

# Family Life

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## Tune's Notes

Nearly 600 years ago, a German preacher named Luther wrote: "Let us then consider it certain, and conclusively established, that the soul can do without all things except the Word of God. Where the Word of God is absent, there is no help for the soul in anything else whatever. But if the soul has the Word, it is rich and lacks nothing, since this Word is the Word of life, of truth, of light, of peace, of righteousness, of salvation, of joy, of liberty, of wisdom, of power, of grace, of glory, and of every blessing beyond our power to estimate."

I would not for a moment denigrate the importance of God's Spirit in illuminating Scripture and cultivating the fruit of godliness. Nor would I depreciate the value of studying the scriptures in community, where collective wisdom from God, anchored to his Word and informed by experience, explains, encourages and restrains. But frankly, all the community and Holy Spirit in the world will not create holiness apart from God's written word. Of all the traits that should characterize our identity as Christians, the single most important one is a "hunger for the Word of God."

Throughout ancient Israel's history, this one holy hunger was often absent. And at one point, God said, "...because you don't want my word, it will disappear." (Amos 8:11-12 is more poetic, but that's what it means). Sure enough, it did.

I'm not afraid that somehow the Bible will disappear. The Bible will always be here. I am afraid, however, that it simply won't matter. Laid aside, unopened, existing outside our normal and regular stream of consciousness, it will become misplaced – as good as lost. And even if later found, it will be useless because the finder will have no experience in opening its covers.

Don't let it happen! Be a part of the solution, not the problem. Read your Bible every day. And follow that reading with participation in the learning community of Bible class.

Love you all.

Mike

(P.S. The quote is from Martin Luther, "A Treatise on Christian Liberty" in Three Treatises p. 23)



## Stories: Unholy Story

We are all living out a life story. The specifics of our stories vary but we are essentially living out one of two plot lines. The first plot line is the oldest one. This is the LORD's Story that started with the creation of the world and is continuing thru today.

We may also think of this as the Holy Story or the Lamb's Story. We will come back to this story later.

The second plot line is the World's Story. We can also think of it as the Unholy Story or the Satanic Story. This story is not so old as the LORD's Story, and is in fact a distortion of the LORD's Story. It starts early in history when we still live in the Garden of Eden and at peace with the LORD. Satan enters and offers a temptation to be "like God." Satan distorts the fact that we were already created like God, being created in His image. Satan offers us a temptation not to be like the true God but to be like a god of our own creation. It is the temptation of control. Are you going to write your own story or submit to the LORD's story? When you walk away from the LORD's Story you start living an Unholy Story.

Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, spells out what this story looks like.

"The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like." (Galatians 5:19 - 20a)

This is a story where this world is all there is, and you better get all you can before you are gone. This is a story where you choose to be the center and use others in order to get what you want. The specifics of how one lives out this Unholy Story will be different, but the end is the same - death.

Look back over the list Paul gives us again. Is this the kind of story you want to live? If not, stay tuned we will talk more about the Lamb's Story.

GRACE+PEACE  
AHL

## 2nd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon Coming Up Next Sunday, July 10, After Morning Service; No Evening Service on July 10

Our next **2nd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon** is set for next Sunday, July 10, after the morning assembly. **AGAPE Group 1** (Fairview Park Woods under **Ken & Lesya Yeatman**) and **AGAPE Group 5** (Burke Springs Lakes under **Dave & Leslie Miller**) will be the “duty” groups for that event. **If you don’t know your group, a revised list is attached with this bulletin.]**

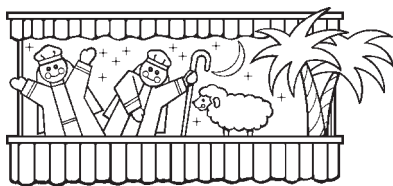
As is our custom, there will be **NO EVENING SERVICE** on July 10.

This will be a potluck luncheon, so each family is requested to bring a main dish and 2 of the following 3 items: 1) a side dish; 2) a salad - leafy, potato, fruit, congealed; OR 3) a dessert.

### FELLOWSHIP



### DINNER



### Vacation Bible School

**Vacation Bible School** online registration began Friday, July 1. VBS is set for Friday Aug. 12 through Saturday morning Aug. 13. See **Amanda Venkatesan** for further information.



The **Missions Committee** will meet Sunday,, July 10. The specific time is to be determined.

