

Family Life

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Picnic Memories - 2011

Our 5th Annual Falls Church Picnic came off on July 2 with the usual food, fun and festivities.

On the surface, that seems pretty routine.

But there is nothing ordinary about the good times that we here at Falls Church experience when we're together. We are blessed with a genuine fellowship and affection, and for that we are truly grateful.

Many thanks to organizers **Barry & Susan Smith**, to **Mike Tune & Caleb Mayfield** for manning the grills (at right), to **Heather Jones** who carted so much of the main course to the picnic and who also ran the bake-off (see p. 4), to **Beni & Amanda Venkatesan** for organizing the softball game, to **Roberto & Blanca Alvarez** and other *Iglesia de Cristo* members who added their special flavor to the food line, and to the AGAPE group leaders and members who brought all the ingredients for a great event!

Also thanks to **Nikii Frank** and **Susan Smith** for their photos on this page and also on page 4!



Even the doggies got into the spirit. Barrett (above), who resides with Mark & Michelle Freeman, takes on a basketball, although we didn't see

him dunk it! Neville Atticus Jones (above right) proves his high level of intelligence by positioning himself in front of a fan. He came with Heather Jones. And Sasha, who goes with Candy Thie, is shown relaxing in the shade!

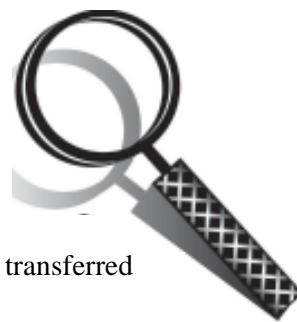


Floral Display Missing

The **Spring flower arrangement** that is supposed to be on the round table in the foyer has gone missing. This one includes red tulips, yellow daffodils and purple accents, and is not to be mistaken for the red, white and blue Summer arrangement which is there now.

If you happen to spot a stray flower arrangement just sitting around somewhere, please let **Candy Thie** know its whereabouts.

And PLEASE don't anyone "rearrange" these displays! Joan Work spent countless hours arranging just the "right" colors and motifs for each season, and now that she has transferred membership elsewhere, Candy has custody of them now!



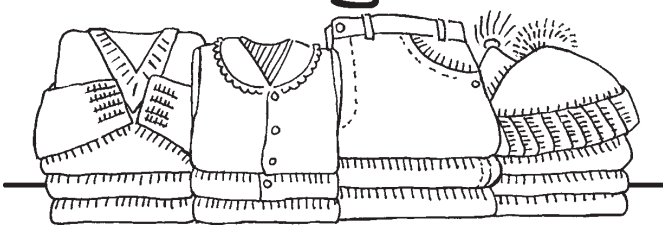
Clothing Drive for Victims of Alabama Tornadoes

The **Clothing Drive for survivors of the recent tornadoes in Alabama ends today!**

Clean, gently used clothing - plus NEW AND UNOPENED PACKAGES OF UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS - are being collected. 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.

Clothing Drive



There is an immediate need for a teacher for a Pre-K class on Wednesday nights through the end of the summer. See Scott Mills to volunteer!

Congratulations Graduates

Benita Harris:

Benita was awarded a M.S.P.M., or Master's of Science in Project Management, from the George Washington University, Washington, DC, in ceremonies held May 13, 2011. This of course was accomplished while working fulltime! We applaud our sister's hard work, perseverance and success.



Lexi Koczanski

Lexi Koczanski was awarded a B.A. in History with a double minor in Psychology and Spanish from Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, in ceremonies held May 7, 2011.

A week after graduation, she embarked on an 11-day mission trip to Moldova, a small country with 3 million citizens and located between the Ukraine and Romania. Under the auspices of Justice and Mercy International, a Moldovan not-for-profit group, she visited orphanages for children ages 6 to 16; half-way houses for youth 16 through college; and various ministries, especially for children who have been rescued from sex slavery. She commented, "I encountered God face to face through his children." She developed a passion for the people and the country, and JMI has asked her to return to Moldova this fall to work with and teach self-esteem to girls from The Grace House, one of the halfway houses, as well as to girls and women in public schools, orphanages, villages and cities. To learn more about this work, talk with Lexi's mother, **Kathy Koczanski**.



“Where Jesus Makes a Difference Every Day” Is Theme for 2011 VBS

In-person registration starts today for the 2011 **Vacation Bible School** set for Friday, Aug. 12 (6 to 8 pm) and Saturday, Aug. 13 (9 am to noon). The program is intended for children ages 2 through 6th grade.

This year the program is entitled “**Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street,**” and emphasizes the parables of Jesus.

These parables will be presented in down-to-earth terms intended for young children, as they head down Gratitude Ave. to learn about the “Parable of the whiny workers,” Matt. 20:1-16.

Or when they travel Faithfulness Rd. to hear the “Parable of the master’s money,” Luke 19:12-26.

