

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

Ages ago, the efforts of churches to reach their communities for Jesus climaxed each year with a Gospel Meeting. Also sometimes called “revivals” (and beginning in 1949 “crusades”) these worship

assemblies focused heavily on pointing the way to Christ and motivating people to leave the way of the world and take that road less traveled.

Churches of Christ also conducted these, sometimes in tents, and at other times in huge auditoriums. Jimmy Allen, former professor of Bible at Harding University, preached at 1,400 of these during his career, resulting in 37,000 public commitments to Christ – including 10,000 baptisms. But Allen wasn't the only preacher doing them.

The revivals worked best when people talked to their friends about being a Christian, why it was important and what Christ meant to them. Having planted the seed, and lived the life, their friends were often willing to come to a church service to hear a preacher talk more formally about it. Many were introduced to Christianity this way, made their profession of faith, and became Christians.

These revivals (gospel meetings, crusades) continue in many parts of our nation. I know churches that plan their gospel meetings years in advance, and good preachers who are booked to preach them as far as five years ahead.

A huge Gospel Meeting is being planned for August 28 - September 1 by churches in the metropolitan area. The venue will be the Washington Hilton Hotel on Connecticut Ave. NW. The speaker will be Dr. Jack Evans, former president of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, TX. Worship assemblies will be held each evening – but the event is so grand that there is a lot more to it than that.

I, however, have run out of space. Hold that thought. I want to tell you a little about the background to this particular event, and some reasons why it is so important, but that will have to wait. More information in two weeks.

Love you all.

Mike



I have said this before but it is important to say again. Satan is a liar! His lies come in a variety of forms and from a variety of sources.

Sometimes these lies are obvious and sometimes they are subtle. These lies tempt us to make choices that will lead us into a life of unrighteousness, self-deception and sin. Many times

people are led into a life of sin and find themselves so deep they don't know how to get out. They feel they have to keep going deeper and deeper because to turn around would be to admit they were wrong. So they lie and cover up what they have done so as not to face the consequences of believing a Satanic lie, giving in to temptation and sinning! Initially repenting of your sinful ways may cause some pain and trouble but we, as the LORD's people, know if we don't repent the end result of sin is death.

What can be done?

The LORD made the first move in solving what is sometimes called “the sin problem.” That move would be sending the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus shows us how to live as one of the LORD's people free from sin. Jesus dies as an atoning sacrifice for sin. Jesus is resurrected to give us victory over death.

We also need to put on the full Armor of God (Ephesians 6.10) as Paul tells the believers in Ephesus. This Armor will allow us to stand against the Devil's evil schemes. With this armor on, we can stand when the “day of evil” or temptations come our way. People who live without this Armor have no defense against Satan and his lies. They fall into sin and temptation because they have no defense! We as the LORD's people do have a defense in the Armor of God.

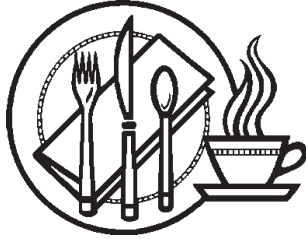
We also have a defense by listening to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is that part of God the lives inside of everyone who follows Jesus. This part of God that lives inside of us gives us the strength and courage to stand against Satanic temptation. If we are living in the Holy Spirit and are ready by putting on the Armor of God we can see the truth of the lies Satan sends our way and overcome!

GRACE + PEACE
AHLB

2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner Coming up Today

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship Event** is scheduled for today after the evening service.

AGAPE Groups 3 and 6 are the “duty” groups for this dinner. **Group 3** is Westfield Woods under **Richard & Rachel Bowles** and **Group 6** is Potomac Acres under **Vickie Witt**.



This will be a finger food dinner, so each family is requested to bring:

- ◆ a tray of sandwiches AND EITHER...
- ◆ a tray of *hors d'oeuvres*, veggies or fruit with or without dip, chips with or without dip OR
- ◆ a bite-size dessert (something that does NOT require a fork).

VBS Volunteer Meeting Set for June 26

A **VBS Volunteer Meeting** is set for Sunday, June 26, at 5 pm in R. 121.