## “An Evening in Song” Planned by Agape Group 3 on July 16 at 7 pm

**An Evening in Song** to glorify God, enrich our hearts and encourage one another is planned by Agape Group 3 for Saturday, July 16 here at the building.

The singing will run from 7 to 8:30 pm, followed by a dessert reception from 8:30 to 9:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

*[NOTE: This event starts at 7 pm, NOT at 5 pm as listed on the July calendar in last week’s bulletin.]*

Multiple song leaders from area churches, including Falls Church song leaders Marty Sims & Clayton Tune, will lead singing in this program for all ages. Please note that **ALL ARE INVITED**, not just Group 3.

Please RSVP to let the organizers know you are coming in order to ensure sufficient desserts. Additional assistance with the reception will be **GREATLY** appreciated as well!!! You do not have to be a member of Group 3 to help!

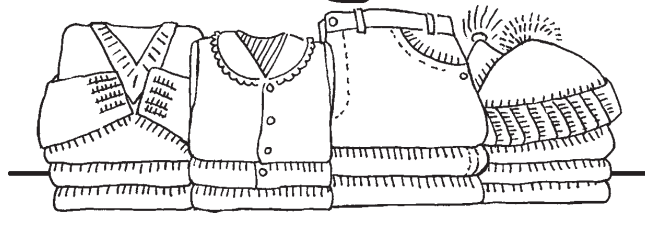


## Clothing Drive for Victims of Alabama Tornadoes

Clean, gently used clothing - plus **NEW AND UNOPENED PACKAGES OF UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS** - are being collected for the survivors of the recent tornadoes in Alabama. Please bring in clothing - all sizes - and sort the items into the three boxes in the lobby, for men, women or children.

**Catherine and Janice McDaniel and Clark Richardson** are directing this collection. Clark will work with his brother in Alabama to deliver the supplies. The collection began June 19 and will continue through July 17.

### Clothing Drive



# Welcome Our Newest Members

Take time to get to know this vivacious and friendly couple, **Manny & Amelia Avila**.

Manny was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, but his Mother established residence in this country so her children would have more opportunities. Manny and his sister Mabel moved to Brooklyn, NY, when he was thirteen and she was twelve.

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy right after high school through the Delayed Entry Program, allowing him to enter at age 16 with his Mother's permission. He served 5 years of active duty as an electrician specialist aboard an LST1191 at Long Beach, CA, and then transferred to Norfolk, VA, as an Electricians Mate until 1986. He remained in the Naval Reserves until 1993 and then transferred to the U. S. Air Force Reserves until retiring in 2008 after 28 years of serves, from McGuire AFB, NJ. He went o work for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 1986 as a maintenance mechanic. He still works for FAA in Washington as a Senior Management Expert for the FAA Navigations, Communications and Environmental Systems, under Technical Operations Services.

Amelia was born in Clarksburg, WV, and lived in Grafton, WV, until completing high school. She has three brothers, and is especially close to her oldest brother Fred as well as to her nephew, now in the U. S. Marines, and to her nieces Mykalah and Megan. She also has a "second family," Stan and Pam Jenkins who provided her a home while her mother was working in Parkersburg, WV. There, Amelia had two more "brothers," Ben and Andy. In fact, Andy was in college so Amelia had his room, which was decorated in Sports Illustrated pictures! She remained with the Jenkins family until finishing high school, and while there, also stayed involved with the church.

After high school, she came to this area to complete her education and go to work. She also works for FAA, as a Management Analyst for System Operations and Efficiencies. She works with system efficiency metrics and analysis as well as program and financial management.



**Manny & Amelia Avila**

And it was here, at work, that Manny and Amelia met. Each needed a date for different holiday parties, so each agreed to go with the other. As Amelia puts it, "The rest is still history in the making!" They were married April 24, 2004, at Bolling AFB.

Manny enjoys boating, swimming, racquet ball, working out, traveling, spending time with his dogs and his wife and spoiling all of them rotten! Amelia enjoys just about anything outside in all seasons, gardening, reading, music, travel, food, loving her husband and also two children-dogs Lionel and Cleo Patra, and going on adventures with all of them!

They also are excited to have found Falls Church. They attended several congregations before coming here and are happy to be "home." She was baptized at the Whitehall Church of Christ in Fairmont, WV, while Manny was baptized here at Falls Church.

And they are looking forward to getting to know other members and becoming involved, even after moving to Catlett, VA, later this year!

