

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

In his autobiographical book, *Losing My Cool*, Thomas Chatterton Williams writes:

As a baby, I was with my mother in our old home in Newark, crawling freely while she was trying to clean and watch after my very active five-year-old brother. We were upstairs on the second floor of the house. At one end of the room, there was a door that led out into the hallway and down a long flight of steps onto the parlor level, where my father had his study and received visitors. . . Somehow, my mother had gotten distracted . . . and I made my way over to the door which wasn't properly closed. I got out into the hallway and soon began tumbling down the staircase in a bright blue bundle of diapers and pajamas, rushing toward the hardwood floor below. As my mother gaped from the landing above, the door to my father's study flew open and out dove Pappy to catch me like a fly ball before I reached the ground. He had been in the middle of a meeting when he suddenly hopped up, told his guests to wait and bolted to the door.

"How in the world did you even hear that?" one of the stunned guests asked him afterward.

"I've been listening for that sound from the moment we brought the baby home from the hospital," Pappy said.

I grew up knowing that no matter where I was or what I was doing, Pappy never stopped listening for the sound of me falling.

I thought: "That's the way God is. He doesn't promise bad things won't happen to us, and doesn't make the effort to keep us from all dangers. We do, after all, have to learn. But what He does do is watch and listen for His children, and promise a happy ending for all who will entrust themselves into His hands. And none of us fall without His knowledge and care.

Love you all.
Mike



Story: The Holy Story

Recently several of our teens have made the wonderful choice to reject the Unholy Satanic story I wrote about earlier. They instead are choosing to live God's Holy Story.

Two weeks ago, Jenna Horgan showed us she made this choice by being baptized! Through baptism she is leaving behind sin, guilt and trying to be god in her life. Now she has put on forgiveness, freedom and the LORD in control of her life.

If baptism is the major turning point in the Lamb's Holy Story what does the rest of the story look like?

This story is counter to the one the world offers. In the Lamb's Story, when we are poor in spirit, we will receive the Kingdom of God. If we mourn, we will be comforted. When we are meek, we will inherit the earth. If we are starving for righteousness, we will be filled with righteousness. As we live mercifully, we will receive mercy. As we live as pure in heart, we will see God. If we make peace, we will be called God's children. When we are given a hard time for our righteousness, ours will be the Kingdom of Heaven!

I hope you recognize this from the beginning of "The Sermon on the Mount" from Matthew 5. As you read the rest of the sermon you will find a guide for how to live the Lamb's Holy Story.

I wrote earlier about how the specifics of our stories will be different but the plot will be characterized by "The Sermon on the Mount" and the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25). Some of us are called to be missionaries in foreign countries while others are called to be missionaries in our own homes. Some are more introverted, so their story will be quieter and more behind the scenes. Others are more extroverted, and theirs will be out front and visible.

These stories are part of the Lamb's Holy story, and the Kingdom of Heaven needs us all.

GRACE + PEACE
Jenna Horgan

Baptisms

Falls Church has been blessed with three new sisters in the Lord.



Lucila Cordero
was baptized Jan. 23, and we apologize for the delay in getting her photo. She is a member of the *Iglesia de Cristo*.



Jenna Lynn Horgan
was baptized July 10. She is the daughter of Ellen & Mike Horgan.



Liliana Ivette Viera
was baptized July 10. She is the former Liliana Canales and her mother **Blanca** also is a member here, both in the *Iglesia de Cristo*.



Colonel James Shoenhard
and
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lester
along with
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bateman
announce the marriage of

Rachel Alyson Shoenhard

to

Daniel Thomas Bateman

Saturday, the twenty-third of July
Two thousand and eleven
Hillsboro Church of Christ
Nashville, Tennessee

Thank You!

Isaac Mills conducted a magazine drive in June as part of a Cub Scout project for an American Legion Veterans Remembrance Patch.

With your help, he collected four boxes of magazines.

Isaac and his parents extend a BIG thank you to the Falls Church family for your generosity and support.

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!

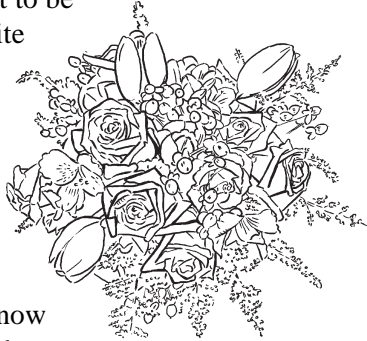
“My Christian Character Is Built
By My Challenges - They Hinder Me Not”
is the theme for the **4th Annual Ladies Day**
Aug. 6 at the Church of Christ in Northern Virginia,
4724 Harrison Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22406
(540-371-1212; email is info@cocnva.com;
website is: www.cocnva.com
For details, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

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. Or gently guide it back to its appointed place!

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!



Adult Education Steering Committee Meets Today

John Waterston announces that the Adult Education Steering Committee will meet TODAY after the morning assembly. Lunch WILL be provided.