This is for ALL volunteers - those who have already signed up and those who have been “thinking” about it! The purpose of the meeting is for all volunteers to receive further information about VBS and the role each person has been assigned.



For further details, talk to creative and energetic organizer **Amanda Venkatesan**.



There is an immediate opening for a **Sunday evening teacher for the 4 and 5 year old class**. Usually there are about 5 children and all materials will be provided. Talk to **Scott Mills** about filling this position through the end of the quarter.

Benevolence Committee Quarterly Meeting Set for Today, 12:15 pm

The **Benevolence Committee** will have its Quarterly Meeting TODAY about 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Talk to **Wayne** or **Jean Doran** for further information.



The **Annual Graduate Dinner** to honor high school seniors is set for Saturday, June 18 (That is NEXT weekend) from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The buffet meal, at \$10 per person, will be catered by Romano’s Macaroni Grill and will include garden salad, chicken marsala, lasagna and spaghetti with meatballs.

Please sign up with Josh Byrd who, naturally, needs to know how much food to order!

Congratulations!

Congratulations are extended to **Adria Tippins Owens** on the safe arrival of a niece **Alaina Tippins**. Born on June 4, Alaina weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz., and was 21 in. tall. She joins older sister **Brielle Ann**, 20 months. Proud parents are Adria’s brother and sister-in-law **Andrew & Bridget Tippins** of Surprise, AZ.



Reminders:

- ❖ **Housing** is still needed for two young women who will have internships in this area this summer. If you have room or know of any such facility, please contact the church office.
- ❖ **Augustino & Natalina Olango** needs jobs! Natalina is willing to clean, babysit or provide senior care. Augustino can manage property, do maintenance or yard work, or care for the elderly. Both are very hard workers.
- ❖ **June 30** is the deadline to contribute to the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in the name of our sister **Benita Harris**.

4th Annual Fellowship and Fireworks Set for July 3 & 4

College students and college age students - including upcoming freshmen - from the entire Mid-Atlantic region are invited to the **4th Annual Fellowship and Fireworks** coming up here at Falls Church on July 3 and 4.

This is a great opportunity to grow in the Word of God, to foster deeper communion with fellow young Christians, and to marvel at the splendor of our Nation's capital during the annual Independence Day celebration.

Josh Grim, the campus minister at the University of Virginia, and **Frank Sullivan**, the campus minister at Virginia Tech and the minister for the Blacksburg, VA, congregation which oversees that work, will be the guest speakers to the theme of "Victory in the Lord." They will emphasize the unique nature of each individual, coupled with the unfathomable power of God.

As a special "bonus" feature, the event is cost-free to the students. All food, lodging and transportation are provided!

Josh is well known to us, having spoken here before. His work with UVA through the Rugby Ave. Church of Christ in Charlottesville began in January 2009 and since then he has founded an on-campus student organization called "Hoos in Christ." Activities include weekly Bible studies, men's and women's Bible studies, devotionals, small groups, campus outreach, and annual retreats with universities from West Virginia and Virginia. They also attend the "Connect Conference," an annual campus ministry seminar designed to share ideas about strengthening the presence of Christ on campus.

He and his wife **Tausha** are from West Virginia, and they were baptized in their respective home congregations of Pine Grove and Marlinton. She is an RN in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the University of Virginia Children's Hospital. They are the parents of a daughter, **Kenidy**, born Jan. 13, 2010.

Frank Sullivan has served as Virginia Tech campus minister, through the Blacksburg Church of Christ, since August 2010. Previous ministry work was with churches in metropolitan Detroit and in Missoula, MT. Frank was brought up by his grandparents in Lewisburg, TN, and he is a 1992 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in Cultural Geography. He has made a dozen mission trips to China and Vietnam and is the Bible Director for the Alberta Rockies Wilderness Camp.



He and his wife **Tonia** have been married for 21 years and have three daughters, **Sarah**, 17; **Hannah**, 12; and **Emma**, 11. Frank has an extensive collection of atlases and enjoys travel, all sports, and telling "wacky bedtime stories" to his girls.