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## *Song Long to Stephanie & J. D. Carter*

**Stephanie Carter** and her son **J. D.** have moved to Richmond as part of her work. Stephanie's last Sunday was June 19, but unfortunately she was ill and didn't have the strength to hug everyone goodbye.

Stephanie was here last weekend to collect a few more items before making Richmond her new home.

We pray that God will be with her and J. D.



## Falls Church Outreach to Torrington, CT, Is Both Uplifting and Fun

Falls Church began contributing to the congregation in Torrington in 2003, when **Steve and Maryann Bastin** chose that Northeastern city to start a church.

The Bastins retired from that work about two years ago, and **Don and Esther Roarabaugh** assumed that work.

Over the last eight years, Falls Church has made two outreach trips to Torrington, and this year will be the third such effort. In addition to the opportunity to serve another community, this trip affords the fellowship of both other Falls Church members and also of the members in Torrington who offer their homes

On top of that, it's fun. Just ask anyone who has gone before!

As in previous years, Falls Church members will help with a Vacation Bible School, using the theme of Joseph from a similar program used in Rhode Island last year (scenes below).

Torrington is located in the northwest corner of Connecticut, and is the largest town in Litchfield County, with a little under 40,000 people. Established in 1735, it was incorporated in 1740. Situated in the Naugatuck River Valley, in its early years it became a mill town. Wool, brass and other metals drove the economy. The real growth came in the early 1900's with immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe.

Although the loss of many mills hurt the economy, nevertheless the city has rebounded with strong commercial interests. It also enjoys centers for the arts and for acting, including the newly refurbished Warner Theater.

However, there probably won't be time for sight-seeing.

In addition to the VBS, there will be ample opportunities to share the word of God.



The 2007 Falls Church group!  
Recognize anyone?



Habtu Zemech (right) works on a skit showing that the entire body is needed - not just the eye or hand!



Sophia (Zemech) Habtu holds up a souvenir of craft time!



Robert Spiess at work with VBS



VBS in South County, RI, in 2010

### Prayer Reminders:

Blanca Alvarez, Dot & Haldon Arnold, Ken Beard, Crystal & Tre Berry, Antonio Carroll, Lee Cassetty, Ruth Ditto, Eloise Fishback, Winnie & Desiree Flint, Randall & Ann Ford, Jody Freeman, Joe & Zula Garrett, Larry Goodrich, Frances & Ed Harris, Kim & Tom Land, Joshua & Dawn McKay, Alma Milligan, Augustino & Natalina Olango, Lee, Mariko & Elena Price, Bess Smith, Candice Spiess, Ellie & Don Thie, Barbara & Harry Thompson, Erica Walker-Chenevert, Roxie Weese, Susan Weese, Peggy Williams, Lois Woods, Ken & Lesya Yeatman.



### Good News:

**Steve & Sally Dasher** report that their daughter-in-law **Bronwyn Dasher** is doing well after her recent hospitalization.

**Nancy Kolodner**, a member at Manassas, is doing well with her cancer treatment. We are grateful for this progress.

**Ethel Thomas** reports that her sister **Marian Tucker** is considerably improved, enough to be moved back to a rehab center in Marietta, OH, closer to her home.

### Prayer Requests:

**John Kline**, **Winnie Flint's** brother, will have a for possible cancer. Winnie also requests continued prayers for her neighbor in Florida, **Margarette Jovanovic**, who has recovered sufficiently to move to rehab.

**Jon Hessling** asks for prayers for his cousin **Megan Jarrell** of the Manassas congregation. Megan has been diagnosed with lymphoma and began chemotherapy last week.

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

**Shevon Boykins-Saide & Christiana Porter** are in Afghanistan.

**Jack Harwood** and **Byron Zaharias**, friend & brother respectively of **Michelle Freeman**, are in Afghanistan.

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

**Joseph Mendoza** is back in Afghanistan; he is married to **Yvonne May's** niece **Michelle**.

**Jay Stewart**, brother of **Karen Patrick**, is serving in Iraq.

**Justin Cauthen**, **Tom Land's** nephew, is serving overseas.

### 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 dealing with the aftermath of tornadoes and other storms across the south and midwest (6/19);**

