

# Falls Fellowship



## Compelled by Love

**H**oly Scripture teaches us to love one another. As Jesus loved his closest friends like Mary and Martha and Lazarus, he also loved Judas who betrayed him into the hands of his enemies. Loving one another demonstrates in tangible ways our love for the Lord. Let me suggest some specific ways in the days ahead to love one another.

First, our dear family members, Woody and Sandra Leonard, remain hospitalized receiving treatment for the injuries they sustained in a recent accident. They are suffering; the road to recovery will be arduous. We are praying for them. But there is more we can do. You can contribute over the next two

weeks to a love offering for them. They will have many expenses not covered by medical insurance. They will have expenses we cannot even imagine at this point. We must help. You may want to make an offering with a check to the church marked “Leonards” in the memo field. You may want to mail a check to the church for them. Again, make the check to the church and designate “Leonards” in the memo field. In the weeks ahead there will be other opportunities for you to show your love for Woody and Sandra. Watch for announcements.

Second, November is the month we recognize our Baptist Children’s

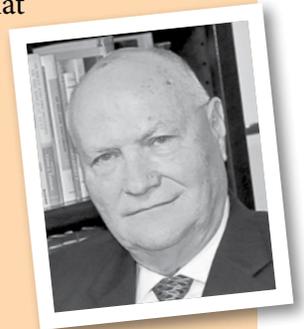
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## The Election Is Over

**B**y the time you receive this edition of Falls Fellowship the elections of 2020 will be over. I would say that perhaps we can return to “normalcy,” the word coined by President Warren G. Harding, but then we continue to do battle with the Coronavirus virus and there’s nothing normal about that. In fact, the pandemic may lead us to a new normal. Already we are beginning to see permanent changes in some areas of our lives.

About the election, let me say, now that the people have spoken, we need to pray for the candidates elected. Paul reminds us it is our duty to pray for our leaders: “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — all those in authority ...” ( 1 Tim. 2:1-2).

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Homes. Through the work of the Baptist Children's Home in 2019, 107,000 lives were impacted with the Love of Christ. Among those brought into the Children's Homes' family last year were children let down by their biological families. The Baptist Children's Homes intervened and offered a home for some of these displaced children. There they were introduced to our Heavenly Father, "Father of the Fatherless," the theme of this year's offering. We support the Baptist Children's Homes through our annual food drive and an annual offering.

Third, we will soon move into the season for recognizing our work in foreign missions. Each December we receive funds earmarked for the International Mission Board and the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Both of these organizations take the love of Christ in places where we cannot go. Our offerings for foreign missions are a tangible response to Jesus words in the Great Commission where he commanded that we take the Gospel to all the people of the world.

These three suggestions represent ways in which we can express our love for Christ. You can respond in love to Sandra and Woody; you can help the Christ centered work of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina; and you can help Baptists through the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to take the Gospel of Christ around the world. Our love for Christ compels us to love others.

— Tom Jenkins

## Shoebox Packing Different This Year

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name.

We want boys and girls around the world to know God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Now more than ever, children need great joy! Most of all, they need the

hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can give boys and girls in need a tangible expression of God's love through a gift-filled shoebox packed from your computer or handheld device. In just a few clicks, you can select toys and other fun items to include as well as a letter and photo to delight the heart of a child. After we pack and ship shoeboxes like yours overseas, local believers share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children as they distribute them. As a result, families are reached, new churches are started, and communities are transformed. It all begins with you.

With just a few clicks, you can pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift online to help share God's love with a boy or girl in need around the world. Simply select toys and other fun items you'd like to include from our collection, and personalize your gift with your own letter and photo. We'll pack the gift for you and send it on its way for a suggested donation of just \$25.