The program will start on Sunday, July 3, with participants meeting here for Bible Class and Worship, followed by lunch, an introduction and singing until 2:30 pm. The 1st session, 2:30 to 3:30 pm, will feature the words of Jeremiah 1:5, "Before you were born I set you apart." and of Psalm 139:14, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." A break, indoor games and dinner will follow, with a devotional at 8:30 pm and further fellowship until 10 pm.

On Monday, July 4, breakfast will be served from 7 to 9 am, followed by a devotional, with the 2nd session from 9:30 to 10:30 am. It will include the words of Jeremiah 1:6, "Lord I am too young," and from 1 Kings 3:7, "...I am a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties." That session will be followed by a break which will include lunch and devotionals.

The 3rd session, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, will include two more admonitions from Jeremiah, "Do not be afraid, I am with you," 1:8, and "I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked," 15:21.

Another break will follow until 5:30 pm when students pack a dinner and head for the U. S. Marine Memorial, often called the Iwo Jima Memorial, located on the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. After the fireworks, the group will return to church for a closing prayer and departure to their homes.

Habtu Zemech, the domestic missions representative for the Missions Committee, is directing this effort, with the active help of **Kevin Amores** and **Clark Richardson**.

All help from the Falls Church congregation will be appreciated in terms of providing food, helping to serve and clean up after the meals, and other odd jobs associated with any large group function.

Special Collection Set for Today for Disaster Relief

Natural disasters are strange things. We may recoil at the devastation, but still feel distant from it.

That isn't the situation with recent events. Think about the names on page 5, of the friends and family members - people we know or know of - who have been affected by the tornado rampage in the south, by floods along the Mississippi and by the monstrous storm that ripped through Joplin, MO.

That is just one more factor to keep in mind as you prepare your contribution for the **Special Collection for Disaster Relief** coming up today, June 12. This collection will follow the regular collection during our morning worship assembly.

Please write your check to **Church of Christ**, but designate it (on the memo line) for **Disaster Relief**. The Elders will then distribute the funds to the Church organization(s) where the funds are most needed.

Bobbi Moffett reports that extensive clean-up is underway in the Alabama town where her family lives, but many historic homes have been damaged beyond repair.

Heather Jones, whose family is in Alabama also, notes that the roads have been cleared, but still the heavy equipment hasn't been able to start clearing the debris from what used to be well-tended homes and yards. The church where her family attends held a community cookout recently for the survivors and the helpers.



She sent us some photos, including the one above, from the *Moulton Advertiser*.

Fern Musteen knows the minister of a small church in Joplin, as his mother was one of her closest friends when they were teens. His wife was in a Wal-Mart when the storm destroyed that building, and she was one of the few people who lived through it. This event was reported in *The Christian Chronicle*.

5th Annual Church Picnic Coming up on July 2 at Bluemont Park

It's that most wonderful time of the year.

Ok, so maybe it's not Christmas yet!

But just think about a soft breeze rustling through the leaves as you sit in your lawnchair and chat with friends.

Or think about hitting the sweet spot on a softball and then tearing around the bases.

Or think about all that lovely food - the burgers, the salads, the watermelon, the desserts.

Now thin to yourself, "I must put this on my calendar NOW" and then plan to be here for the **5th Annual Church Picnic and Softball Game** scheduled for **July 3 at Bluemont Park** in Arlington, VA. **Barry & Susan Smith** are the organizers this year. Their

expertise dates back many years to picnics at Bull Run Park in Manassas

The **softball game**, again under the leadership of **Beni & Amanda Venksatesan**, will start at **9:30 am**.

Everyone else should arrive no later than **11 am** with the food items that the AGAPE Groups are being asked to bring.

At noon, we will eat!

At 1 pm, those of us still able to move will waddle off to games and activities, while the more sedentary among us will remain in those nice lawnchairs while enjoying a delightful summer afternoon.

More details - directions and who is bringing what - will be forthcoming in future issues!

