

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

A few weeks ago, I answered the office doorbell to meet a nicely dressed man with a middle-eastern accent. Accompanied by his son he said: "I would like to purchase a Bible from you. Do you have one I

could buy?"

It's not a request I get every day. I invited the two of them in and as we walked to the library, he pulled out a crumpled piece of paper and said: "I was told to ask for a King John Bible?"

"You mean 'King James'?" I replied, going on to say: "but there is probably another Bible easier to read."

"Perhaps," he continued, reading from his piece of paper, "the 'New International Bible'?"

We sat down and chatted for a while. He was visiting the United States with his family, having come from a small area between Yemen and Saudi Arabia. He was due to return to his homeland in a few days and said: "I want to find out more about the Bible on my own."

I asked him if he would like a Bible in Arabic. He was floored to think that such a thing existed. (By the way, Islamic people do not believe their holy book, the Koran, can be properly translated and so, while it *does* exist in English, there is little motivation to translate it. That's probably why he was surprised.)

I gave him an English Bible, and then ordered a case of Arabic Bibles to have on hand to give away.

The Bible is the most translated book in the world. It was the first book to be printed – ever – and to this day, more Bibles are sold than any other book. We are blessed to have the Bible so readily available, and in so many languages. It didn't happen over night, nor without cost. Lives were given in the translation process. Remember that the next time you pick up your Bible. The old hymn says it best: "How precious is the book divine . . ."

One final point: If you give a Muslim a Bible, make sure it is one with no writing in it. Muslims regard writing in holy books disrespectful.

Love you all. Mike



What is the Message?

Every day we are exposed to messages. These messages come at us from the webpages we visit, the books we read, the music or radio we listen to, from the tv, movies on youtube videos we watch. They consist of direct messages - such as

advertisements. There are also indirect messages - such as shows that present ungodly lifestyles as normal. It is important for us as followers of Jesus to examine the messages coming at us and discern which ones we should allow into our lives and which ones we should reject.

To help our teens and students examine some of the messages coming at them, we are beginning a new series during Sunday NighT Live. We are calling this series "What's the Message?" Last Sunday morning, we collected the titles of songs that our teens and students found interesting or meaningful. These are not specifically "Christian" songs but any music they wanted to explore and talk about. We will listen to these songs and read their lyrics together. Then we will examine the positive and/or negative messages in them from a biblical perspective.

If the message of a song promotes a life contrary to the one we are called to live as a follower of Jesus, we will point that out. If the message of a song supports a lifestyle that is in godly life, we will point that out. We will also discuss how the messenger affects the message as well.

This series will be fun, but more importantly, the main point of this series is to enable our teens and students to put into practice what Paul calls on the church in Philippi to do - which is:

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." (Philippians 4.8)



To the Members at Falls Church,

The **Benevolence Committee** wishes to thank each of you who contributed to the **school supply collection** effort. Many of you helped pack the boxes, collect money for supplies, or bring supplies to the building for the Bailey's Elementary School students.

On Thursday, September 1, 2011, **Wendy Ward, Lynda Eubank** and **Jean Doran** delivered 27 fairly large boxes of school supplies which you generously contributed to the students who otherwise might not have appropriate supplies for school.

Your caring and willingness to share your blessings has substantially benefited the families and, specifically the children, of our community.

May God be glorified through this outreach effort, and may He continue to bless each of you.

Sincerely,
Wayne Doran
Elder Contact for the Benevolence Committee

Big Thank You!

Contact Information for Lexi Koczanski

[NOTE: This information ran in the Aug. 28 bulletin, but that was the weekend of the hurricane - and the power failure. So for the convenience of our members, this information is being run again. In addition, the contribution details are listed on the members' board in the lobby.]

Falls Church member **Lexi Koczanski** has been offered a one-year position with a non-profit organization Justice and Mercy International, in their work in Moldova beginning in October.

Agape Group 3 to Hold "Neighbor" Luncheon Next Sunday, Sept. 25

Agape Group 3 - which is Westfield Woods under **Richard & Rachel Bowles** - will hold a "Neighbor" Luncheon" in the Fellowship Hall on Sept. 25 at 11:30 am, after the morning assembly. Attendees are requested to bring one main dish plus either a side dish or a dessert. The coordinators for that group are **Randall & Ann Ford** and **Beni & Amanda Venkatesan**.