2011 VBS Coming Up Rapidly; Work Day & Volunteer Meeting Today

The **2011 Vacation Bible School** is less than 3 weeks off. The event is designed for children from age 2 through the 6th grade, and is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 12 from 6 to 8 pm and Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 am to noon.

Today is the next Work Day, from 1 to 5 pm, with the Volunteer Meeting at 5 pm, while in-person and on-line registration continue.

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

Using various "characters," the program presents down-to-earth lessons for young children.

Heidi Claire is a super-sleuth, who slowly discovers that the secret of Main St. isn't a secret at all - but is due to Jesus and the difference He makes in the hearts and lives of people every day.

Chef Pierre Mon Frere is the chef at the Brown Bag Bistro, but his real talent is using the "ingredient" of Jesus's love so that he treats everyone like family.

Justin Time is the local bus driver, but he doesn't just know the roads - he knows the way to make someone's day, "right on course and just in time."

And **Cooper**, a dog, helps preschoolers to see their world through the stories of Jesus.

The parables will feature the roads in "Main Street," such as Gratitude Ave. to learn about the "Parable of the whiny workers," Matt. 20:1-16, or Faithfulness Rd. to hear the "Parable of the master's money," Luke 19:12-26.

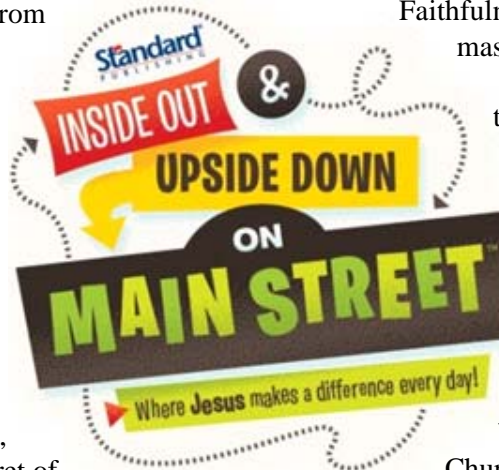
Compassion Dr. takes the children to the "Parable of the roadside rescue," Luke 10:25-37; Forgiveness Lane leads to the "Parable of the shocking servant," Matt. 18:21-35; and Grace Pkwy. directs the children to the "Parable of the warmest welcome," Luke 15:11-32.

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."

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!



Wednesday Night Out Takes Summer Break

The extremely popular “Wednesday Night Out” dinners here at Falls Church will take a “summer break” during August but will resume this fall.

This break allows the staff a chance to rest and relax.

But don't be alarmed! The building still will be open at 6:30 pm for you to bring your food - the area is chock full of fast food dining establishments - and still enjoy the fellowship that is so important a component of the Wednesday evening repast!

And the event will resume on Wednesday Sept. 7 at the usual time.

Be sure to sign up no later than Sept. 4!



Ramadan Starts August 1

Falls Church members should be aware that the annual Islamic celebration of Ramadan will begin on Monday, August 1 and continue through August 31.

The traffic in and around the Mosque and our church building may at times be heavier than usual during this time period, and the Elders caution members to allow for extra time when coming to events here at the Falls Church building.

For many years, our neighbors across Leesburg Pike have used our parking lot for evening services during this event. However, that access is restricted at the following times:

Vacation Bible School, Part 1, on Friday night, Aug. 12; any Wednesday or Sunday evening, including the Ice Cream Social on Aug. 14; or on Saturday evenings when the **Iglesia de Cristo** meets for a time of worship and fellowship.

School Supplies Collection Begins July 24 and Continues Through August 26

Falls Church members have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children in our neighborhood.

That opportunity is through school supplies, which will be collected from TODAY through August 26.

We have the privilege of providing supplies to children who otherwise might lack materials.

They are students at **Bailey's Elementary School**, located just a few blocks from here. Bailey's has 1,200 students, over half of whom are on free or reduced-fee lunches due to the family's financial circumstances.

In the lobby you will a “Red School House,” which has an assortment of paper dolls, each of which has a list of suggested supplies for a specific grade.

If the “paper dolls” present an obstacle, you are totally welcome to contribute cash for the purpose. Just give your contribution to **Martha Ashley, Jean Doran** or **Vickie Witt**.

Or you can also use the following lists!

Kindergarten Supplies:

- 4 Elmers glue sticks, large, white
- 2 Sanford magic rub erasers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 pack of 8 classic, washable, broad Crayola makers
- 1 box of 24 regular crayola crayons
- 1 pair of 5” blunt cut scissors
- 1 box of 120-count tissues
- 1 box 20 count **gallon** bags with zip top closing
- 1 box 20 count **quart** bags with zip top closing

1st Grade Supplies:

- 4 Elmers glue sticks, .7 oz.
- 4 Emers glue bottles, 7 5/8 oz.
- 2 Sanford magic rub erasers
- 4 Sanford art gum erasers
- 1 pack of 8 or 12 washable broad-tip Crayola classic markers
- 2 boxes of 24 regular Crayola crayons
- 1 box of 12 regular Crayola colored pencils
- 2 packs of #2 HB American pencils (10/box)
- 2 pair Fiskars 5” blunt scissors
- 1 box of 120-count tissues
- 1 7.5 oz hand sanitizer
- 1 box 20 count **gallon** bags with zip top closing
- 1 box 50 count **sandwich** bags with zip top closing

