

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

Happy New Year!!

In your hymn books this morning you will find a daily Bible reading schedule for 2012. As I've mentioned before, this is a modified chronological reading. If you read through the Bible last year, congratulations! I hope you will tell me that you have done that. Whether you completed the readings last year or not, I hope you will start again this year. Remember: The readings are on the calendar on our website and each day, there is a devotional on that day's reading also on the website.

David said: "I have hidden God's word in my heart that I might not sin against him" (Psalm 119:11). One of the ways we can do that is through daily Bible reading, but another way is by committing scripture to memory. To encourage you in this, each week in our bulletin I will share with you some passage of scripture and comment on it. I hope you will join me in committing it to memory, to heart, and to life. This week's scripture comes from 1 Corinthians 13:4 - 7. It reads as follows:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

This is what it means to love. It is precisely the way God acts toward us and it is the way of life that Jesus said defined his followers. Love is so much a part of God's nature that it moved the apostle John to write (twice) "God is love." If I had to select the most important characteristic of a Christian, it would be the characteristic of "loving." We must love God first, but in the same way we love God, we must love our spouse, our children, and one another in the church. I cannot think of a better way to begin 2012 than by writing on our mind and heart this, Paul's description of what it means to love.

I pray for you a wonderful, healthy, prosperous, faithful 2012.

Mike



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Today is New Year's Day - a time to celebrate the previous year and the coming year; a time to contemplate the last year and think of things to change about ourselves for the coming year. A New Year's resolution is a great thing to do. We resolve to do some things differently or better. We resolve to leave bad or unhealthy habits behind and start good and healthy ones. Even though we pretend that the new year is completely new, all the baggage from the previous year comes along with us.

Whatever bad choices or difficulties we dealt with in 2011 will come with us into 2012. The converse is true too. Whatever good choices or joys we had in 2011 will come with us into 2012.

We are still the same person we were. We have to work thru the old to get to the new.

This is also true for followers of Jesus with one big exception - when we gave our life to Jesus thru Baptism. We came out of the water a new creation filled with the Holy Spirit. We still have some of the old baggage too.

The difference is we are not alone in changing our lives! First, the blood of Jesus has forgiven us of our sins and made peace between us and the Father. Second, the Holy Spirit gives us the power and courage to live new life we have been called to. Third, we are part of the church, a community of fellow pilgrims working together to help each other.

A New Year's Resolution only has the power of one person's will to make changes in that person's life. A commitment to follow Jesus has the power of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit along with all the fellow believers behind it to change lives!

GRACE + PEACE  
*John B. [Signature]*

## Combined Adult Bible Class Today

From **Kevin Rachel** on behalf of the Elders:

“Everyone is encouraged to join the combined adult Bible class in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday morning. There will be a brief video showing events at Falls Church during 2011 and a lesson from God’s Word encouraging us to look forward with confidence to the coming year.”

The deadline for donations to “**Support U. S. Armed Forces**” has been extended until today, January 1, according to **Gina Tune**. The donations will purchase gift packages to support both members of the military as well as their families. **Please make out your check to Gina Tune and give it to her or to Clayton Tune by TODAY.**

## 2nd Sunday Fellowship - First in 2012 - Set for Jan. 8; No Evening Service Next Sunday

Our first **2nd Sunday Fellowship** of the New Year will take place next Sunday, Jan. 8, after the morning assembly.

As is our custom, there will be **NO EVENING SERVICE** next Sunday.

And **Agape Groups 1 & 4** will be the “Duty Hosts” for the event.

This will be a potluck luncheon, so each family is requested to bring a main dish PLUS two or the following three options:

1) a vegetable/side dish; 2) a salad (leafy, veggie, fruit, congealed, etc.); OR 3) a dessert.

**Agape Group 1** is Fairview Park Woods under **Ken & Lesya Yeatman**, with **Mike & Monica Tune** and **Beni & Amanda Venkatesan** as coordinators.

**Agape Group 4** is River Town Mews under **Caleb & Jenna Mayfield**, with **Dick & Genia Deibler** and **Phil & Heather Musser** as coordinators.

Two of our Elders are available after morning assembly in room 223 on the main level to meet with anyone who would like prayer for special concerns.



The Missions Committee will meet next Sunday following the Fellowship Luncheon.



## Ladies Bible Class Resumes

The **Ladies Bible Class** will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the usual time of 10:15 am. They will start the year with Ch. 9 of the book **Conquering Your Giants** by Nancy Eichman.

There will be a brown bag lunch following the class.

*Women's Bible Study*



## Baby Shower Planned

A Baby Shower to honor **Denise Haukkala** and her newborn daughter **Bonnie Renee** is planned for Jan. 22 at 4:30 pm. **Casey Waterston** is the lead hostess.