Benevolence Committee Needs Volunteers AND Food

Additional volunteers are needed for the **Benevolence Committee**, which operates on multiple levels.

First, it runs the **Food Pantry**. For the last few weeks, a list of pantry needs has run in the bulletin, but so far the response has been limited. Those needs include **milk** (which does not require refrigeration); **cooking oil; apple sauce** (in jars since they have sufficient individual servings); **canned peaches; fruit** of any kind; bags of **rice**; bags of **dry beans**.

As noted above, the Committee **deeply** appreciates the generosity involved in the school supplies collection. But the work doesn't end there.

Second, the committee handles requests from individuals in the community - people who need emergency shelter or assistance with utilities. If you are concerned that you wouldn't know what to do with such requests, please be assured that all volunteers will be trained for this work, and will, at least initially, be paired with an experienced helper.

Third, the Benevolence program includes a weekly class for women at the **Bailey's Crossroads Shelter**. This has proved immensely successful in showing God's love and grace to women who feel alone and alienated.

Finally, the committee engages in other outreach programs, such as the school supply collection.

The Benevolence program is more than an activity. To keep this work in perspective, it is a means to fulfill our Lord's command to care for others. As we do until then, so we are doing to our Lord.



Fall Quarter Class List for Youth Through 6th Grade; Teachers Still Needed for Wednesday; New “Lads to Leaders” Initiative Begins

Teachers are needed for a four to six-week rotation program for Cradle Roll on Wednesday evening, according to **Scott Mills**, Deacon for the Children’s Education Ministry. This class for children up to age 2 is vital, Scott emphasized, to encourage couples with young children to attend the Wednesday night program. Noting that children at that age (and their parents) need familiar faces, he said that the teacher/helper teams should rotate every 4 to 6 weeks so children get to know them, while still allowing the adults to attend the adult class regularly. “Please accept this calling to serve and to make a difference in the spiritual life of families,” Scott urged. Scott also seeks someone willing to coordinate this schedule.

In addition, Scott said, the fall quarter will feature a revised program for training for “Lads to Leaders.” This is a program designed to help young people develop skills in leading prayers, leading singing, speaking, reading scripture and a wide variety of other important areas of church family life. A meeting with parents and youth to introduce this program and to answer questions is in the process of being scheduled.

Sunday AM

Class	Teachers	Room
Cradle Roll	Janet Lane, Mary Ann Kincaid	202
2&3 year olds	Candace Thie	101
4&5 year olds	Yvonne May and Allison McKay	222
1 st & 2 ND grades	Ben and Billie Bohannon	221
3 rd through 6 th grades	Matt and Dana Bensusky	303

Sunday PM

Nursery	Levenie Hughes (Scheduling)	201/202
2&3 year olds	Rachel Bowles	220
4&5 year olds	Vickie Witt, Erica Walker-Chenevert and Kara Hughes	222
1 st & 2 nd grades	Mark and Staci Shannon	221
3 rd through 6 th grades	Jackie Arevelo and Marsha De La Cruz (Genesis)	121
Lads to Leaders - Song Leading Instruction	Clayton Tune (Sunday Afternoon)	121

Wednesday PM

Cradle Roll	Scheduler and Volunteers Needed (see announcement above)	201-202
2 through 5 year olds	Lisa Swetnam	222
1 st through 3 rd grades	Scott Mills (Exodus)	221
4 th through 6 th grades	Hal Swetnam, Daniel Williams, Habtu Zemech (Lads to Leaders: James, 1 & 2 Peter)	223

Clark Richardson Joins Fund-Raising Project

Clark Richardson and others are involved in fund-raising efforts for a national charitable organization.

Clark’s involvement includes more than one component, so **“Read All About It” on the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby!**

There are instructions for making donations.

Youth Ministry/Family Camping Trip

Please make sure you sign-up for the Family Camping Trip scheduled for next weekend, September 23-25, at Big Meadows Campground in Shenandoah National Park.

This trip is sponsored by, and held in conjunction with, the Youth Ministry of this congregation. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby as well as an information sheet. And there are a lot of interested people already!



Ministry Leaders Meeting

The next **Elders/Deacons/Ministry Leaders Meeting** is set for Sunday, October 2, at 4:30 pm in Room 121. All current ministry leaders are urged to attend and to be prepared to give a brief summary of activities involving those ministries.

