

Falls Fellowship

Falls BC: Who Are We and What Kind of Pastor Do We Need?



The Pulpit Committee distributed a survey form for each member to complete. When the information from the surveys is compiled, two questions will be answered: one, what kind of church is Falls Baptist Church, and, two, what kind of pastor does the congregation want the church to have?

The answers to these questions will help inform the committee as they go about their task of finding a new pastor for the church. By completing the survey, you have direct input to the work of the committee.

What kind of church is Falls?

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Missions Corner

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. — Proverbs 22:6

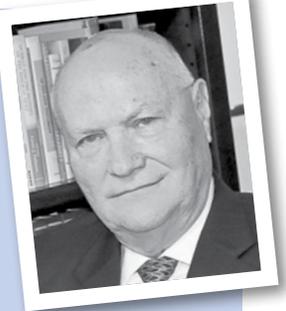
2018 Vacation Bible School “Miracles of the New Testament”

Twenty-one children joined us this year to learn about the miracles

of Jesus through Bible teaching, music, games and snacks. We held a special VBS offertory each night and collected a total of \$60 in loose change for the Miles of Pennies campaign which benefits NC Baptist Children’s Homes. Thank you to all

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I’ve Got A Glory



Archibald Rutledge, gracious Southern gentleman and scholar, was the first poet laureate of the state of South Carolina. In one of his books he tells about crossing the muddy Santee river on a tugboat. He had become accustomed to the smell of bilge water, dirt, and general filth of the tugboat as he often used it to cross the Santee. One day, however, as he boarded the tugboat he noticed a marvelous transformation in the boat. No more smell; no bilge water to foul the trip, no grim or grease in the engine room, no black smoke polluting the air as the smoke stack belched. Instead, the boat was sparkling clean, the bilge water was gone, the foul odors were gone. He asked the captain what had happen to make the transformation and the captain pointed to the engine room. There was

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Daily crafts followed the theme, “Miracles of the New Testament” at this year’s Vacation Bible School. At right, even the snacks got in to the theme with this Teddy Graham in blue jello representing Jesus walking on water.



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the FBC volunteers who made it a very special week!

Why is VBS an important outreach for Falls Baptist Church? Lifeway.com states Vacation Bible School is:

- The single largest outreach event for churches
- An ideal setting for a ministry because more people will be on the church campus during VBS than at any other time
- More people have come to know Jesus as Savior than any single church event
- 180,000 United States churches host VBS each year
- 52 percent of pastors who decided as kids to follow Jesus did so while at a children’s summer camp/VBS
- 25 to 28 percent of all baptisms in the Southern Baptist Convention are direct results of VBS

Backpack and School Supply drive for Raleigh Rescue Mission

Imagine you’re nine years old and already you have seen how unfair life is. You’ve never had new clothes. Your hand-me-down backpack is full of holes. Kids on the playground laugh when you ask to borrow their pencils. You’ve never had your own. The first day of school only reminds you of how little you have — and how different you are. But if you had a backpack and the right supplies, all that would change. You would be excited for school. You’d know that you had a future and that anything was possible. You can give a child that feeling today. Education is the best way to break the cycle of poverty. But without the right tools, it’s difficult to get a good education. Many Children here in Raleigh won’t have the school supplies which can set them up for success — unless you help. For \$20, a child can receive a brand new backpack with supplies they need to be ready for their first day of school.

Please bring your donation of school supplies to the bin in the vestibule or give cash to a member of the Missions Committee and we will shop for you.

— Mindy Barham



Back To School Backpack Giveaway Supply Lists 2018



K-5th Grade List

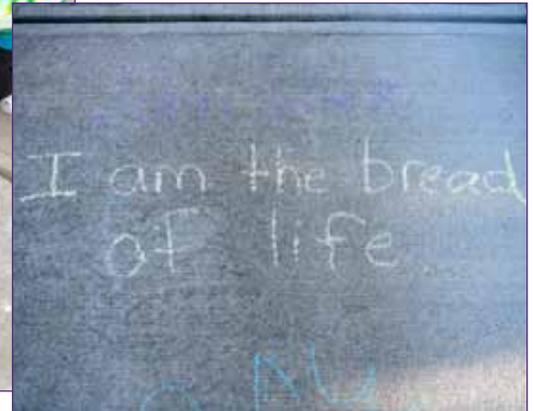
- Backpacks (New or gently used)
- Pocket Folders (2)
- Kids' safety scissors (1)
- Glue Sticks (2)
- Colored pencils (1 pack)
- Markers (1 pack)
- #2 pencils (1 pack)
- 1" 3-ring Binders (1 pack)
- Composition notebooks-Wide Ruled or marbled
- Filler paper – wide ruled (1)
- Erasers (1 pack)
- Pencil pouches (1) (optional)
- 5-tab dividers

6th-12th Grade List

- Backpacks (New or gently used, bigger, neutral colors)
- Pocket Folders (2)
- #2 pencils (1 pack)
- 1" 3-ring Binder (1)
- 3" 3-ring Binder (1)
- Composition notebooks-College Ruled (3)
- Filler paper – College Ruled (1)
- Highlighters (1 pack)
- Erasers (1 pack)
- 5-tab dividers



Sidewalk chalk is always a popular activity at Vacation Bible School.