If you would like to help with this event, please contact her or **Nikki Frank**, Shower Coordinator.



Dear Falls Church Family,

Gary and I want to thank everyone who brought us meals and said prayers on behalf for my recent foot surgery. It really means so much to us! We love our Falls Church family!



Sincerely,  
**Dara and Gary Widner**

## Lads to Leaders

Children who are interested in Bible reading or leading singing or other activities are encouraged to add their names to the **Lads to Leaders** sign-up sheets in the lobby, and to attend the upcoming **Lads to Leaders** song leading classes that will be announced.

These classes are designed to encourage and train young people in much needed leadership skills.

# Winter Schedule for Adult Classes

## Wednesday Class to Start January 11

Topic	Class/Age Group	Teacher	Room
When God Builds a Church	All Adults	Mike Tune	FH

**When God Builds A Church** is the title of our Wednesday evening Bible study beginning January 4. The first class will introduce us to our study. In preparation for each of the following classes, we will read a chapter from Bob Russell's book *When God Builds A Church: 10 Principles for Growing a Dynamic Church* and prepare to discuss specific questions on that chapter. We will be looking at such topics as Leadership, Excellence, Participation, Fellowship and seven others. The book can be ordered online through Amazon, through your local bookstore, or from Mike Tune.

**NOTE: The listing for the winter quarter for Sunday morning can be found in the last week's Family Life.**



Do you want to listen to all the sermons preached at the Church of Christ in Falls Church? You can find them on our church's Sermon Blog (<http://cocfsermons.blogspot.com>). You can scan the qr code to the left with your smart phone or tablet and jump straight to the Sermon Blog. Here you can also subscribe to the Sermon Podcast which will automatically send the Sunday sermons to iTunes or your podcast reader of choice.

If you enjoyed Mike Tune's series on the Book of Revelation, all the sermons are available online at the Sermon blog (<http://cocfsermons.blogspot.com/search/label/Revelation>). You can scan the qr code to the right with your smart phone or tablet and jump straight to the Revelation sermons.



### Housing Sought

A young woman from Seattle, WA, will be in this area, working as a nanny, for one to two months, beginning this month or in February. She is a member of the church and hopes to find a room to rent from a Christian family for this brief time. She will have her own transportation. If you have, or know of, a room, please call the church office for information.

### Memorial Donations List

There is a list on the members bulletin board regarding memorial contributions. This list includes the names of the deceased with the date of passing, the name and address for the donation, and the name and address of the person who should receive acknowledgement of that gift.

## Pedro Salvador Batres, Nicaragua

*Pedro Batres has served in the mission fields of Nicaragua and Guatemala since 1969. He is a native of El Salvador and a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. He and his wife, Mireya, who holds a degree in social service and is from Nicaragua, worked in Guatemala from 1985 to 2000, when they moved to Nicaragua. He is an evangelist in Managua and the surrounding areas, and is a popular guest speaker at special events.*



October 20, 2011

Dear brothers:

Receive fraternal greetings from Managua, Nicaragua. On Wednesday I tried to write but we were without electricity; minutes later returned the service but I was serving other purposes. So, here I am again and I have no interruption.

As you know, we've had heavy rains throughout Central America and this has brought severe hardship to the entire area, including loss of lives. Thank God, the church in Nicaragua has not lost members, and no one has been severely affected. But nationwide, there is a high number of families who are suffering, according to the news of the moment. Despite all the rain, we have not suspended any meeting in the local church, all programs are developing normally, including visitation program to households as well as our services every Saturday, and household attendance has maintained between 30 and 40.

Every Saturday (except a few) we worship in a different home, an activity that encourages the family and we invite all attendees. So far we have held about 25 meetings in the homes of 25 families, from February until now. Just next Saturday, October 22, we celebrate one closer to the neighborhood where I live. Each session lasts one hour starting at six o'clock.

Other programs of the church "New Libya" are continuing to enjoy the support of our Lord and of Christians. Sunday attendance has remained stable, amounting to two shifts, and we are always between 200 and 230, including children and youth. On Tuesday of next week we will be a group from this church to visit the prisoners in the main prison located about 20 kms. outside of Managua. In that prison is a small church composed only of inmates, about fifty (sometimes more, sometimes less because some people have been released). This is a combined effort with the church of km. 20 in Tipitapa and we Christians of both congregations.

Our radio program continues without interruption and I am pleased to be training four Christians for the

ministry. We have different topics, we receive phone calls from different locations, we offer free literature and I have visited several contacts. Sometimes the radio station has technical problems that affect the transmission of our program but that has improved lately despite the bad rains. The owner is making investments in this radio to improve its quality.

