

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

It's not something we like to think about. It's not a message often preached or taught. But it is a lesson essential to spiritual maturity: God doesn't always fulfill our needs, solve our crises, or provide deliverance from the way we think He should, or when we think He should.

In fact, sometimes, none of it occurs at all in this life.

The devil was responsible for all of Job's troubles. But God was responsible for allowing them to persist as they did. Mrs. Job felt it better to renounce God and die. But Job believed that, long term, his hope, frail as it seemed, still lay with God. He said:

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after I awake, though this [body] has been destroyed, . . . I will see God; . . . How my heart yearns within me!" (Job 19:25-27)

If trouble like Job's came to you, which life would be the better one: that proposed by Job's wife, or the one lived by Job – despite its misery?

The Christian is not immune to life's difficulties. Jesus said: "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them." Of course, God doesn't *really* feed them. He provides food. The birds still have to seek it out and provide for their young. I have to imagine that it's often hard work and slim pickins.

Jesus said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the knowledge of your Father." Sparrows still fall.

More important than what happens in our life is how we *handle* what happens. Those who face life's inevitable challenges with an eye on the presence of God, trusting Him all the way, are those who live the "eternal life," and who will never be conquered by death.

When Jesus taught this message in John 6, most of his followers abandoned him – except the twelve. They knew life's struggles come to us all, and Jesus is the only hope we have. There was no place else to go.

Love you all
Mike



Reflections from the Road

While we have been on our long family road trip, I have had a lot of time to drive, think and reflect.

I have thought about how important it is to have a good map. We have a large trucker map. It is easy to read. It has some good details. This map in combination with a gps has made finding our way easy. If you were at the Graduate Dinner you know I talked about orienting and finding direction. All those lessons hold true. The map and gps have oriented us and given us the direction we needed. The Bible does the same for us. While it is not an exact map of our lives, as we read, study and meditate on the truth we find in it, we find direction.

On this trip we have stopped and visited friends along the way. It is a long drive across this country and it was really nice to stop at a friend's house. It was nice to relax. It was nice to eat real food. It was nice to catch up with people we haven't seen in a while. The community or church we belong too are those friends along the way that help us. We encourage each other. We eat together. We experience life together as we travel down the road of life.

Finally it is important to keep your eyes open and be aware of what is coming at you. In Kansas City we had to dodge a bouncing tire coming our way down the highway. If we hadn't been paying attention our trip would have ended early! There are distractions out there that cause us to stray from the direction the LORD is calling us to go. With the help of the Holy Spirit we are able to overcome these distractions and keep our focus where it should be.

We appreciate your prayers as we travel and will see you all in a few weeks.

GRACE + PEACE
AHLB

Our sister **Adria Tippins** will be honored with a wedding shower on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 29. She is planning an Oct. 9 wedding to **Jerard Owens**. More details will be available soon, but anyone who would like to join in planning and hosting this shower should contact **Nikii Frank**, shower coordinator. **Sally Dasher** will serve as the lead hostess.



The Bates Family
 And Boy Scout Troop 894
 Cordially request the honor of your
 presence at
 The Eagle Scout Ceremony of their son,
Ryan James Bates
 Sunday, 25 July 2010
 4:00 pm
 The St. Michael School Cafeteria
 7401 Saint Michael Lane
 Annandale, VA 22003

Beltway Church Sponsors Songfest as Part of Special Weekend Aug. 28-29

The **Beltway Church of Christ** is sponsoring a **Songfest** on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 4 pm. Participants are asked to submit a letter of intent by **July 26**, and are free to include a CD along with the letter.

Songfest is part of the congregation's "Gone But Not Forgotten" Memorial Weekend to honor loved ones who have gone Home.

The event will begin with a fish fry at noon and end with the Dedication Ceremony of the Fallen Saints Garden immediately after worship service Aug. 29.

For further details, contact Mickey Walker II.

Vacation Bible School Coming Up; Volunteers Needed; Parents Urged to Pre-Register as Registration Continues

from prison



Joseph

to palace

The extraordinary life of **Joseph** is the theme for the **2010 Vacation Bible School** coming up in less than two weeks.

The program will run from **6 to 8 pm on Friday Aug. 6** and from **9 am to 12 pm on Saturday, Aug. 7**.