Compassion Dr. takes the children to the “Parable of the roadside rescue,” Luke 10:25-37, while Forgiveness Lane leads to the “Parable of the shocking servant,” Matt. 18:21-35. Grace Pkwy. directs the

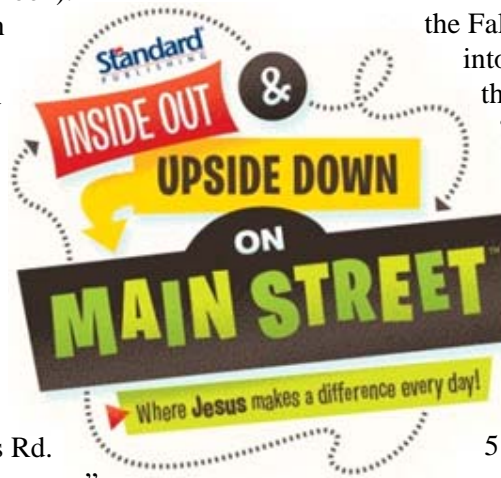
children to the “Parable of the warmest welcome,” Luke 15:11-32.

VBS Director **Amanda Venkatesan** envisions the Falls Church building transformed into a town where children will learn that Jesus’ “ordinary” stories “...turned lives upside down and hearts inside out” so that people “...look at themselves and others in new and unexpected ways.”

To make that transformation, she needs workers! The next **work day** is next Sunday, June 24, from 1 to 5 pm, followed by a **VBS volunteer meeting** from 5 to 6 pm.

So join the “Main Street Crowd” and come help make our building into a learning center for children.

For further information, check the website (which is www.vacationbibleschool/fallschurchcoc) or talk to Amanda!



Fellowship & Fireworks Celebrates “Victory in the Lord”

Students from seven colleges and universities along with two summer interns here in northern Virginia, joined the Fellowship & Fireworks program over the Independence Day weekend.

Guest speakers were **Josh Grim**, campus minister at UVA/Piedmont Community College, all under the direction of the Rugby Ave. Church of Christ in Charlottesville; **Frank Sullivan**, fulltime minister at the Blacksburg Church of Christ plus campus minister to VaTech, Radford University & New River Community College; and **Chris Schandavel**, a UVA law student.

The theme and lessons were derived from Jeremiah 1.

In addition to the lessons, there was time to relax and also to attend the spectacular fireworks display of the District of Columbia, from a vantage point near the U. S. Marine Memorial, aka Iwo Jima.

Habtu Zemech, Karen Amores & Clark Richardson led the event planning, with Kevin, Habtu & Daniel

Williams also traveling to different cities to spread the word among college and college age students.

Teresa Bryan, Janet Lane, Marilyn McDermott & Candy Thie provided the food, with **Benita Harris & Caroline Debarry** providing valuable assistance.



Josh Grim (l) and Frank Sullivan, speakers for the Fellowship & Fireworks



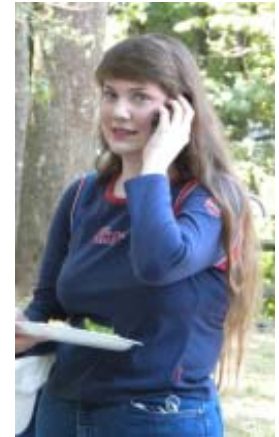
Students (above) from seven colleges & universities came together for classes (below) for the 4th Annual Fellowship & Fireworks July 3 & 4



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Results of the Bake-Off - with Special Thanks to the Judges!

- 1st place **Jenna Mayfield** for vanilla cupcakes with star cookies
2nd place **Monica Tune** for orange cake cupcakes
Bar Cookies:
1st place **Janice McDaniel** for peanut butter chocolate chip cheesecake bars
2nd place **Rachel Bowles** for patriotic brownies



Prayer Reminders:

Blanca Alvarez, Dot & Haldon Arnold, 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:

Michelle Freeman's grandfather **Joe Stafford**, is undergoing physical therapy at a nursing home after suffering a stroke, and is making progress.

Patti French's friend **Kimmy Campbell** had her final surgery recently prior to reconstructive surgery. She has completed all chemo and radiation.

Jameson Hudgins, the 8-mo-old son of friends of **Jessi Alvarez Arevalo**, is doing well after suffering a stroke. He is adjusting to medication and undergoing physical therapy.

Oliver McDaniel's cataract surgery Tuesday went so well that he was back to driving on Wednesday and was here Wednesday night to help with the dinner!

Fern Musteen's friend **Carrie Coenen** has had several of the proposed 25 radiation treatments. She is doing well and is back to work on a parttime basis.

Glenn Olbricht, a friend of **Tom & Kim Land**, has improved significantly.

Marty Sims' father Lloyd Sims has showed great progress in the last week; he remains in rehab after being hospitalized with pneumonia.

