

Falls Fellowship

Promises to Keep



One of my favorite poems is *Stopping By the Woods on a Snowy Evening* written by the New England poet Robert Frost. The last quadrant reads:

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
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Frost had a conversation with a group of college students after he

delivered a lecture at their school. One of the students asked what he meant by “Promises to keep.” Frost said we have promises to keep to those who came before us, to those who will come after us, to ourselves, and, I will add, to God.

We have promises to keep to those who came before us. For Falls Baptist Church, that means keeping promises to those who established Falls, who followed the founders and kept the doors opened and did

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Missions Corner

Galatians 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.*

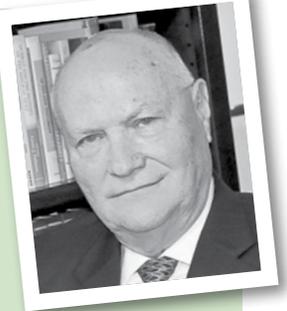
March

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

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

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On the Road to Easter



Years ago, I gath-

ered with other Christians early one Sunday morning in a garden near a tomb in Jerusalem where some people say Jesus was buried. It was late in February and spring was “in the air.” We sang hymns of our faith, read from the Bible, prayed together and then an Anglican minister delivered a message of hope found in scripture passages about the resurrection of Christ. It was a thrilling moment. All around were historical reminders of the significance of Jerusalem to the Christian faith. I had walked the narrow streets in Jerusalem, climbed the steps that archaeologist tell us were there when Jesus lived, saw the place identified as the location of the crucifixion and now I was greeted by the warm air of a Sunday morning at a place that spoke of the resurrection. Looking at the Roman tomb which must

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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 during the week of prayer on Sunday March 4th and Sunday March 11th through Easter Sunday on April 1st.
- FREE smoke detector battery and furnace filter replacement for the elderly and disabled. The FBC Missions Committee and Brotherhood Committee are teaming up to help the elderly and disabled in our community on Saturday March 10th. If you need assistance, please contact Paul Barham. This is a community outreach project. Please feel free to refer your local elderly or disabled friends or neighbors to sign up on our new website if they need assistance.

- Easter Egg Hunt candy donations needed. Bring your individually wrapped candy donations or cash for candy and we will shop for you. We will be collecting candy on Sunday March 4th through Sunday March 18th.
- Habitat for Humanity Wall Raising and Community Prayer Ceremony. Saturday March 24th 11:45am, Cadell Street in Wake Forest. FBC will offer a prayer and sponsor remarks. See Mindy Barham or James Smith if interested in attending.

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.

Event Calendar

March 5 — Deacons' Meeting 7 PM

March 10 – Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9 AM

March 24 — Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 25 — Gospel Singing with Full Reliance
6 PM

April 1 — Easter Sunrise Service, Falls Lake Dam

April 2 — Deacons' Meeting 7 PM

April 14 – Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9 AM

May 5 — Baptist Homes Workday 8 AM– 4 PM

May 12 — Habitat Home Workday

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

Children and Youth Education Important Dates

- **Sunday March 11** at 11 am: Girl Scout Recognition Sunday for FBC Girl Scout Troop 4423.
- **Saturday March 24** at 11 am: FREE Annual Easter Egg Hunt and hotdog lunch. All ages event, no RSVP necessary. Help spread the word by inviting your family, friends and neighbors with children to attend.
- **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.

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their neighbors and looked out for each other and sat on the front porch in the evenings and talked to the people who walked by the house. On Sunday mornings, they joined with neighbors and attended church dressed in their Sunday best, sang the hymns of the Christian faith with gusto, read the Bible and listened to the preacher until he wore himself out.

I don't want to return to that world. I like having running water in my home. I like turning on the heat by flicking a switch and not by stoking the fireplace or the coal heater. I like electric lights, and I even like some television programs.

Though I don't want to turn the clock back and return to the world of our forefathers and foremothers, I do want to reclaim the devotion they had for the church and, yes, I want us to make a promise to those people who established the church on this hill and kept its doors opened through hard times that we will keep the doors opened and we will keep strong the witness of Falls Baptist Church to the love of God found in Jesus Christ. We have promises to keep to those who came before us.

— Tom Jenkins

their best to sustain a vibrant ministry. I've seen photos of some of those people and they look like ordinary people of their time. They loved God, Falls Baptist Church and endeavored to keep its doors opened. Some of those people were your relatives. You may be the third and fourth generation, or even older, of the people who started Falls. Times were different then. Church life was the center of the community. People did not have the distraction of digital media which invades our homes and seizes our attention. They did not live in a world where a plethora of events compete with churches for people's attention, devotion and attendance. It was a simpler world where people knew



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March Birthdays

12	Kevin Barham
13	Diana Harney
16	Rich Harney
19	Alice Tate
21	Stephen Merritt
22	Geneva Holste
26	Billy Chappell



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resemble the tomb in which the body of Christ was placed, I was reminded of the message of the Angel, "He is not here; he is risen."

We are counting the weeks until Easter. Already we observed Ash Wednesday when we gathered in the Sanctuary, prayed and sang together, read Scripture verses and then received the mark of the cross with ashes placed on our foreheads. Some of us made resolutions to "give up" something for Easter. Several told me they were giving up certain foods for Easter like ice cream. Some said that they were giving up "swearing". Others vowed to be kinder and gentler with other people. We live in anticipation of Easter when we are reminded our Lord's resurrection and celebrate his victory over all his enemies, even death, the last enemy to stalk us.

Join us for our services on the journey to Easter. Each Sunday morning in March, I will be preaching from one of the famous "I Am" statements of Jesus found in John's Gospel, such as *I Am the Way*, *I Am the Bread of Life*, *I Am the Light of the World* and *I Am the Good Shepherd*. We will gather early Easter morning, April 1, for a sunrise service on the lake and then worship around the themes of the resurrection of Christ at our morning worship when I hope you will help us fill the sanctuary to "overflowing."

— Tom Jenkins



FREE Gospel Singing with Full Reliance

Please join us for a night of gospel music led by the group Full Reliance on Sunday, March 25. Music will start in our sanctuary at 6 pm with a dessert social immediately after in our Fellowship hall. All are invited!

Full Reliance is a local gospel group and we are excited to have them bless us with their singing and praises to our God! All are welcome and encouraged to attend. See more of their music at their website: <https://fullreliance.com/>



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