The program is open to children from age 2 through 6th grade. A special feature on Friday evening will be a "Coffee Shop Devo" for parents or other adults who can bring the children and then enjoy the company of other adults. The program will conclude at noon on Saturday, so lunch will not be served.

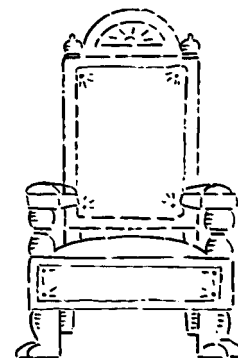
This year's organizers **Amanda Venkatesan** and **Lesya Yeatman** still have a few requests:

1. Parents - please pre-register your children, since that will be a major factor to determine if there are enough staff & materials for all. You may do this in the lobby or online.
2. There still are open slots for volunteers, in particular for Family Leaders and Assistant Family Leaders.
 PLEASE NOTE: This involves a minimum of teaching so don't be intimidated!
3. They need people to help decorate the building **next Sunday afternoon Aug. 1** and also to finish the job with last minute assignments **on Aug. 6** before the children arrive.
4. They have several equipment items or supplies that hopefully can be provided by members, such as:

Maps (of the world, Africa, Egypt)
 baskets of various sizes
 Egyptian or Egyptian-like decor
 hula hoops, lasso rope
 plastic baby pool/sandbox
 2 boxes of uncooked spaghetti

Ladders, saw horses, wheelbarrow
 "Royal" attire (crowns, costumes)
 Chairs, pictures, columns for palace
 large car wash sponges
 watermelons (various sizes)
 jars of petroleum jelly

blankets, tents, rugs
 Fabric (gold, red, purple) i.e. velvet
 Skeletons/skulls for dungeon scenes
 20 rolls of toilet paper
 plastic food (fruit, veggies, breads,
 beans, etc.)



Habtu Zemech Finds Both Progress and Needs During Recent Journey to Ethiopia

When **Habtu Zemech** goes home, it isn't just to relax around the dinner table with family and friends. And his trip report isn't about picnics and outings and photos of family and former school mates.

When he goes home, it's to learn about the work and the people of the church, to encourage ongoing or new ministries, and to build the church in his homeland.



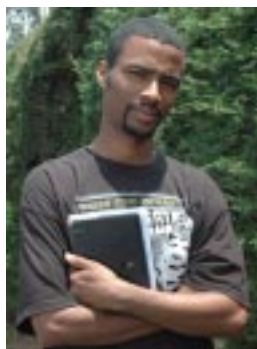
Habtu with Emama (Mother) Ayala

His home is Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia, the oldest independent country on the continent. It also is the second-largest country, with a population of nearly 79 million and an annual growth rate of 2.6%. A predominantly rural nation, 84% of the people live in densely populated highland settlements, although the urban population is growing at a faster rate. It also is a young nation; 45% of the population is under 15, while only 3.2% are over 65.

Despite its long and distinguished history, the country is one of the poorest, ranked in 171st place out of 185 nations. Its economy is based on agriculture, with very little industry, although industry is growing. With poverty come multiple health problems and economic needs.

Habtu points out that he saw people from his old neighborhood who are "...jobless, helpless and desperate for some type of opportunity to help themselves." He saw parents who "...couldn't feed their children or send their children to school." He described the elderly for whom life is a "day to day struggle" in a world of uncertainty.

He wanted to work with the congregation in Addis Ababa, which has a membership of 110 and a Sunday



Abayneh (left) and Abraham (right) are students at the Addis Ababa University where the congregation wishes to start a campus ministry.

attendance between 90 to 120. In spite of its size and the lack of financial resources, the congregation is big in its benevolence and outreach programs. It has:

- ❖ A radio ministry, critical in a country where 80% of the people are Islamic.
- ❖ A proposed campus ministry at the Addis Ababa University, located about 5 miles from the building. Currently students who attend services miss lunch back at the campus.
- ❖ Deaf ministry to 42 deaf students who completed computer training school.



Members of the Deaf Ministry at Addis Ababa

- ❖ Benevolence ministry for children, for those who are ill but have no long-range health care, for young people who otherwise would have no opportunity for education, for the elderly, for people who are struggling to provide the barest necessities for their families.



Mamoush (left) helps his younger neighbor Mimi (at right). He is washing their feet and shoes. That "stream" is actually the sewer.