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The answer to that question forms the image of Falls that the committee will share with candidates. Each candidate needs to have enough data on Falls to help weigh his options. Here are two examples. One, some candidates may be very comfortable with the kind of music that Falls uses in worship. Others may not. If their style is not to sing traditional hymns from a hymnbook, they need to know this is the style for Falls. That approach to worship may be outside of their “comfort zone.” Two, is Falls a church who believes in and practices missions or does it confine its ministry to its own members? Another important question.

What kind of minister does Falls need? Here are

two examples of ministers. One, some ministers are good preachers but weak pastors; that is, they can deliver a good sermon, but they spend little time in pastoral care. Which type does Falls prefer? Two, some ministers believe the minister makes all the decisions and the congregation follows him. Other ministers believe the congregation makes decisions and along with the minister directs the ministries and programs of the church. Which type do you prefer?

This is, of course, an over-simplification of the survey. Nevertheless, it highlights the reality the members of the church should share with the Pulpit Committee, their thoughts about the direction of the church, and the profile of a pastor they believe best suits the needs of Falls. Complete your survey and turn it in. This is your chance to voice your opinion.

— Tom Jenkins

Event Calendar

July 2 — Deacons’ Meeting 7 PM

July 4 — Independence Day Celebration 6:30 PM

July 10 — Nominating Committee Meeting 7 PM

July 14 — Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM

Children and Youth Education Important Dates

- **July 4th** at 6:30 pm: Independence Day Celebration. Free dinner, games and fireworks. All ages.



VBS leaders Ruby Costa and Mindy Barham help with the parachute as part of the outdoor games and activities.



Of course, a hot dog supper with all the fixin's finished up our 2018 Vacation Bible School.



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Tommy Brown	843-446-6540
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July Birthdays

5	Herman Choplin
6	Johnny Ray
12	David Young
17	James Smith
21	Alan Watkins

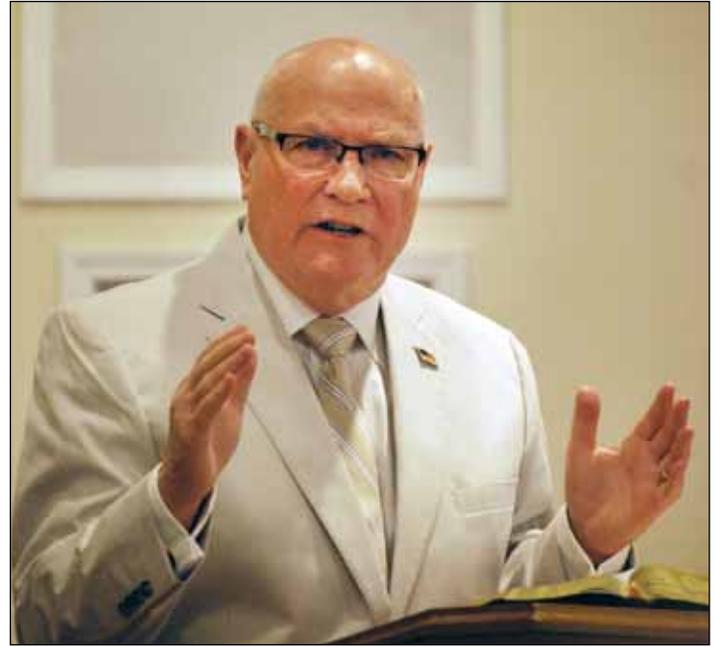


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a new engineer, Jim, and Jim had transformed the tugboat with soap and water and elbow grease. Jim was sitting in the door to the engine room reading his Bible. Rutledge asked him how he had wrought such a miracle of transformation to the old tugboat and Jim said, “Cap’n, it’s just this way; I got a glory.” One can imagine that Jim’s glory came from the pages of the Bible he was reading where he met the transformative nature of the Savior, Jesus Christ, and had accepted him and been transformed by him and then ordered every detail of his life according to the transformative power of the Savior.

Do you have a glory, something or Someone that gives you purpose and direction for your life? I think that’s what Jim meant when he said, “I’ve got a glory.” He had a purpose for his life because he knew Jesus Christ and part of that purpose was to glorify Jesus Christ by bringing order to his life and all that was around him, like a tugboat. His glory gave him the motivation to change a smelly, rusty tugboat with an engine that belched smoke into a pleasant trip across the Santee.

Do you have a glory? If so, like Jim, you may be a transformative power to your surroundings. Your glory can enable you to bring light to those in dark-



ness, hope to those who grieve, promise to those who have been cast aside by the cruel hands of others. And like Jim, your glory can come from the risen Lord whose words influence your actions, words like “Love your enemies,” “Turn the other cheek” and “You are the light of the world.” A real glory transforms the one who catches it and through him it transforms the lives of others.

Have you got a glory?

— Tom Jenkins



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