

# Falls Fellowship



## Mission Emphases for the Fall

**E**ach September we promote the North Carolina Missions Offering. The offering helps to fund mission work of the Baptist State Convention. For example, North Carolina Baptist Men are funded through this offering. Baptist Men coordinate the convention's disaster relief program which sends teams of workers when disasters strike. Often in our state that means assisting people who have been impacted by hurricanes or tornadoes. Consider giving to the NCMO using the special envelope in your box of envelopes or just drop a check in one of the offering boxes. The theme for this year's offering is "Compelled by Love."

The Baptist Children's Home of NC cancelled its Spring food drive because of the pandemic. They have

rescheduled the drive for September. If you would like to participate, bring your contributions of food items to the church on September 6 and 13. We have a missions' room downstairs where you can leave your food items or place them in the vestibule entering the sanctuary. The missions committee will deliver them to a collection point at the Raleigh Baptist Association on September 14.

Another annual mission project for us is Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. We usually distribute the boxes and ask you to return them to the church and we package them for the Samaritans' Purse. Because of the Pandemic, Samaritans' Purse is promoting a different approach

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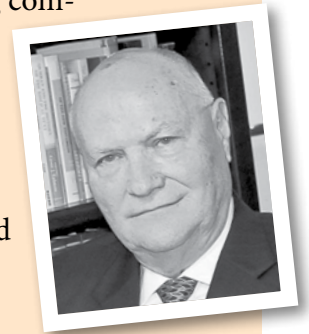
## Resolutions for a New Church Year

**L**ast Sunday we accepted the report of the nominating com-

mittee for filling our volunteer positions, officers, teachers, and committees. In addition, we affirmed

the deacons you had nominated to serve a term beginning September 1. September begins what we used to refer to as the "Church Year" to distinguish it from the calendar year. This has always seemed strange to me. Why not start the new church year on January 1? I suppose it has something to do with coordinating the Sunday School calendar with the calendar followed by schools. We often make New Years' resolutions prior to January 1 so why not make resolutions for the new church year? Here are some suggestions.

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# HOMECOMING

## Homecoming in Our Hearts

This September marks our church's 120th year of God's blessings. One great tradition of Falls Baptist Church is our annual Homecoming celebration, which I had hoped could be a grand day this year. Unfortunately, due to the need for social distancing and other health and safety concerns of COVID-19, we will not be able to celebrate with a sanctuary full of worshipers nor with our covered dish fellowship that we all look forward to every year.

However, on September 13 we will still commemorate this important day as part of our worship of God. What you can do is encourage family and friends to watch our worship livestream on Facebook that day as we honor and reflect on our church's heritage and hope.

Our current situation calls us to be creative and mindful of ways to show God's love in new ways, and that is what we must do! As long as we are grateful for all that God has done for us and our church, through the people and events which have touched our lives, there will always be a homecoming, even within our hearts and memories. To God be the glory for these 120 years and for all which await us.

— Kevin Barham

## Falls Baptist Women's Bible Study

You are invited to join our Women's Study Group this week as they continue their Bible study, *Seamless*, by Angie Smith. They will be meeting online and by phone via Zoom. This week they will be talking about their Week 2 study on The Patriarchs. If you would like to join, have questions or need the study guide, please reach out to Victoria Neal (919) 880-1888.

## Missions cont' ...

this year. You can donate \$25 on Samaritans' Purse website and follow the prompts to "remotely" fill a box. You can select a boy or a girl within three different age ranges and then choose the items you would like to place in your box. Samaritans' Purse will pack the box and mail it for you. You can even send photos or notes to personalize the box. Follow this link [www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/](http://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/)

For those of you who do not have access to the internet or may be a little intimidated by using the technology, you can give the church \$25 designated for Samaritans' Purse and Angie Harris of our Missions Committee will "pack" a box for you. This is a novel way of sending gifts to deserving children in foreign countries at Christmas.

During a pandemic it is easy to forget about the larger world of needs as we hunker down into our safety zone. We must focus on the safety of our families and those closest to us. At the same time, we must act as people of hope because we are Christians. As you pray for the safety of those in your immediate world, including church members, let us not neglect the world of need that is around us. Remember Jesus' words about doing for others as an act of our doing for him.