Falls Church Family Plans Outreach Trip to Torrington, CT

Falls Church members will travel to Torrington, CT, for a **congregational outreach July 13-17** (Wednesday through Sunday). **All members are invited to join this special event with our "old friends" in the Northeast.**

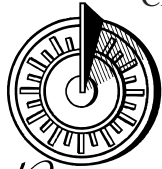
Falls Church has helped support the Torrington congregation since its establishment in 2003 by longtime missionaries **Steve and Maryann Bastin**. The Bastins retired in 2009, when the work was assumed by **Don and Esther Roarabaugh**, who were baptized by Steve Bastin 27 years ago at the Mid-Hudson congregation in Poughkeepsie, NY.

The photo at right shows Falls Church members helping with Vacation Bible School in 2004. Similar activities are planned this year - for children, teens/college students and adults, along with a possible service project. Usually our people stay with Torrington families and get to enjoy the special fellowship of those united in service to the Lord.



Prayer Reminders:

Blanca Alvarez, Dot & Haldon Arnold, Ken Beard, Crystal Berry, Antonio Carroll, Stephanie, J. D. & Quan Carter, Ruth Ditto, Eloise Fishback, Winnie & Desiree Flint, Randall & Ann Ford, Jody Freeman, Joe & Zula Garrett (Joe is on hospice care), Larry Goodrich, Joshua & Dawn McKay, Alma Milligan, Augustino & Natalina Olango, Lee, Mariko & Elena Price, Bess Smith, Ellie & Don Thie, Barbara & Harry Thompson, Otto Tune & his parents, Erica Walker-Chenevert, Roxie Weese, Susan Weese, Peggy Williams, Lois Woods, Ken & Lesya Yeatman.



Pray
WITHOUT
CEASING

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Miguel Rodriguez** and to the entire **Rodriguez** family on the death of his son **Nelson** in Guatemala. They are members of *Iglesia de Cristo*.



We express our deepest sympathy to **Michelle Freeman** whose aunt **Betty Brown** passed away June 6 after being removed from life support the previous day.

We offer our sincerest condolences to **Whitney Misch**, a close friend of **Mandy Smith**, on the death of his stepfather **Hugh Casey** June 7.

We pray for comfort for the family of **Carol Wiseman**, who has passed away. She was a longtime friend of **Jim Bates**.

Good News:

Lee Cassetty's gallbladder surgery Monday went well and we pray for his continued healing. He remains in Fairfax Hospital but hopes to go home this week.

Frances Harris is home now. However, the pain issues are still a problem and she really can use cards, calls and limited visits (call first).

Deanna Meredith reports that Concepcion has not suffered an impact from the volcano exploding in the southern part of Chile.

Karin Yeatman's surgery June 7 was successful in removing all the cancer, and there were no complications, but she remains in the hospital. She is the mother of **Ken Yeatman**.

Prayer Requests:

Jose Arevalo's sister **Sandra Arevalo**, is undergoing chemotherapy.

George Boike, **Bobbi Moffett's** father, has been hospitalized again, but is showing progress. Her sister **Ann Boike** continues to deal with severe pain.

Michelle Freeman requests prayer for her grandfather **Joe Stafford** who has been hospitalized for a stroke. His condition is complicated by dementia.

Kim & Tom Land ask for prayers as Kim will have further surgery soon to replace a piece of bone that has dislodged since her recent operation. They are quite discouraged, especially since Kim is still in pain.

We remember dear friends on hospice care - **Joe Garrett** and former member **Ben Barker**.

Prayer Needs Due to Storms

We continue to pray for those affected by recent storms, including **Bobbi Moffett's father and sister, George Boike & Ann Boike (still dealing with severe pain); Heather Jones's family; former members Beth Nichols, Sam & Shirley O'Hanian & Michelle Noblitt Perry, Bob & Nell Noblitt and Larry & Norma Perry; and Kim Land's sister Tracey and friends Susan & Mark Goble and their son Ben, in Birmingham.**

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, (5/22);

All who have been affected by the earthquake & tsunami in Japan (6/5);

Anneliese Alderman, dementia (mother of **Rob Alderman**, 5/29);

Ray Bedford, serious health issues (former member, 6/12); **David Benson**, recovering from accident (grandson of **Frances Harris**, 6/12);