Prayer Requests:

Jose Arevalo requests prayers for a co-worker **Doris Williams** who has been diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer. She was to have surgery last week to be followed by chemotherapy.

Martha Ashley's brother **Joe Gantt** has been diagnosed with a bone cancer called multiple myeloma (not melanoma). He began two types of chemotherapy last week, but his situation is serious.

Richard Bowles' friend, Sean, has started another, even more aggressive treatment with severe side effects that are worse than expected by his medical team. Sean finds comfort in cards from Falls Church, and has one special card that he carries with him all the time. To send a card, give it to Richard or Rachel, or to the office.

Steve & Sally Dasher ask for prayers for **Leroy Auxier**, the father of **Travis Auxier**, a friend of their son **Ken**. Leroy's physicians have determined that no further treatment is available for his cancer, and he is now under hospice care.

Kim & Tom Land announce that they will move to Ocala, FL, at the end of the week. Give them a call this week; for their address, check the bulletin board. Also, Kim's father **Mike Moran** is hospitalized with pneumonia, complicated by the fact that he has just one lung.

Harry Thompson remains in rehab after a recent hospitalization.

We pray for the safety of loved ones serving in dangerous locations: **Shevon Boykins-Saide, 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.**

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 (7/10);

All those who need employment or have been affected by economic pressures, (7/10);

All who have been affected by the earthquake & tsunami in Japan (7/10);

Sue Adams, cancer (mother of former member **Erin Adams**, 7/17);

Anneliese Alderman, dementia (mother of **Rob Alderman**, 7/17);

Sandra Arevalo, chemotherapy (sister of **Jose Arevalo**, 7/10);

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

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

Ann Boike, dealing with severe pain (sister of **Bobbi Moffett**, 7/10);

Peter Buzzanell, stroke, and **Rosa Velez**, now in rehab (friend & sister-in-law, respectively, of **Joseph Marrero**, 7/10);

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

Nadine Grigsby, recovering from stroke (mother of **Susan Smith**, 7/17);

Lynn Huff, stroke (mother of **Billie Bohannon & Sylvia Sartori**, 7/17);

Megan Jarrell, chemotherapy (cousin of **Jon Hessling**, 7/10);

Margarette Jovanovic, now in rehab (friend of **Winnie Flint**, 7/10);

John Kline, cancer (brother of **Winnie Flint**, 7/17);

James McCollum, slowly recuperating (friend of **Mary Jo Allmond**, 7/17);

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);

Brittney Roberts, dealing with possible health issues for her unborn child (sister of **Abby Smith**, 7/17);

Bertha Sullivan, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 7/17);

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

Marian Tucker, recovering (sister of **Ethel Thomas**, 7/10);

Linda Weatherby, cancer (friend of **Anna Souza**, 7/10);

Laurie Whiteman, recovering from surgery (friend of **Scott & Susan Rosen**, 7/10);

Karin Yeatman, recovering from surgery (mother of **Ken Yeatman**, 7/17);

Zevia, in remission from leukemia (daughter of **Abby Smith & Mandy Smith's friend Lauren**, 7/10).

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

July 17, 2011

Morning

Becky Bates
Patty Woods

Evening

Sally Dasher

July 24, 2011

Morning

Lynda Eubank
Catherine McDaniel

Evening

Agnes Jones

Children's Worship

July 17, 2011

2/3 S. Gunselman, C. Waterston
P-K Patti French, Wendy Ward

July 24, 2011

2/3 Heather Roelke, TBA
P-K A. Venkatesan, K. Dowdy

Worship Today, July 17, 2011

Hymn #396

No Not One

Hymn #474

Thank You, Lord

Hymn #480

Blessed Assurance

Prayer

Ken Smith

Hymn #959

Just a Little Talk with Jesus

Hymn #705

A Common Love

Communion/Collection

Jeff Malcolm

Hymn #716

Sing to Me of Heaven

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

Bible Reading (Ephesians 2:4-10)

Joe Bohannon

Bible Lesson

Bill Kincaid

Hymn #904

Have You Been to Jesus?

Announcements

Joseph Tucker

Introduction of Visitors

Ryan Dowdy

Prayer

Ryan Dowdy



Song Leader

Clayton Tune

Ushers

Ken Yeatman, Barry Smith

Joseph Tucker will lead singing this evening; Robert Spiess & Kevin Amores will lead opening & closing prayers.

July servers: Jay Atkinson, Mark Shannon, Robert Spiess, Jay Truitt, Jerry Williams & Randy Woods, Jr.

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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Wayne Doran Bill Kincaid
Jim Lane Oliver McDaniel
Kevin Rachel Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
Matt Bennis 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, July 10, 2011

Bible Study 211
Morning Assembly 311
Evening Assembly No Service
Contribution \$12,504
YTD Average \$11,553
Budget Goal \$11,577

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Classes & Online 88

Wednesday, July 20

Song Leader - Clark Richardson

Prayer - Don Thie