Brethren, having written and I'm glad I beg you to please say hello from me to their families and the whole church in Falls Church with its bishops, deacons, ministers and teachers. Soon I will send some pictures related to the construction of new church facilities "New Libya."

With brotherly affection;

*Pedro Salvador Batres*

NOTE: Below are photos of the construction of a new facility for "New Libya." The congregation purchased additional land with a contribution from Falls Church. An auditorium will be built when funds are available. The photo at the bottom shows the new and the old fronts doors for this thriving congregation.

### Prayer Reminders:

Blanca Alvarez, Dot & Haldon Arnold, John Bowden, Eloise Fishback, Winnie & Desiree Flint, Ann Ford, Joe & Zula Garrett, Larry Goodrich (and his family, all of whom lost homes in wildfires), Frances & Ed Harris, Diana Kuhn, Joshua McKay, his mother Dawn & sister Molly, Alma Milligan, Augustino Olango, Lee, Mariko & Elena Price, Sylvia Sartori, Jeremy Sims, Bess Smith, Mildred Smith, Candice Spiess, Ellie & Don Thie, Naomi Thomas, Barbara & Harry Thompson, Erica Walker-Chenevert, Roxie Weese, Susan Weese, Charles Welch, Lois Woods, Ken & Lesya Yeatman.



Pray  
WITHOUT  
CEASING

We express our sympathy to  
**Gina Tune's** stepmother **Debbie Pfannerstill**, whose father,  
**R. C. Evans** passed away  
Dec. 27.



### Good News:

**Sharon Holland's** surgery last week went well and she can now lift her arm fully. After physical therapy, she hopes to be free of chronic pain.

**Michelle Freeman** reports that her brother **Byron Zaharius** is now home safely from overseas.

### Prayer Requests:

**Alma Milligan** is scheduled for surgery on Jan. 13.

### Continuing Concerns

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

**Sue Adams**, cancer treatments (mother of **Erin Adams**, 12/25);

**Anneliese Alderman**, dementia (mother of **Rob Alderman**, 1/1);

**Sandra Arevalo**, chemotherapy, and **Doris Williams**, cancer (sister and friend of **Jose Arevalo**, 1/1);

**Gary Allmond's** stepfather, **Paul Barcomb**, will have surgery Jan.23; his father **Steve Allmond** is scheduled for thyroid surgery Feb. 16; and his sister and her husband, **Shanda & Jeremy Noe** are experiencing some troubles (12/25);

**David Benson**, recovering from accident (grandson of **Frances Harris**, 12/18);

**Richard Bowles' friend Sean**, making progress (12/25);

**Mary Boyce**, not doing well; **Greta Harvey & Robin McLemore**, doing well on new medications; **Darlene Walker & Angela Watson**, improving; **Vanessa Lovejoy**, cancer (friends or relatives of **Erica Walker-Chenevert**, 12/25);

**Jack Cameron**, heart disease (husband of **Renee Hoppis's** cousin **Yvonne**, 1/1);

**Kimmy Campbell**, cancer has returned (friend of **Patti French**, 1/1);

**Stephanie Carter**, problems with new assignment (former member, 1/1);

### Continuing Concerns (from first column)

**Carrie Coenen**, new diagnosis of liver cancer plus additional surgery (friend of **Fern Musteen**, 12/18);

**Tom Cooney**, still very ill (friend of **Crystal Berry**, 12/18);  
**Danny Edmonds & his family** as they deal with his incurable cancer (Lindauer Rd. C of C in Forrest City, AR, 1/1);  
**Claudia Lopez Espinoza**, thyroid cancer (sister of **Ignacio Espinoza**, 12/25);

**Kaylee Farnsworth**, much improved (3-year-old daughter of youth minister in Florida, 12/18);

**Malcolm Fentress**, chemotherapy (brother-in-law of **Paul Smith**, 1/1);

**Deloris Freeman**, now on dialysis, and **Betty Shaver**, cancer treatment (friends of **Vickie Witt**, 12/25);

**Mary Gallagher**, one more eye surgery this month (sister of **Jim Shoehard**, 1/1);

**Joe Gantt** is doing very well in treatment for cancer (brother of **Martha Ashley**, 12/25);

**Nadine Grigsby**, stroke (mother of **Susan Smith**, 1/1);

**Helen Harris**, serious health issues, and **Ollie May**, arthritis and other issues (mother and aunt of **Benita Harris**, 12/25);

**Christine Henderson**, continuing cancer treatment, and **Roger Jones**, improving slowly (friend and father of **Heather Jones**, 1/1);