In addition, all members who wish to have a more complete understanding of Falls Church activities are welcome.



Elders Announce New Opportunity for Prayers With Members

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)).

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)).

Members of the congregation and visitors with special prayer needs are invited to meet for prayer shortly after the Sunday morning assembly in Room 223 on the main level. Two elders will be available for a brief time of prayer, normally not to exceed 15 minutes. This weekly opportunity will begin Sunday, September 25.

Around the Area...

❖ The **Church of Christ at Dale City** invites area Christians to a **ground breaking ceremony** for a new fellowship/education hall. The program is scheduled for next Sunday, Sept. 25, at 9 am at the building located at 13130 Hillendale Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22193. RSVP to 703-590-1790.

❖ The **Suitland Rd. Church of Christ** invited women to their **17th Annual Ladies Retreat**, Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. The retreat will be held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 155 Holiday Dr., Solomons Island, MD. For details, see the announcement on the bulletin board in the lobby.

❖ The **7th Annual All-Night Singing** is being hosted by the **Waldorf Church of Christ** on Friday, Oct. 7, from 7 pm until the “last person goes home.” They will use the book *Songs of the Church - 21st Century Church Gospel Songs and Hymns*. Refreshments will be served during the break. The building is located at 30 Village St., Waldorf, MD. Call 240-222-3242 for further details.

❖ The 2011 Annual Ladies Day is being sponsored by the Church of Christ at Mount Vernon on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8:30 am to 1 pm. Their address is 8607 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309.

Prayer Reminders:

Blanca Alvarez, Dot & Haldon Arnold, Ruth Ditto, Eloise Fishback, Winnie & Desiree Flint, Randall & Ann Ford, Jody Freeman, Joe & Zula Garrett, Larry Goodrich (and his family, all of whom lost homes in wildfires), Betty Harrington & her brother & sister-in-law, Frances & Ed Harris, Diana Kuhn, Joshua McKay and his parents and sister Molly, Alma Milligan, Augustino & Natalina Olango, Lee, Mariko & Elena Price, Sylvia Sartori, 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:

Mildred Smith is now home as of Friday after being hospitalized for an infection. She will continue treatment at home.

Barbara May Thompson was transferred to Fairfax Nursing Center last week and is showing considerable improvement.

Prayer Requests:

Becky Bates' grandfather **John Cook** is very ill and in the hospital. He is 89.

Crystal Berry asks that we pray for healing for **Tom Cooney**, a friend who is seriously ill.

Joshua McKay asks for prayers for his father **Jack McKay** who has been diagnosed with cancer for which there are no treatment options.

Bobby Speegle requests prayers for his older brother **Bill** who has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and is hospitalized in Bozeman, MT.

Belinda Wynkoop's recent surgery to remove a steel rod in her leg was unsuccessful. Her health continues to deteriorate. She is the daughter of **Aileen Wynkoop**, and both are former members.

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 drought & fires, especially Texas & Oklahoma, and with storms & floods across the nation (9/4);

All those who need employment or have been affected by economic pressures, (9/4);

All who have been affected by the earthquake & tsunami in Japan (9/4);

Sue Adams, cancer treatments (mother of former member **Erin Adams**, 9/18);

Anneliese Alderman, dementia (mother of **Rob Alderman**, 9/18);

Sandra Arevalo, chemotherapy, and **Doris Williams**, cancer (sister and friend of **Jose Arevalo**, 9/18);

Leroy Auxier, under hospice care (father of **Travis Auxier**, a friend of **Steve & Sally Dasher**, 9/11);

Ray Bedford, serious health issues (former member, 9/11);

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Continuing Concerns (from first column)

David Benson, recovering from accident (grandson of **Frances Harris**, 9/4);

Ann Boike, somewhat improved in health (sister of **Bobbi Moffett**, 9/18);

Richard Bowles asks prayers for his friend **Sean**, undergoing very difficult therapy (9/18);

Mary Boyce, in hospital; **Greta Harvey**, new medication so surgery is postponed; **Vanessa Lovejoy**, breast cancer; **Robin McLemore**, out of hospital and improving; **Darlene Walker**, now in rehab after stroke; **Angela Watson**, improving (relatives or friends of **Erica Walker-Chenevert**, 9/4);

Wes Bryan, facing serious legal issues due to an accident (relative of **Beth Nichols**, 9/18);