For Habtu, this is personal - because Christians made a difference in his life, they taught him about Christ and led him to salvation, they gave him clothes and food when he had neither, and they helped him continue his education.

And he now has the opportunity to offer those same things to others in need.

On these pages, meet some of those for whom the Addis Ababa congregation is making a difference.

(See *Habtu Zemech*, p. 4)



Emama (Mother) Desse (above) spins thread from cotton (above right); her home is shown below right. For the elderly, each day is a struggle to live



Tsegnet Alemu (above) is 19 and has suffered from acute kidney failure for the last five years. A charity organization supports her with 6,000 Ethiopian birr (about \$462/U.S.) for dialysis and a home. She needs a transplant and her mother might be a donor, but the transplant is on hold until Tsegnet gains weight, a problem given that she can't eat.



Abaynah (above) with one of his three children. He works as a guard at the church and lives with the children in the home shown below)



Habtu's mother, knowing her son's generous heart, has "adopted" two young people and Habtu has helped fund their education. **Alem**, who was 4 when she went to her adopted family, is shown above. She is studying nursing at Addis Ababa Nursing Institute. At right is **Ismael**, who was 6 when he joined the family. He now is an International Affairs student at the Addis Ababa University.



Beruk (at right) was just 4 months old when his mother died of AIDS. He is being brought up by his grandmother.



Prayer Reminders:

Blanca Alvarez, Haldon & Dot Arnold, Stephanie, J. D. & Quan Carter, Genia Deibler, Bill & Ruth Ditto, Eloise Fishback, Winnie & Desiree Flint, Randall & Ann Ford, Marcia Fuentes, Larry Goodrich, Frances & Ed Harris, Janice & Oliver McDaniel, Alma Milligan, Kim Moran & Tom Land, Bob Pigg, Bess Smith, Don & Ellie Thie, Barbara & Harry Thompson, Erica Walker-Chenevert, Roxie Weese, Susan Weese and Peggy Williams.



Good News:

ValJean DeLong's knee replacement surgery on Tuesday went very well and she went home Friday!

Leva Schaf is back in The Jefferson where she will have further physical therapy.

Betty Dunn, Joe Fauth's grandmother, is doing well after breaking her leg and is now home.

Prayer Requests:

Joe Garrett is much improved but remains in Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare. He suffered some brain damage due to loss of oxygen in his brain, and last Thursday had a pacemaker installed to regulate blood flow.

Diana Kuhn will enter Virginia Hospital Center-Arlington for outpatient surgery and a biopsy on July 28.

Dick Smith remains in Fairfax Hospital as he recuperates from abdominal aneurysm surgery last week.

Gary & Mary Jo Allmond ask for prayers for Gary's stepfather **Paul Barcomb**, who underwent emergency surgery last Sunday. He is recovering but probably will have additional surgery.

Greg & Sally Dalzell ask for continued prayers for their friend **Ann Myers** who is close to being able to handle a bone marrow transplant. The only impediment right now is that she has a broken hip. Her particular cancer leaves bones weak.

Whitney Fauth asks prayers for a friend **Jamie Hokee** who is 35 and has two toddlers but is in ICU with severe pneumonia and her immune system is compromised.

Sonia Garnett's father, **Cecil Kenneth Robinson**, is recovering from the amputation of his leg due to a severe blood clot.

Lois Woods requests prayers for her sister **Esther Waltz** who is in Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, IN. She was admitted Monday, but a diagnosis has not been made.

There will be NO singing session today at 5:20 pm.

Continuing Concerns

NOTE: To keep this list current, names will be published for three weeks then removed unless office is requested to continue.

All those who need employment or have been affected by economic pressures, 7/11;

Rachel Adams, aftermath of 2009 accident (sister of former member **Erin Adams**, 7/18);

Delores Brooks, brain tumors (friend of **Randall & Ann Ford**, 7/18);

Dominique, 17-year-old dealing with 2nd bout of leukemia (friend of the Arevalo family, 7/18);

T. J. Collins, recovering from surgery (friend of the **Bates** family, 7/18);

Marc & Heidi Duran, Marc has ALS (friend of **Joshua & Allison McKay**, 7/11);

Theresa Eberhardt, cancer, & **Alex Ross**, recovering from gunshot wound (friends of **Greg & Sally Dalzell**, 7/18);