**Lynn Huff**, stroke (mother of **Billie Bohannon & Sylvia Sartori**, 1/1);

**Megan Jarrell**, starting another round of chemotherapy (cousin of **Jon Hessling**, 12/18);

**John Kline**, chemotherapy (brother of **Winnie Flint**, 1/1);

**Frances Maxwell**, cancer (mother of **Melanie Barham**, daughter-in-law of **Donna Barham**, 1/1);

**James McCollum**, serious health problems and now out of work, & **Nicole Tenorio**, recovering from accident (friend & relative of **Mary Jo Allmond**, 12/25);

**Jaden Morrow**, infant undergoing cancer treatment, and his mother **Brittney Trainor** (friends of **Angela & Rebecca Eckstone-Hayes**, 1/1);

**Lenora Pong**, more chemotherapy (friend to many, 1/1);

**Brittney Roberts**, continuing family issues (sister of **Abby Smith**, 12/25);

**Christina Rucker**, chemotherapy and expecting a child (friend of **Becki May Kerry**, 1/1);

**Bertha Sullivan**, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 1/1);

**Jency Taliaferro**, cancer (former member, 1/1);

**Amy Wassenberg**, bone cancer (friend of **Jose & Jackie Arevalo**, 12/25);

**John Whalen**, now in rehab but still not well (friend of **Dorothy Eckert**, 1/1);

**Linda Weatherby**, cancer, and her husband **Joe Ramirez**, lymphoma (friends of **Anna Souza**, 12/25);

**Laurie Whiteman**, recovering from surgery (friend of **Scott & Susan Rosen**, 1/1);

**John Whalen**, quite ill (father of **Kevin Whalen**, co-worker of **Dorothy Eckert**, 12/25);

**Erin Widner**, difficult time with unborn child (daughter-in-law of **Gary & Dara Widner**, 12/25);

**Belinda Wynkoop**, serious health problems, and her mother **Aileen** (former members, 1/1).

We pray for the safety of loved ones serving in dangerous locations: in Afghanistan - **Shevon Boykins-Saide, Chuck Kerry [plus his wife & daughter Becki (May) & Addison Kerry in his absence], Keith Pangle, Rolando Rufino**; in Iraq - **Jay Stewart & Rogelio Viera**; overseas - **Justin Cauthen & Paul Cummings**.

(Cont'd in next column)

## 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.

## Nursery Attendants

### January 1, 2012

#### Morning

Teresa Bryan  
Joanne Carter

#### Evening

Agnes Jones

### January 8, 2012

#### Morning

Ruth Amores  
Ruth Bennsky

#### Evening

NO EVENING  
SERVICE

## Children's Worship

### January 1, 2012

2/3 Heather Roelke, Candice Spiess  
P-K Gayla Keller, Misty Marshall

### January 8, 2012

2/3 Gina Tune, Abby Smith  
P-K Dana & Matt Bennsky

## Worship Today, January 1, 2012

Hymn #193

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Hymn #58

*A Charge to Keep I Have*

Prayer

Joshua McKay

Hymn #314

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Communion/Collection

Steve Dasher

Hymn #642

*Let the Lower Lights Be Burning*

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

Bible Reading (Psalm 119:1-8)

Hal Swetnam

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #950

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*

Announcements

Jim Lane

Introduction of Visitors

Brandon Durant

Prayer

Brandon Durant



Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Matt Bennsky, John Waterston

Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening; Peter Franco & Barry Smith will lead prayers.

January servers: Jose Arevalo, Joe Bohannon, Mark Shannon, Robert Spiess, Jay Truitt, Jerry 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** Bible Classes 7:15 pm

**Office Hours** 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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### Elders

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

### Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo  
Matt Bennsky Ben Bohannon  
Ignacio Espinoza Perry May  
Joshua McKay Scott Mills  
Saul Reyes Kevin Thie  
John Waterston Ken Yeatman

Habtu Zemech

### Missionaries

Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI  
Pedro & Mireya Batres - Nicaragua  
Clarence & Pam Campbell - South County, RI  
Henry & Rosa Gutierrez - Nicaragua  
Gene & Janice Luna - WBI/Guatemala  
Deanna Meredith - Concepcion, Chile  
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*

## Statistics

### Sunday, December 25, 2011

Bible Study 146  
Morning Assembly No Count  
Evening Assembly No Count  
Contribution \$10,764  
YTD Average \$11,388  
Budget Goal \$11,577

### Wednesday, December 28, 2011

Classes & Online 87

**Wednesday, Jan. 4**

**Prayer - Don Thie**

**Song Leader - Joseph Tucker**