— Tom Jenkins

## September Birthdays

6	Edith Johnson
7	Craig Jackson
12	Henry Young, III
15	Angie Harris
16	Taylor Jenks
17	Pat Fox
18	Julie Allen
21	Trisha Watkins
24	Jerry Looper
26	Carol Looper
26	Ruth Young



# Baptist Children's Homes 2020 Food/Supply Roundup

Deliver your food to the Raleigh Baptist Association, 820 S. New Hope Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610 **Please have food in boxes which can be stacked easily.** If you would like to volunteer to help in the receiving of food please contact Iris at 919.231.3995.

**NOTE: Gift cards are highly recommended!**

**RBA Collection Dates: Sept 14 - 17, 2020 8:30am-4:30pm.**

## Food/ Cooking Items:

Canned Fruits  
Fruit Cocktail  
Bottled Water  
Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)  
Dry Cereal  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)  
Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)  
Pancake Mix and Syrup  
Soups (Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken, Chicken Broth, Beef Broth)  
Sugar (Granulated & Brown)  
Splenda  
Popcorn, Kettle Corn  
Apple Sauce  
Fruit Pie Filling (Cherry, Peach)  
Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free)  
Bottled Water  
Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice  
Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams  
Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, chicken -in water)  
Stuffing Mix  
Gravy Mixes  
Tuna, Chicken, & Hamburger Helper  
Pickles (Sweet, Dill, Sweet Relish)  
Refried Beans  
Hot Chocolate Mix  
Snack Foods (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, Rice Krispies Treats, Vanilla Wafers, etc.)  
Health Snack Foods (Dried Fruit, Raisins, Cranraisins)  
Individual Cookie Packs  
Jello  
PopTarts  
Rice  
Instant Potatoes  
Muffin Mix  
Bisquick Mix  
Kidney Beans  
Baked Beans  
Pickle Relish  
Cranberry Sauce  
Mac & Cheese  
Corn Meal, Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix  
Potatoes  
Hush Puppy Mix  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is their favorite)  
Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix  
Saltine Crackers, Ritz, Graham Crackers  
A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Worcestershire  
Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)  
Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour Sauce  
Brownie & Cookie Mix  
Canned Vegetables  
Soups (Tomato, Chicken, Vegetable)  
Hot Dog Chili  
Coffee (Regular & Decaf)  
Coffee Creamer  
Sweetened Condensed Milk & Evaporated Milk  
Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.)  
French Fried Onions  
Honey  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Oatmeal



Parmesan Cheese  
Puddings, Pudding Cups  
Salsa  
Vinegar

## Non-Food Items:

**Paper Products (Towels, Kleenex)**  
**Dishwashing detergent** (Cascade, Jet Dry, Ivory, Dawn)  
**Washing Powder or Liquid** (Tide, Cheer, Ajax, Arm & Hammer (allergen free))  
**Fabric Softener (Dryer Sheets)**  
**Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans**  
**Clorox Bleach**  
**Clorox II Cleaner**  
**Windex Window Cleaner**  
**Foil and Plastic Wrap**  
**Ajax or Comet Cleanser**  
**SOS Pads**  
Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware)  
Furniture Polish (Pledge, Murphy's Oil, Kleen Guard)  
Lysol Spray and Cleaner  
Pine Sol Floor Cleaner  
Shout Pre-Wash Spray  
Chapstick  
Soft Scrub  
Spray and Wash  
Tilex Mildew Remover  
Trash Bags (large & small)  
Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart & Gallon Sizes)  
Band Aids  
Hand Lotion  
Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide  
Razors  
Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel  
Dental Floss  
Hair brushes  
Deodorant  
Conditioner  
Tooth Paste  
Bug Repellent  
Wasp/Hornet Spray  
Sunblock 30+  
Batteries (AA and AAA)



**\*Gift cards are greatly appreciated to buy perishables and other items. (i.e. Wal-Mart, Sam's Clubs, Food Lion, Lowes, Ingles)**

\*All size cans, however most campuses prefer #10 cans (family size).