Sean (Richard Bowles' friend), showing progress in his health battle (6/5);

Sharmaine Brennan, serious problems (friend of **Crystal Berry**, 6/5);

Kimmy Campbell, completed radiation treatment and preparing for surgery (friend of **Patti French**, 5/29);

Carrie Coenan, has had surgery and may have radiation treatment (friend of **Ferm Husteen**, 5/29);

Carlos Gandolfo, cancer and other serious health problems (friend of **Levenie Hughes**, 6/12);

Joe Gantt, health issues (brother of Martha Ashley, 6/12); **Nadine Grigsby**, recovering from stroke (mother of **Susan Smith**, 6/5);

Allen Himes, significantly improved after recent treatment (former member, 6/5);

Jameson Hudgins, 7-mo-old recovering from stroke (son of **Suzette Martian & Sam Hudgins**, friends of **Jessi Alvarez Arevalo**, 6/12);

Lynn Huff, stroke (mother of **Billie Bohannon & Sylvia Sartori**, 6/5);

Nancy Kolodner, recovering from cancer surgery prior to additional treatment (friend of **Martha Ashley**, 6/12);

Maleika Lewis, critically ill with lung failure (friend of **Adria Owens**, 5/22);

James McCollum, now improving from serious illness (friend of **Mary Jo Allmond's** co-worker, 6/12);

Glenn Olbricht,

Lenora Pong, doing well with chemotherapy (secretary at Silver Sping and close friend to many here (6/12);

Gilbert "Bud" Richardson, serious health issues (former member, 6/12);

Bertha Sullivan, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 6/5);

Jency Taliaferro, worsening condition in her fight with cancer (former members, 6/12)

Linda Weatherby, cancer (friend of **Anna Souza**, 5/29);

Laurie Whiteman, recovering from surgery (friend of **Scott & Susan Rosen**, 5/29);

Zevia, in remission from leukemia (daughter of **Abby Smith & Mandy Smith's** friend **Lauren**, 5/29).

We pray for the safety of loved ones serving in dangerous locations: **Shevon Boykins-Saide, Jack Harwood, Chuck Kerry [plus his wife & daughter Becki (May) & Addison Kerry in his absence], Joseph Mendoza, Christiana Porter & Byron Zaharias, Afghanistan; Jay Stewart, Iraq; Justin Cauthen, overseas.**

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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Habtu Zemech

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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

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Statistics

Sunday, June 5, 2011

Bible Study 195
Morning Assembly 307
Evening Assembly 131
Contribution \$10,479
YTD Average \$11,598
Budget Goal \$11,577

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Classes & Online 117

Nursery Attendants

June 12, 2011

Morning
A. Venkatesan
Karen Patrick

Evening
Sally Dasher

June 19, 2011

Morning
Fern Musteen
Erica W-Chenevert

Evening
Sylvia Sartori

Children's Worship

June 12, 2011

2/3 Heather Musser, Gayla Keller
P-K Patti French, Edith Welch

June 19, 2011

2/3 S. Gunselman, C. Waterston
P-K Lisa Byrd, Wendy Ward

Worship Today, June 12, 2011

Hymn #147	<i>I Stand Amazed</i>
Hymn #117	<i>Gos Is the Fountain Whence</i>
Prayer	Jeff Malcolm
Hymn #47	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
Communion/Collection	John Waterston
Special Collection for Disaster Relief	
Hymn #74	<i>Praise the Lord</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (Revelation 4:6b-11)	Gary Allmond
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
Hymn #383	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>
Announcements	Joe Bryan
Introduction of Visitors	Jay Atkinson
Prayer	Jay Atkinson
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Song Leader	Marty Sims
Ushers	Perry May, Scott Mills

Robert Spiess will lead singing this evening. Ken Yeatman and Jim Bates will lead opening and closing prayers.

June servers: Tre Berry, Joe Bohannon, Mark Dawson, Ryan Dowdy, Richard Gunselman & Beni Venkatesan

Wednesday, June 15
Song Leader - Clark Richardson
Prayer - Richard Bowles