Pack a shoebox online today! Just go to:  
[www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline)



## November Birthdays

1	Gary Watkins
3	Wayne Blackmon
8	Jason Stewart
10	Tyler Allen
11	Amy Barham
15	Faye Van Putte
15	Ruby Jenks
18	Wanda Looper
20	Tammy Medlin
23	Marie Bowden
23	Payton Harney
23	Daniel Ripley
27	Lee Canipe





## Worship Precautions During November

The church is taking several precautions to make attendance as safe as possible during this Covid-19 pandemic. Even though we are not aware of anyone in our congregation who has the virus, we are aware you could have the virus and be without symptoms. Therefore, we are requesting that all follow these guidelines:

1. If you are ill, please do not attend until all your symptoms have disappeared.
2. Maintain 6 feet social distance except for family members living in the same household.
3. Use furnished hand sanitizer or wipes as you enter the church.
4. Pew Bibles and hymnals have been removed. Order of service and hymns will appear in your individual program bulletin.
5. Use your own face mask if you desire or disposal masks will be available for those wishing to use them.
6. Pews will be cleaned before and after each service.
7. Boxes to receive tithes and offerings are placed at the doors so we do not have to handle offering plates.

Some members fall into the category of having underlying conditions which make them uncomfortable to be in groups. We understand they may not be willing to attend now. Hopefully, this pandemic will soon pass and we can truly get back to normal worship services. During the month of November we will ONLY have 11 AM services in person. Wednesday Bible study will continue on Zoom.

— Linwood Barham

## Sunday School Resumes!

Sunday School at Falls Baptist Church will resume on Sunday, December 6 at 10:15 AM. We will have two classes to start, Senior Adults will meet in the sanctuary, and Middle and Older Adults will meet jointly downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Social distancing will be practiced with the classes lasting about 20-25 minutes.

We are still looking for volunteers to lead children's programs so we can reach out and have some attendance by children.

## Love Offering November 8

On Sunday, November 8, we will again be collecting a love offering for Woody and Sandra Leonard. They are looking at a long recovery and need our help, prayers, and support. If you would like to help please do so on Sunday, the 8th.

## Helping a family

Our missions committee is adopting a family to help in the upcoming Christmas season. We always help out a family during this time of year, and this year we will need donations of clothes, household supplies and more. More information will be announced soon.

Please contact Angie Harris at 919-746-5697 with any questions. Thank you!

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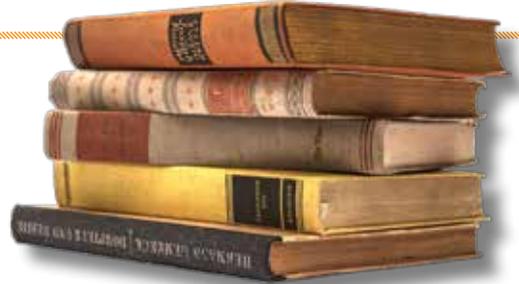
This means even if our candidate was not elected and we do not agree with the positions of those elected, we are compelled to pray for them. Prayer changes people. Perhaps if we disagree with those elected, prayer will help them be better as elected officials than they were as candidates. Sometimes a politician will rise to the higher purpose of his elected office and will put aside partisan bickering. As we pray for the candidates elected by a majority of the voters, our understanding of them may change and we will begin to view them with more tolerance and acceptance.

Also, pray for our nation. The campaigns were marked by the rhetoric of divisiveness. The playground tactics of “us against them” marked the speeches of some candidates. It’s time to lay aside our divisions and learn again the meaning of “one nation under God.”

Furthermore, pray for our church. Our congregation represents multiple points of view because we come from diverse backgrounds. Regardless of our differences in politics we can embrace each other as children of God, saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. As my wife often says, “the ground is level at the foot of the cross.” Come to church as Christians, representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel and his

will for creation and not representatives of secular politics. He died to save us and to present us as one body to our Heavenly Father. Help keep the divisiveness of the lost world out of the church.

— Tom Jenkins



## **New library additions**

We just got these library books in — I hadn’t ordered any in a while because of Covid. We will list these as the books we got in November since they’ll be on the shelves November 1st!

*Is This The End?* — Jeremiah, David

*If I Were You* — Austin, Lynn

*Believer’s Bible Commentary 2nd Edition*

— MacDonald, William

*Earth’s Last Empire: The Final Game of Thrones*

— Hagee, John

— Alan Watkins



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