**All those who need employment or have been affected by economic pressures, (6/19);**

**All who have been affected by the earthquake & tsunami in Japan (6/19);**

**Sue Adams**, cancer surgery (mother of **Erin Adams**, former member, 7/3);

**Anneliese Alderman**, dementia (mother of **Rob Alderman**, 6/26);

**Sandra Arevalo**, chemotherapy (sister of **Jose Arevalo**, 6/19);

**Ray Bedford**, serious health issues (former member, 7/3);

**David Benson**, recovering from accident (grandson of **Frances Harris**, 7/3);

**George Boike**, another hospitalization, and **Ann Boike**, dealing with severe pain (father & sister respectively of **Bobbi Moffett**, 6/19);

**Sean (Richard Bowles' friend)**, now dealing with new pain (7/3);

**Peter Buzzanell**, stroke (friend of **Joseph Marrero**, 7/3);

**Kimmy Campbell**, completed radiation treatment and preparing for surgery (friend of **Patti French**, 6/19);

**Carrie Coenan**, has had surgery and may have radiation treatment (friend of **Ferm Husteen**, 6/19);

**Carlos Gandolfo**, cancer and other serious health problems (friend of **Levenie Hughes**, 7/3);

**Joe Gantt**, undergoing tests (brother of **Martha Ashley**, 6/26);

**Nadine Grigsby**, recovering from stroke (mother of **Susan Smith**, 6/26);

**Jameson Hudgins**, 7-mo-old recovering from stroke (son of **Suzette Martian & Sam Hudgins**, friends of **Jessi Alvarez Arevalo**, 7/3);

**Lynn Huff**, stroke (mother of **Billie Bohannon & Sylvia Sartori**, 6/26);

**James McCollum**, slowly recuperating (friend of **Mary Jo Allmond**, 6/26);

**Glenn Olbricht**, still seriously ill (friend of **Kim & Tom Land**, 6/26);

**Lenora Pong**, doing well with chemotherapy (secretary at Silver Spring and close friend to many here (7/3);

**Gilbert "Bud" Richardson**, serious health issues (former member, 7/3);

**Joe Stafford**, stroke and other issues (grandfather of **Michelle Freeman**, 6/19);

**Bertha Sullivan**, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 6/26);

**Jency Taliaferro**, worsening condition in her fight with cancer (former members, 7/3)

**Linda Weatherby**, cancer (friend of **Anna Souza**, 6/19);

**Laurie Whiteman**, recovering from surgery (friend of **Scott & Susan Rosen**, 6/19);

**Karin Yeatman**, recovering from surgery (mother of **Ken Yeatman**, 6/26);

**Zevia**, in remission from leukemia (daughter of **Abby Smith & Mandy Smith's** friend **Lauren**, 6/19).

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

### Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo  
Matt Bensky 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, June 26, 2011

Bible Study 190  
Morning Assembly 328  
Evening Assembly 87 (SWA)  
Contribution \$14,553  
YTD Average \$11,631  
Budget Goal \$11,577

### Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Classes & Online 97

## Nursery Attendants

### July 3, 2011

#### Morning

Ruth Bensky  
Joanne Carter

#### Evening

Denise Rachel

### July 10, 2011

#### Morning

Ruth Amores  
Kathy Bowden

#### Evening

NO EVENING  
SERVICE

## Children's Worship

### July 3, 2011

2/3 Gina Tune, Abby Smith

P-K A. Venkatesan, Misty Marshall

### July 10, 2011

2/3 Heather Musser, Laurie Atkinson

P-K Patti French, Edith Welch

## Worship Today, July 3, 2011

<i>Hymn #514</i>	<i>Redeemed</i>
<i>Hymn #791</i>	<i>On Bended Knee</i>
Prayer	Joseph Tucker
<i>Hymn #924</i>	<i>Just As I Am</i>
Communion/Collection	Josh Grim
<i>Hymn #162</i>	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading ( <i>Revelation 7:9-17</i> )	Andrew McDaniel
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #666</i>	<i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i>
Announcements	Jim Lane
Introduction of Visitors	Gary Widner
Prayer	Gary Widner



Song Leader Marty Sims  
Ushers Ken Yeatman, Habtu Zemech

**Frank Sullivan** will be our guest speaker this evening. Clark Richardson will lead singing, while Grant Smith & Daniel Williams will lead opening and closing prayers.

July servers: Jay Atkinson, Mark Shannon, Robert Spiess, Jay Truitt, William Truitt & Jerry Williams

### Wednesday, July 6

**Song Leader - Clark Richardson**

**Prayer - Jim Lane**