People of Guatemala affected by recent volcano and hurricane (7/11);

Jackie Gruhlke, return of cancer (sister of **Carmen Elliott**, 7/18);

Lynn Huff, stroke (mother of **Billie Bohannon & Sylvia Sartori**, 7/18);

Cynthia Kern, liver tumor, & **Rhonda Krawczyk**, cancer (both are former members, 7/18);

Gilbert "Bud" Richardson, serious health issues (former member, 7/18);

Bertha Sullivan, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 7/18);

Laurie Whiteman, recovering from surgery (friend of **Scott & Susan Rosen**, 7/4);

Daughter of former member **Eileen Wynkoop**; multiple kidney tumors (friend of **Roxie Weese**, 7/4).

We pray for the safety of our members, friends and relatives serving in dangerous locations.



Members Serving Our Country

Shevon Boykins is deployed in Korea.

Mary Colburn is now in Iraq; she is a friend of **Renee Hoppis**.

Mike Hill, now deployed to 3rd tour in Afghanistan.

Chuck Kerry is working for a contractor in Afghanistan. We also pray for his wife and daughter, **Becki (May) Kerry & Addison**.

Capt. Michael Krueger is now in Afghanistan. He is a friend of the **May** family.

Ken Yeatman, working in Afghanistan. We also pray for his family as they deal with his absence.

[Note: For addresses, see the list on the bulletin board.]

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 year, Children's Worship is conducted in rooms 223 and 221. Children are dismissed after communion.

Recordings: Recordings of sermons at Falls Church are available for no charge on our web site after about four days. Recordings also are available in CD format for \$5.00 and may be ordered by completing a CD order envelope located in the foyer.

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
(October through April)

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:30 pm

Office Hours 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Nursery Attendants

July 18, 2010

Morning Ruth Amores
Evening Ida Goetzing
 Denise Rachel

July 25, 2010

Morning Karen Barrett
 Jennifer Smith
Evening Sally Dasher
 S. Gunselman

Children's Worship

July 18, 2010

2/3s Abby Smith, Gina Tune
 P-Ks Wendy Ward, TBA

July 25, 2010

2/3s Matt & Dana Benskyy
 P-Ks A. Venkatesan, Kelly Busch

Elders

Joe Bryan Steve Dasher
 Wayne Doran Bill Kincaid
 Jim Lane Oliver McDaniel
 Sam O'Hanian Kevin Rachel
 Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
 Matt Benskyy Ben Bohannon
 Perry May Kevin Thie

Habtu Zemech

Missionaries

Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI
 Pedro & Mireya Batres - Nicaragua
 Clarence & Pam Campbell - South County, RI
 Josh & Tausha Grim - UVA/Piedmont, VA
 Henry & Rosa Gutierrez - Nicaragua
 Gene & Janice Luna - WBI/Guatemala
 Robert & Dawn Nilram - Lewistown, PA
 Omar & Tana Palafox - Leon, Mexico
 Recardo & Monica Reyes - Cuernavaca, Mex.
 Don & Esther Roarabaugh - Torrington, CT

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
 Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
 Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*

Worship Today, July 18, 2010

Hymn #47	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
Hymn #611	<i>Heavenly Sunlight</i>
Prayer	Mark Dawson
Hymn #18	<i>Faithful Love</i>
Communion/Collection	Joseph Tucker
Hymn #852	<i>When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder</i>
<i>(Children, ages 2 through pre-K, dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Scripture Reading (John 7:1-13)	Richard Bowles
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #837	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>
Announcements	Bill Kincaid
Introduction of Visitors	Joshua McKay
Prayer	Mark Shannon
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Song Leader	Marty Sims
Ushers	Barry Smith, Habtu Zemech

Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening, while Andrew McDaniel & Bill Kincaid will lead opening & closing prayers.

July Servers: Ryan Bates, Tre Berry, Paul Bohannon, Lee Cassetty, Andrew McDaniel, Beni Venkatesan, Randy Woods, Jr.

Statistics

Sunday, July 11, 2010

Bible Study	184
Morning Assembly	320
Evening Assembly	No Service
Contribution	\$(Not known)
YTD Average	\$(Not known)
Budget Goal	\$11,507

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

Classes	No Count
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Wednesday, July 21

Song Leader - Tom Land
Prayer - Richard Bowles