

Falls Fellowship

Promises to Keep



The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,

But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
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— Robert Frost

Reflecting on this poem in last months' newsletter, I wrote about promises we must keep to those who came before us, our ancestors both in our biological family and our church family. People who came before us started

Falls Baptist Church on this hill and others have kept its doors opened.

Now it's our turn; we are Falls Baptist Church. We must make promises to those who will come after us, telling them that we will keep the doors opened and the ministries of our church flourishing as the time will come for us to pass the reins of leadership on to the next generation. And what should we pass on?

A healthy and vibrant church. Church health is not a matter of

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Missions Corner

Matthew 5:14-16 *You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they*

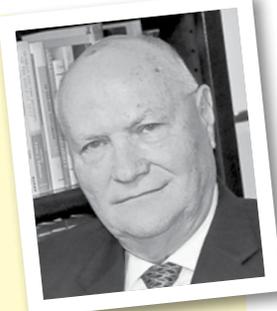
may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

April:

- NC Baptist Children's Home. Recycle & help BCH earn funds to meet the needs of boys and

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He Is Risen



Eggs everywhere;

that's what I saw last Saturday as I walked to the fellowship hall from my car. They were on the lawn, under bushes, in trees, on sidewalks, around tables — eggs everywhere.

Around me, compassionate and mission-minded workers were distributing more eggs. Hundreds and hundreds of eggs. Then the children came with their baskets. Some were very tentative, slowly and methodically picking up eggs and gently placing them in their baskets. Others were like steam shovels, shoveling in every egg in sight.

Hunting for eggs was followed by hotdogs. You had a choice: slightly brown, completely brown or burnt. Thank God for the workers who made the Easter egg hunt a success; thank God for the children who came with parents and grandparents. Thank God for Easter.

Speaking of Easter, I write

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girls. Simply save your old used or expired laser/toner or inkjet printer cartridges, old cell phones and other small electronics (condition does not matter) and place them in the bin in the vestibule now through Sunday April 29th. We will take the donations and drop them off at the workday event on May 5th.

- Annie Armstrong Annual Offering. North American Missions Board's mission field is the United States, Canada and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. This region contains diverse ethnic groups, languages and religions. Approximately 269 million people in North America do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. FBC will take up this offering through Easter Sunday on April 1st.

May:

- NC Children's Baptist Homes Spring Workdays Grounds Cleanup. Saturday May 5th 8am – 4pm at Oak Ranch, Broadway NC. ALL AGES welcome to volunteer. Please use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you are interested in volunteering.

- Habitat for Humanity. Saturday May 12th 8 am – 4pm in Wake Forest. No experience necessary. Lunch will be provided. Volunteers must be 16+ to participate. If you are interested in participating, you must create an account with Habitat for Humanity at <https://habitatwake.volunteerhub.com/> Enter FALLS BAPTIST CHURCH as the group you are registering with.



Newsletter articles needed

We want to have a newsletter each month in 2018. But, we need news and articles from all of our committees to let everyone know what you are doing and when you are doing it.

Our new website is finished and online now. Please bookmark it at www.fallsbaptistchurch.org. In addition, our new mobile app is ready and in use by 22 people at this writing. It is available for Apple and Android devices, so search for Falls Baptist in your App Store or you can use the link on our website.

Communication is very important, so send your news and articles to Frank at fbpowell@mac.com

Thanks!

Event Calendar

April 1 — Easter Sunrise Service, Falls Lake Dam

April 2 — Deacons' Meeting 7 PM

April 14 – Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9 AM

April 15 — Quarterly Church Conference 12 PM

April 24 — Raleigh Baptist Meeting 6 PM

May 5 — Baptist Homes Workday 8 AM– 4 PM

May 7 — Deacons' Meeting 7 PM

May 12 — Habitat Home Workday

June 4-8 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM

Children and Youth Education Important Dates

- **Saturday May 5** at 8 am – 4 pm: NC Children's Baptist Homes Spring Workday. All ages volunteering event.
- **June 4 – 8** at 6-8 pm: Vacation Bible School. Ages 3-12.
- **July 4th** at 6 pm: Independence Day Celebration. Free games, hotdog and fireworks. All ages.

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size but of vitality. A healthy church may not be a large church. Here's the test about a healthy church: is it achieving God's mission for the church? Beneath the words "Falls Baptist Church" on the banner of this newsletter are the words, "To Know Christ and Make Him Known." That's not a catchy phrase but a missional statement: we determine to know Christ personally and to make him known to other people. This is quite simple: if we truly know Christ we will make him known to other people. We are changed when we know Christ. We have a new spiritual DNA and that DNA autonomously directs us to share Christ with others. If we follow this missional statement, live it in our daily

lives, we will pass on a healthy church to those who come after us.

In addition, let's pass on a church that's known for its sense of community and compassion. We all want to belong to a community that shares life with us. We want people to be there when we hurt. We want to be there when they hurt. That's community, sharing life with people who care for us and accept us with our warts, prejudices and disillusioned ideas about ourselves.

Moreover, we long for compassion. That simply means sympathetic concern for others. We all fall from the ideals we set for ourselves, for we are all sinners. We don't need people to judge us and push us down when we do wrong; we long for people to lift us up, love us and give us a second chance. That's the way of Christ. Remember his love and acceptance of Peter after Peter denied him. That's compassion. We are not to be judges but compassionate companions.

Here are three gifts for those who come after us at Falls: missional direction for the church; community and compassion among the membership. We have promises to keep.

— Tom Jenkins



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April Birthdays

- 1 Ken Barham
- 8 Ruth Ann Long
- 14 P.J. Barham
- 19 Sallie Parrish
- 26 Brandon Long



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these words a few days before Easter and the Sunrise Service when we will gather on the lake to celebrate Christ's resurrection. You can fish on the lake, cruise in a boat on the lake, but, for me, the best time at the lake is the Easter

Sunrise Service. On the streets of Moscow and London and New York, and Raleigh and Wake Forest and on Fonville Road, Christians will greet each other on Easter morning with "Christ is risen" and "He is risen, indeed!"

The resurrection of Christ is the center point of our religion. Without the resurrection, Christ is to be remembered as a good man, a moral teacher, but that's all. He's no more than Mohammed, Buddha, or Confucius. He's no more than the multiple gods of Hinduism. Through the resurrection, however, Jesus Christ proves that the Apostle John was correct when he said, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Christ's resurrection verifies all the claims he made

about himself such as, "I am the resurrection and the life." The resurrection verifies his promises made to his followers such as, "I will come again and receive you unto myself." Without the resurrection I have nothing to preach about and you and I are hopeless in our pursuit of a life that is greater than this life in these bodies of flesh. "He arose" is the victorious sound that shakes the foundation of the world and opens the doors of heaven. We serve a risen Savior, that's why I don't wear a crucifix or want to see one in the church: Christ is not on the cross; he is alive! Hallelujah!

— Tom Jenkins

Help Wanted — Make A Joyful Noise!

Scripture tells us in Psalm 100 verses one and two: *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

Falls Baptist Church Choir needs you to help us make that joyful noise. We're gaining new members — come be part of it! New voices are always welcome!

Don't use the excuse you can't sing — most of us can't sing, but that doesn't stop us from making that joyful noise to the Lord.

Choir practice is now on Sundays at 2:00 PM. We have a lot of fun and the fellowship is hard to beat. Join us!



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