

Family Life

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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.

Directory Updates

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**.

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

Thank You Notes

To the Falls Church Family,

Words can't express our gratitude for the love and selfless acts shown toward us on Wednesday evening [their car was broken into]. Although our “things” were taken, they can be replaced. We are blessed to have a family at the Church of Christ in Falls Church.

With much love,

Dear Falls Church Family,

It is difficult to find words that adequately convey the level of appreciation that we have for the baby shower that was hosted in our honor last Sunday. We continue to be so very thankful for the generosity that was displayed. It drives home how fortunate we are to have the Falls Church congregation part of our lives. Thank you to the hostesses for organizing; thank you for all that attended and for the many amazing gifts that are essential to new born babies; and thank you to the Elders for making time to participate.

Sincerely,

Special Collection Scheduled for May 21 for Camp WaMaVa Which Offers Spiritual Training & Nature Experience

A **Special Collection** to help support Camp WaMaVa is scheduled for next Sunday, May 21. The collection will be taken AFTER the regular morning collection. **PLEASE MAKE OUT YOUR CHECK TO CAMP WAMAVA NOT TO FALLS CHURCH.**

The Camp, which provides for youth ages 3rd through 12 grade, is celebrating more than 60 years of operation as the only such facility of the churches of Christ in the greater metropolitan area which includes Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. It opened its doors for the Aug. 11-25 sessions in 1956, on 146 acres of land just east of Front Royal, VA. Today it continues to fulfill its Mission Statement: *“Camp WaMaVa’s primary mission is spiritual. It exists to provide camping in a Christian environment and to glorify God. Emphasis is also placed on the physical and emotional growth of the young people who attend the camp.”*

The program runs from Sunday to Saturday. The 2017 schedule runs from June 25-July 1 for grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and concludes with week six, July 30-August 5, grades 11 & 12 AND 2017 hs graduates. The weeks in between are for grades 4, 5, 6; 5, 6 & 7; 7, 8 & 9; 8, 9 & 10.

A “typical camp day routine” includes morning song and prayer devotional, a variety of activities such as swimming, and free time, and of course, Bible classes and evening devotional. But a major attraction are the counselors who embody the camp’s mission to provide a safe environment where each camper is appreciated, where play is important, where life-long friendships are forged, and where a relationship with God is strengthened.

Below are (l to r): The “Ark,” one of the Bible class buildings; the dining hall, aka the Nelson and Lois Smith who lovingly served campers for many years; paddle boating on the lake; the lake - a lovely place!



To see the camp and meet the staff, plan to attend the **annual Memorial Day Weekend Picnic on Saturday, May 27, between 11 am and 3 pm.** Activities include lunch, hayrides, moon bounce, fishing and archery.

Another way to help the Camp prepare for the summer festivities is to donate paper supplies such as paper towels, bathroom tissue, paper napkins, etc. Naturally, cash is always useful.

For directions, please visit: <http://www.wamava.com/directions.htm>



The Interns Are Coming!

At the end of this month our Summer Interns will be arriving and beginning their work with us. After a long search to fill both of our internship positions, we finally have our two Summer Interns. One of our interns is new and one will be familiar to us all.

First, our new intern will be Jaxon Goodspeed from the Dallas TX area. He will graduate in 2019 with a BA in Youth and Family Ministry from Abilene Christian University. He has been an intern with the Youth Ministry at the Branch Church.

Our second intern will be Ashley Byrd. Ashley grew up here at Falls Church and is familiar with our Youth Ministry and church family. She will graduate in 2018 with a BS in Biology from ACU. This is her first internship.

Our two interns will be planning the Summer activities for the Youth Ministry. They will be teaching classes. The most important thing they will do is connect, minister and mentor our students and teens. They will be taking small groups of our students and teens out to lunch. They will be spending one on one time with them during our Summer. This kind of mentoring or discipleship is vitally important. It gives our teens a chance to see how Christ is shaping and molding someone just a little older than them. It gives them a chance to see who they can be in just a few years.

From my own personal experience I know I would not be the person I am today if it wasn't for the intern who took me out to lunch and listened and talked with me when I was in middle school.

