Members



Recently I was listening to the CSPAN's open phones one morning, and one call caught my attention. I do this periodically in order to hear opinions I don't often encounter. Sometimes you get very rational well thought out ideas and opinions. Sometimes you get some very irrational and random ideas and opinions.

The call that caught my attention was from a man in Michigan. This man was opposed to prisoners getting help with a college education while in jail, especially a man with a life sentence for murder. While serving his life sentence this man received some financial aid to get an education and became a prison preacher.

The caller finished the call by saying: "I hear there are many mansions in heaven but I am not going to share one with that man." I said to myself, as I was alone in my van, "You are right, you won't."

This phone call has stuck with me. The caller's attitude is wrong. We should rejoice that a murderer with no earthly hope hears the good news of Jesus and becomes one of the LORD's disciples. Then this new follower wants others to hear this good news. Instead, the caller's attitude would condemn this man to a life in prison and an eternity outside the Kingdom of God. The other thing that troubles me is my response. At first I felt superior to the caller. I felt as if I had the moral high ground. It was in that moment that I had written off the caller the way the caller had written off the man in prison.

Here is what I take with me from this call and my response. First, not all followers of Christ look the same. When someone repents and changes their lives we need to celebrate that. I am not perfect and need to remember that. Finally I am growing in faith along with all of my fellow sisters and brothers in Christ.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. [Signature]

Habtu Zemech Plans Trip to Ethiopia May 19, Requests Clothing and Funds to Complete Club Foot Surgeries

Habtu Zemech seeks specific clothing items for his next trip to Ethiopia. All of the items are intended for the people and students under the auspices of **My-Neighbors**, the philanthropic organization designed to provide funds for a wide variety of services in Ethiopia.

Those items are:

Clothing for teenagers - boys or girls - and for young adults up to the age of 25

Shirts for the preaching students; Habtu already has enough slacks and ties

Funds to complete the clubfoot surgeries for the 13 children who remain on the waiting list

Please include only clean articles of clothing that are in good shape. Place them in large black garbage bags and bring them to the church building by Sunday May 14.

You may give a check to Habtu directly or mail it to:

My-Neighbors

The funds for My-Neighbors go to many good causes, including education. Habtu illustrates this point by the example of a woman named Workitu. Her husband died of an illness in 2008 and, since he was the principle breadwinner, the family faced serious financial problems, including the loss of school for her two children.

The brethren have paid the tuition for both children for eight years. The older daughter, Shalom, has now been graduated from Jima University of Journalism and has been hired at the Ethiopian Air Lines as an associate in communications.

Earlier this year, Shalom informed the church leaders that she now has a job and can afford to pay tuition for

her brother. She asked that the church now re-direct those funds to help other children.

Workitu commented, *“After the death of my husband, I never thought a bright day like this would come but, now I am a testimony when God plans to change lives He raises people from unexpected places. Please give our appreciation to the God’s family in America.”*

Workitu with son Jonathan and daughter Shalom who has earned a degree and now has a job, thanks to the tuition which allowed her to remain in school.



My-Neighbors is trying to create a sustainable support system with which, they believe God will do amazing things. They have added four children shown with their mother Beritu (at right)

Beritu’s jobs as a maid provide food but not tuition, which is now covered for her four children (l to r) Bemnet, 3; Lidia, 6; Ruth, 5; Nardos, 7.



NOTE: If you missed the Special Collection taken last Sunday to help fellow Christians in Catacamas, Honduras, the opportunity is still open. Make out your check to “Church of Christ in Falls Church,” but mark for Catacamas, and give to one of the Elders today, the final day for this collection.

Special Notice From the Elders:

A car belonging to one of our members was broken into Wednesday evening. A purse was stolen and the passenger side window was shattered. Please remember that this is a public area, with considerable foot traffic. Purses, laptops and merchandise are targets of this kind of theft. Please do NOT leave such items in your car while you are in the church building, even for a brief time. If you must leave these articles, please find a way to conceal them from view in the trunk or under a blanket. Keep in mind that this is the second robbery of this kind in our lot. Furthermore, the vehicle attacked Wednesday was parked right under one of the new and powerful lights. These thieves are determined. Please be safe!

Camp WaMaVa - the only summer camp sponsored by the churches of Christ in the greater metropolitan area - cordially invites you to its annual **Memorial Day Weekend Picnic** on Saturday, May 27, between 11 am and 3 pm. Activities include lunch, hayrides, moon bounce, fishing and archery. To help the Camp prepare for the summer festivities, you are asked to donate paper supplies such as paper towels, bathroom tissue, paper napkins, etc. Of course, cash is always useful. For directions, please visit: <http://www.wamava.com/directions.htm>

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

Tek Lim Chea

Peggy Williams

Evening

No Service

May 14, 2017

Morning

Billie Bohannon

Sophia Habtu

Evening

Janice McDaniel

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

Gayla Keller, Amanda Venkatesan

Jennifer Ellis, Anna Souza

Worship Today, May 7, 2017

Hymn #474

Thank You, Lord

Hymn #76

How Great Thou Art

Hymn #810

Listen to Our Hearts

Prayer

Eric Slechter

Hymn #791

On Bended Knee

Hymn #176

Lamb of God

Communion/Collection

Jerry Williams

Hymn #622

Ring Out the Message

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

Scripture Reading (*Philippians 4:6-7*)

Daniel Williams

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #290

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Announcements

Jim Lane

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Rick Schneider

Song Leader

Clark Richardson

Ushers

Jose Arevalo, Kevin Thie



THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE.

Servers: Austin Byrd, Mark Dawson, Bill Furr,

Tom Griggs, Tangent Lin, Beni Venkatesan

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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Jose Arevalo

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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

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 30, 2017

Bible Study 180

Morning Assembly 276

Evening Assembly No Count

Contribution \$10,840

YTD Average \$12,659

Budget Goal \$12,758

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Classes & Online 85

Wednesday, May 10

Prayer - Jonah Shumate

Song Leader - Bill Kincaid