

Falls Fellowship



Let's Make November "Prayer Month"

November 25th is Thanksgiving, one of my favorite holidays of the year. Thanksgiving reminds me of my days as a child when my mother prepared a great "feast" for Thanksgiving, at least that's what it looked like to me as a young boy. We had the standard items like turkey and dressing and pumpkin pie; but then she added her special dishes like a green colored salad that was frozen and her special pound cake with nuts and her famous multi-layered chocolate cake. Mother cooked her chocolate icing slowly, stirring it meticulously, monitoring the temperature like

she was making candy. The icing tasted more like fudge than the run-of-the mill chocolate icing you would get at the bakery shop on Railroad Street. My dad sat at the head of the table. When everything was on the table and we were seated as a family of five my father would say, "Let us pray." He did not offer a short prayer; he went into detail thanking God for his blessings for our family. Mom's food was great; but now as an old man I remember my dad's prayers more than her chocolate cake.

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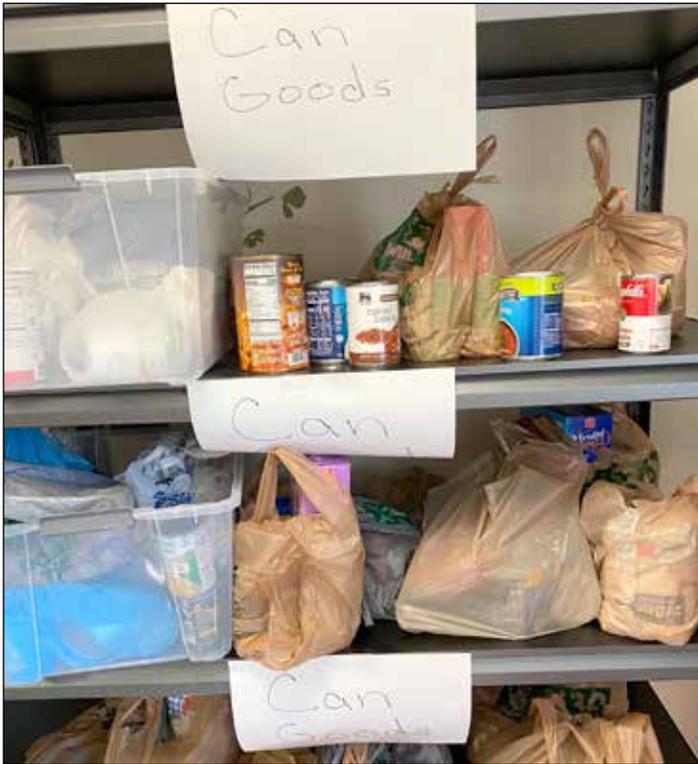
From Fonville to the Ends of the Earth

Falls Baptist Church shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ within our community and far beyond, indeed, to the ends of the earth we are on mission. Let me give some examples of this.



We have just completed assembling Hygiene Kits for the carnival workers at the NC State Fair. Mike Harris delivered them to the office of the Raleigh Baptist Association this week. Through that simple gift, we impact lives with the good news of the Gospel through a tangible gift. We do this because we love the Lord. Some of the workers come from far away places. You will see among them ethnics whose origins are in foreign countries. For some of them hygiene kits represent luxuries. From Fonville to the ends of the earth.

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We recently gave 150 pounds of food to the Tri Area Ministry Food Pantry in Wake Forest. Every week food insecure people make their way to TAMFP on Holding Avenue in Wake Forest for food. Last year TAMFP provided food for 10,609 families and distributed 795,000 pounds of food. Even in our affluent county, you can still count 160,000 food insecure people. Almost 60,000 of them are children. From Fonville to the ends of the earth.

We support the work of Baptist On Mission disaster relief work through Baptist Men. The work of disaster relief is never over. Disaster relief teams are still working in the eastern part of our state for rebuilds due to Florence — that's right, they are still working to help people recover from Florence even though the storm occurred in September 2018. They estimate they will continue that work for at least two more years as 90,000 homes were destroyed or severely damaged by Florence. Through your gifts to the work of Baptist Men, also known as Baptist On Mission, you are helping people rebuild their lives. From Fonville to the ends of the earth.

Next month, November, we will be collecting money for the work of our Baptist Children's Homes.

Dr. Michael Blackwell, BCH President/CEO, recently wrote about a girl named Samantha. She lives at the Odum Home in Pembroke. There, she accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Blackwell says Samantha heard the Gospel and accepted Christ "because churches like yours, through the Annual Offering, gave her a caring, Christian home at Baptist Children's Homes." Through the BCH annual offering, 195,000 children, families and adults were served in 2020. Blackwell says, "Through your Annual Offering, the light of Christ shines into a North Carolina mission field in need of hope!" From Fonville to the ends of the earth.

In December we will promote the Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions. Through this single offering Southern Baptists have given more than five-billion dollars to International Missions. As a result of last year's offering more than 144,000 people became believers in Christ, and 18,000 new churches were started. A newcomer to Baptist life asked, "When will we get Lottie Moon paid off," as though it represented a church debt. My answer was, we will never pay it off because the work of missions will continue until Christ returns. From Fonville to the ends of the earth.

I am proud to be a part of this church which takes missions seriously. We, however, must not rest on our past achievements; the need of sharing Christ will always be pressing upon us. The work never stops. From Fonville to the ends of the earth.

— Tom Jenkins

October Birthdays

1	Lola Kelley
3	Vivian Sherrell
8	Naomi Tsujimura
14	Allison Watkins
17	Melanie Barham
17	Stacie Creech
18	Tracie Odham
18	Pat Jenks
25	Bill Allen
25	R. L. Harris
30	Hubert Jenks





Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month for the past three years.

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.

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

Thanks!

symptoms have disappeared.

2. Maintain six-foot 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 disposable 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 October, Wednesday Bible study will be in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM for supper and continue on Zoom at 7 PM for those who can not attend in person. If you plan on attending for supper please sign the sheet each week in the vestibule.



Mission Donations

We are still collecting non-perishable food during the month for Tri-Area Ministries, our local food bank. Please leave food in bags in the vestibule.

We will be collecting montary donations for the Baptist Children's Home during November.

Worship Precautions During October

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

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Prayer cont' ...

Here is a suggestion: let's declare November the month of prayer. Why not start early thanking God for his blessings and not wait until Thanksgiving? I know your life would be blessed through spending more time in prayer. In addition, I know our church would be blessed if you spent more time praying for it.

We desperately need the blessings of God to pour upon our church. We desperately need God to bless the families of our church and to especially bring healing where there is division among families. We need God to open our eyes to the needs of people

around us and share with them the immeasurable love of God and share from our bounty of material blessings. We need for God to inspire us with a plan that will bring new people to our church, the old that may need help getting into the sanctuary and the little children who will run up and down the aisles of the sanctuary and leave handprints here and there and the people who are different from us but whom we must especially love, and we must pray God will help us to love each other with a love that is like his all-encompassing, ever-lasting love. A song says, "What the world needs is love." I affirm that; I also say what the world needs is prayer and both prayer

and love start with you and me.

Leading up to Thanksgiving, let's make November the month of prayer. I'll make some specific suggestions for us to consider in my message on Halloween. We'll start preparing for Thanksgiving on Halloween!

— Tom Jenkins



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