GRACE + PEACE
Ashley Byrd

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

Habtu Zemech (at right) is a deacon of this congregation and also co-chairman of the Missions Committee. But Habtu also directs an extensive missions and philanthropic organization in the country where he was born, Ethiopia.

Beginning in 2007, Habtu has visited Ethiopia about twice a year. Below are some of the areas of service offered by this mission.

- ◆ Identify children with the condition called clubfoot and provide them with the funds for transportation and post surgical care - up to a year - to have the problem surgically corrected
- ◆ Provide clothing for the very poor and for the children in the orphanages that are supported by this mission
- ◆ Help senior citizens who have no family or other support groups
- ◆ Operate Preaching Schools to teach young men to become preachers and establish congregations around the country; provide clothing for them
- ◆ Operate schools for the deaf so that they will be equipped to provide for themselves
- ◆ Provide sewing machines and offer training to help people support themselves
- ◆ Offer a new program to teach women to bake commercially
- ◆ Provide wells to small villages
- ◆ ***And one of the most recent innovations - solar players!***

The solar players are a valuable tool for teaching in the market place or in rural villages. They were developed by the Sunset International Bible Institute which operates four satellite schools in Ethiopia. Two years of work by Ethiopian brothers were required to translate 400 hours of Bible lessons in the Old and the New Testaments into the dominant language of Amharic.

They are powered by a 10-year battery recharged by solar energy, so may be used when electricity is scarce or non-existent. Since November 2015, over 250 solar players have been put into use and in high demand.

Brother Tesfaye Ashamo is one example. Since he received the radio, he has played it for six congregations and his own family. He calculates that more than 2,000 people have listened to these lessons.

Brother Abreham Delkeso, one of the first to receive a radio, has played the lessons for a family, to reach his classmates at Selam Nursing College through a weekly devotional, and for his own family.

Brother Abebe Hailmichael has a Bible study with 10 people each week.



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 Today May 14.

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

**My-Neighbors
3239 Gina Place
Woodbridge, VA 22193**



Habtu (in back, far left) with (beside him) his friend Demere, who has visited at Falls Church. This photo shows men who were part of the training program for Mission Ethiopia. In front (2nd from the right) is Habtu's longtime co-worker Moges, head of the Evangelical Department for the Preacher Training School and of Evangelical Outreach in Ethiopia.

Brother Dinku Demissie opened his player for his customers at his barber shop. They asked questions and now are studying with him.

Sister Filseta Sebseba, the wife of **Brother Mulugeta Abate**, plays her player in her beauty shop whose clients include Coptic orthodox, Protestants, Muslims and non-believers, as well as people from her faith.

Sister Hana Mengesha uses her player at her cafe in the school compound in Addis Ababa. Anyone who shows interest is directed to a teacher.

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

Ruth Amores

Sophia Habtu

Evening

TBA

May 21, 2017

Morning

Fern Musteen

Billie Bohannon

Evening

Janice McDaniel

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

Jennifer Ellis, Anna Souza

Lisa Byrd, Keisha Citizen

Worship Today, May 14, 2017

Hymn #633

Throw Out the Life-Line

Hymn #642

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

Prayer

Habtu Zemech

Hymn #791

On Bended Knee

Hymn #176

Lamb of God

Communion/Collection

Hal Swetnam

Hymn #622

Ring Out the Message

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

Scripture Reading (2 Peter 3:3-15)

Chris McMillian

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #290

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Announcements

Steve Dasher

Introduction of Visitors/Closing Prayer

Jonah Shumate

Song Leader

Joseph Tucker

Ushers

John Reagan, Clark Richardson



John Waterston will lead singing this evening;
Alan Mann & Mark Dawson will lead the prayers.

Servers: Jun Amores, Matt Bensusky, Josh Byrd,
Frank Estes, Charles McMillian, Sam Swetnam

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

Contact Information

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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
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, May 7, 2017

Bible Study	180
Morning Assembly	276
Evening Assembly	No Count
Contribution	\$10,840
YTD Average	\$12,659
Budget Goal	\$12,758

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Classes & Online	85
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Wednesday, May 17
Prayer - David Newton
Song Leader - Clark Richardson