Abygail Clark, 3-year-old injured by a car (cousin of **Scott & Kim Mills**, 9/18);

Carrie Coenen, radiation treatments (friend of **Fern Musteen**, 9/4);

Mary Gallagher, scheduled for eye surgery (sister of **Jim Shoenhard**, 9/4);

Joe Gantt, undergoing chemotherapy (brother of **Martha Ashley**, 9/4);

Nadine Grigsby, stroke (mother of **Susan Smith**, 9/18);

Cooper Hanks, 2 1/2 year old facing liver transplant (son of friends of **Julie & Wayne Fariss**, 9/18);

Helen Harris, serious health issues (mother of **Benita Harris**, 9/11);

Lynn Huff, stroke (mother of **Billie Bohannon & Sylvia Sartori**, 9/18);

Megan Jarrell, chemotherapy (cousin of **Jon Hessling**, 9/4);

John Kline, chemotherapy (brother of **Winnie Flint**, 9/4);

Frances Maxwell, cancer (mother of **Melanie Barham**, daughter-in-law of **Donna Barham**, 9/18);

James McCollum, serious health problems and now out of work (friend of **Mary Jo Allmond**, 9/1);

Lenora Pong, in much pain from 2nd round of chemotherapy, but still doing well (secretary at Silver Spring and close friend to many here, 9/4);

Bob Springer, cancer (former member, 9/18);

Bertha Sullivan, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 9/18);

Jency Taliaferro, cancer (former member, 9/18);

Toyonna Robbins, recovering from surgery; **Andre' Tippins, Jr.**, infant diagnosed with cysts on his kidneys; **Andrew & Sharon Tippins** as they deal with Andrew's health issues; **Stanley & Diann Tippins** as they grieve for their young son **Ian** (friend, nephew, parents and uncle/aunt of **Adria Owens**, 9/4);

Linda Weatherby, cancer, and her husband **Joe Ramirez**, lymphoma (friends of **Anna Souza**, 9/11);

Laurie Whiteman, recovering from surgery (friend of **Scott & Susan Rosen**, 9/4).

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

In Afghanistan - Shevon Boykins-Saide, Chuck Kerry (plus his wife & daughter **Becki (May)** and **Addison Kerry** in his absence), **Keith Pangle**

(grandson of **Charles & Edith Welch**), **Christiana Porter & Byron Zaharias** (brother of **Michelle Freeman**); **in Iraq - Charles Shiflett**, grandson of

Vern & Jody Freeman, and **Jay Stewart**, brother of

Karen Patrick; **Other areas - Justin Cauthen, Tom Land's nephew.**

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

September 18, 2011

Morning

Erica Walker-Chenevert

Evening

Marilyn McDermett

September 25, 2011

Morning

Ida Goetzinger
Jennifer Smith

Evening

Sally Dasher

Children's Worship

September 18, 2011

2/3 Heather Musser, Candice Spiess

P-K Wendy Ward, Meaza Zemech

September 25, 2011

2/3 Karen Beck, Heather Roelke

P-K Heather Musser, Misty Marshall

Worship Today, September 18, 2011

Hymn #92

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymn #478

Nearer, Still Nearer

Prayer

Joe Bryan

Hymn #318

O Sacred Head

Communion/Collection

Jay Truitt

Hymn #754

Faith of Our Fathers

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

Bible Reading (*Revelation 16:12-21*)

John Bowden

Bible Lesson

Mike Tune

Hymn #501

Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet

Announcements

Kevin Rachel

Introduction of Visitors

Ryan Dowdy

Prayer

Ryan Dowdy



Song Leader

Bill Kincaid

Ushers

Matt Benskny, Scott Mills

Clark Richardson will lead singing this evening;
Robert Spiess & Ken Yeatman will lead opening & closing prayers.

September servers: Kevin Amores, Ben Bohannon,
Dave Miller, Caleb Shoenhard, Hal Swetnam, Kevin Thie

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

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez Jose Arevalo
Matt Benskny 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, September 11, 2011

Bible Study 186
Morning Assembly 335
Evening Assembly No Service
Contribution \$12,171
YTD Average \$11,351
Budget Goal \$11,577

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Classes & Online 86

Wednesday, September 21

Song Leader - Marty Sims

Prayer - Jose Arevalo