2nd Grade Supplies

- 10 large (.77 oz) Elmers glue sticks, white
- 1 Elmers glue bottle, 7 5/8 oz.
- 1 pair Fiskars 5” sharp scissors
- 1 pack of 8 washable broad-tip Crayola classic markers
- 1 box of 24 regular Crayola crayons
- 1 pack of 12 Crayola colored pencils, long
- 3 packs 3x3 self-sticking notes
- 2 Sanford magic rub erasers
- 24 #2 HB American pencils
- 6 black felt pens
- 1 pack 3x5 index cards, 100 count
- 2 folders, poly plastic **RED** with pockets
- 2 folders, poly plastic **BLUE** with pockets
- 1 box of 120-count tissues
- 1 7.5 oz hand sanitizer

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:

Carlos Gandolfo, a friend of **LLevenie Hughes**, is much improved. He completed the blood transplant and his blood numbers are normal. It took 3 weeks

Karin Yeatman, **Ken Yeatman's mother**, is doing very well after cancer surgery.

Prayer Requests:

Antonio Carroll requests prayers for his aunt **Elizabeth Johnson**, who is in Washington Hospital Center, having suffered a heart attack.

Carmen Elliott had an interview this week for a job in her field, but near Los Angeles.

Jody Freeman requests prayers as she battles serious health problems.

Grace McKay has an ear & eye infection. **Molly Wood**, **Joshua McKay's** sister, is undergoing tests for kidney stones, and Joshua's parents need prayers for peace of mind.

Beth Nichols asks our prayers for healing for **Annie Simmons**, the 2 1/2 year old daughter of friends **Jenny & Ryan Simmons**. Annie is a fluent speaker who has lost her ability to speak due to an as yet undiagnosed disorder. A scan has ruled out a tumor, but the child's condition keeps worsening. Beth also asks prayers for trust and calm for Annie's family.

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);

Leroy Auxier, under hospice care (father of **Travis Auxier**, a friend of **Steve & Sally Dasher**, 7/24);

Continuing Concerns (from first column)

Ray Bedford, serious health issues (former member, 7/24);

David Benson, recovering from accident (grandson of **Frances Harris**, 7/24);

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);

Kimmy Campbell, preparing for final surgeries (friend of **Patti French**, 7/24);

Carrie Coenen, radiation treatments (friend of **Fern Musteen**, 7/24);

Carlos Gandolfo, cancer and other serious health problems (friend of **Levenie Hughes**, 7/24);

Joe Gantt, undergoing chemotherapy (brother of **Martha Ashley**, 7/24);

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

Jameson Hudgins, 8-month old recovering from stroke (son of friend of **Jessica Alvarez Arevalo**, 7/24);

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);

Mike Moran, pneumonia (father of **Kim Land**, 7/24);

Lenora Pong, doing well with chemotherapy (secretary at Silver Spring and close friend to many here (7/24);

Gilbert "Bud" Richardson, serious health issues (former member, 7/24);

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

Sean, severe side effects to recent treatment (friend of **Richard Bowles**, 7/24);

Lloyd Sims, recovering (father of **Marty Sims**, 7/24);

Joe Stafford, recovering (grandfather of **Michelle Freeman**, 7/24);

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

Jency Taliaferro, worsening condition in her fight with cancer (former member, 7/24);

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);

Doris Williams, cancer (friend of **Jose Arevalo**, 7/24);

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

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.**

(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

July 24, 2011

Morning

Lynda Eubank

Catherine McDaniel

Evening

Agnes Jones

July 31, 2011

Morning

Teresa Bryan

Kristine Spraker

Evening

Marilyn McDermett

Children's Worship

July 24, 2011

2/3 Heather Roelke, TBA

P-K A. Venkatesan, K. Dowdy

July 31, 2011

2/3 Laurie Atkinson, TBA

P-K A. Venkatesan, K. Dowdy

Worship Today, July 24, 2011

Hymn #457

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn #763

O Master, Le Me Walk with Thee

Prayer

Gary Widner

Hymn #334

'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Communion/Collection

Jerry Williams

Hymn #10

A Mighty Fortress

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

Bible Reading (*Revelation 9:13-21*)

John Bowden

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #822

Sweet Will of God

Announcements

Joe Bryan

Introduction of Visitors

Hal Swetnam

Prayer

Hal Swetnam



Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Ken Yeatman, Habtu Zemech

John Waterston will lead singing this evening;

Jonah Shumate & Jim Lane will lead
opening & closing prayers.

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

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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Elders

Joe Bryan Steve Dasher
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 17, 2011

Bible Study 181
Morning Assembly 334
Evening Assembly No Count
Contribution \$11,734
YTD Average \$11,559
Budget Goal \$11,577

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Classes & Online 92

Wednesday, July 27

Song Leader - Clayton Tune

Prayer - Robert Spiess