

Falls Fellowship

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We will collect your packed shoeboxes through Sunday, November 18th.

How to pack a shoebox: Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Then start with a quality "wow" item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the

child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo. Fill out the box label and include \$9 to cover the costs of shipping.

What NOT to include: candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged

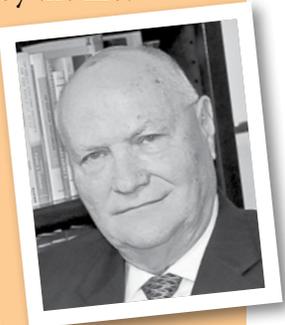
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Give Thanksgiving a Chance

Thanksgiving doesn't have a chance. It is squeezed in between Halloween and Christmas. By the time you get this newsletter, Halloween will be over and people will have turned their attention to Christmas. We are guilty of this at our house. My wife told me she wants the Christmas tree out of the storage unit and in the house by the first weekend in November!

Let me make the case for Thanksgiving. Everybody knows the historical circumstances of the holiday



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Missions Corner

Falls Baptist Church will continue to take up the annual offering for Baptist Children's Homes through the end of November.

From BCH.org: Without you, and North Carolina Baptists throughout the state, it would be impossible for Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) to

offer compassionate homes and ministries where children can come and find a place of hope and peace. Our caring cottage parents and caregivers introduce boys and girls to Jesus who says to them, "Come to me ... I will give you rest."

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Mark your calendars for these upcoming service opportunities:

- Sunday December 9th 4-6 pm: Children's Christmas Party. We are asking Falls Baptist Church members to help in our evangelism efforts by inviting five families to attend. Volunteers needed! See Stacie Creech for more information.
- Wednesday December 12th 7-8 pm: Christmas Caroling at Hillside Nursing Home. Join the Falls River Girl Scout Troop in spreading Christmas cheer to the residents at Hillside Nursing Home. Volunteers needed! See Mindy Barham for more information.
- Saturday December 15th 9 am – 12 pm: Food Bank of Eastern and Central NC. Volunteers needed! 1924 Capital Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27604. See Alan Watkins for more information.

— Mindy Barham

Annual Veterans Breakfast November 10

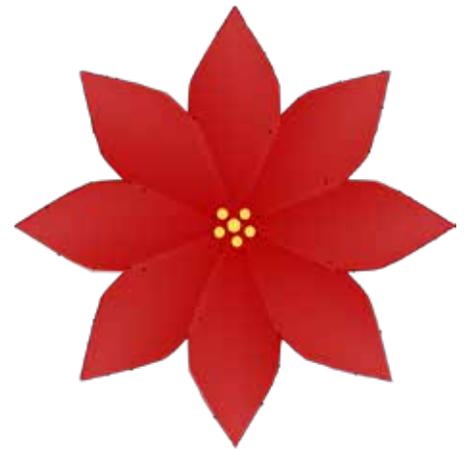
The FBC Annual Veterans Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 10th at 7:30 am – 10 am. Free all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast for veterans, \$5 for non-veterans. Please help us spread the word by inviting your family, friends and neighbors. All proceeds will go to Operation North State, a local veterans outreach organization. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please see Paul Barham for more information.

2018 Poinsettia Orders

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia to be placed in our church Sanctuary during Advent, please complete an order form. Place your order form in the offering plate.

Please see Ruby Costa with any questions. Poinsettias are \$13 each and orders are due no later than Sunday, November 18.

Thank you!



Event Calendar

- November 10 — Veterans' Day Breakfast 7:30 – 10 AM
- November 11 — Called Church Conference to call Dr. Jenkins as pastor 12 PM
- November 12 — Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM
- November 13 — Southern Supreme Fruitcake Trip 9:00 AM
- November 18 — Operation Christmas Child deadline
- November 18 — Poinsettia Order Deadline
- December 2 — Deacons Meeting 4 PM
- December 8 — Church Christmas Dinner Party 6 PM
- December 9 — Children's Christmas Party 4-6 PM
- December 12 — Christmas Caroling 7 PM
- December 15 — Food Bank of NC 9 AM

November Birthdays

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





Our mission team volunteered to help hurricane victims in Onslow County on October 27. Pictured from left is Arnie Jenks, Ruby Costa, Sandra Leonard, Erica Barham, Mindy Barham, Mike Harris and Paul Barham.



has been collecting shoeboxes for the last 25 years and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel! It all starts with a simple gift.



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items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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Thanksgiving continued ...

with the emphasis on food, family and festivities. To follow the historical tradition of a meal with turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings takes two days. One day to prepare the meal and the day we sit down at the table with the turkey in the center and argue over who will get the drumsticks. That's it; turkey cooked, eaten and it's all over.

Maybe we can turn Thanksgiving around this year by emphasizing the "thanks" in "Thanksgiving." We often neglect offering "Thanks" for the blessings of God. We take much for granted.

Take a trip to the hurricane ravaged areas of our state and your attitude about offering thanks may change. Ask the people from our church who took a truck load of clothes to Jacksonville last week and ask the group from our church who helped with the nasty and smelly removal of sheetrock, flooring and belongings from a house virtually destroyed by Florence. They were helping the owner to prepare for rebuilding, the second time in two years. They will remind us how easy it is for us to take for granted our blessings and forget to be thankful and offer thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is about Giving — Thanks.

At Thanksgiving this year, follow the words of the Psalmist, "I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart" (Psalm 138:1). Have a thankful heart. Be grateful. Shout for joy at the blessings of God. Thank the



Lord for creating turkeys and thank him for letting you have one.

— Tom Jenkins

Have You Downloaded Our App?

Our new mobile app is ready and in use by 41 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 at www.fallsbaptistchurch.org.



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