**\*Please check for expired dates on food.**

**\*Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.**

## **Raleigh Baptist Association Collection**

**Dates**  
**Sept 14-17, 2020**  
**8:30 am - 4:30 pm**  
**Deliver to the rear of the building**

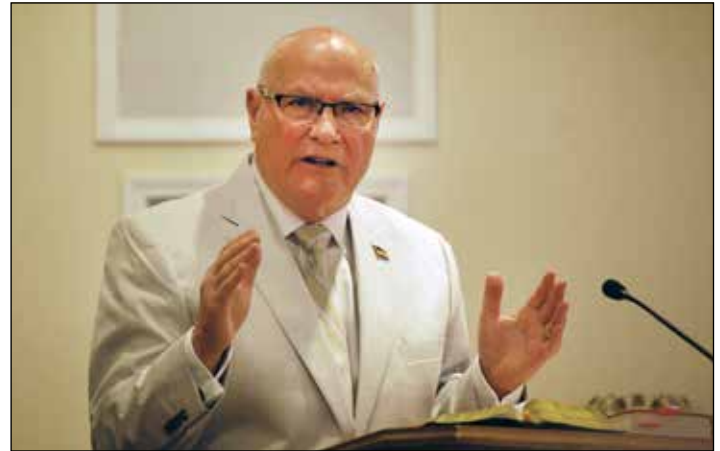
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## *New Year continued ...*

1. Resolved we will survive the pandemic and return to something like “normal” in the new church year. For me that means returning to the church fully opened with Sunday School, Bible studies and Wednesday night suppers. Now, I do not mean to minimize the good we have accomplished as we have had limited activities. We worshipped together, first remotely, and now we are back in the sanctuary, following strict guidelines of precaution. We have two Bible studies during the week using Zoom. You have faithfully supported the church with your tithes and offerings. Thank you. Nevertheless, I look forward to more gathering activities in our buildings.

2. Resolved that we will increase our mission work in the new church year. That means increasing our financial contributions to missions but also finding ways in which we, as a congregation, can engage in missions. Let us find a mission project we can support and jump in “feet first.” When it is safe for us to go forward with missions’ work, I want us to have a weekend dedicated to following the principles of “In As Much” and engage in local mission projects.

3. Resolved our committees will meet and plan strategies for the new year following the guidelines for committees in our documents, such as our Bylaws. Each committee has specific tasks which should be prioritized in a new year. Thinking again about the future, when we can come together again without risks to our health, we will have a “Committee Night” for a time of orientation to the work of each committee.



4. Resolved that we will bring our members back together when it is safe to do so. It will be easy for those who have stayed away because of the pandemic to continue the pattern of staying home on Sundays. We must pray for their return and we must tell them, beyond praying for them, that we have missed them and look forward to their returning. Why not start calling our members who have had to stay at home and tell them about how anxious you are for them to be able to return to our services?

5. Resolved that we will find ways to reach new members. We can plot our future along the lines of our reaching new people. I know even without the pandemic these are challenging times for reaching some generations for church membership, such as the millennial generation. I have data about the generational and age makeup of our community. When we return to Wednesday night activities, we will study the data on successive Wednesday nights and talk about strategies for reaching new people in our community.

There are many other items we could add to this list, but this represents a start for us as we move forward in a new church year as the church of Jesus Christ on Fonville Road.

— Tom Jenkins

## **Deacons**

Linwood Barham, Chairman	919-418-1162
Hubert Jenks, Vice Chairman	919-270-8765
Alan Watkins, Secretary	919-793-5548
Kevin Barham	919-618-4214
Mike Harris	919-746-5697
Frank Powell	919-604-1285

## **Raleigh Baptist Association Training Extravaganza 2020**

**A**s you read in last month’s newsletter, this year’s training is virtual! Visit their website, [www.raleighbaptists.org](http://www.raleighbaptists.org) to access videos and resources for a wide variety of leadership, teaching and ministry ideas.



## Worship Precautions During September

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 September we will

ONLY have 11 AM services in person. Wednesday Bible study will continue on Zoom.

We will reevaluate everything near the end of September and pray we can resume Sunday School and Wednesday meals in October.

— Linwood Barham

## Deacons to serve

Deacons who are serving beginning September 1 are: Kevin Barham, Hubert Jenks, Frank Powell and Alan Watkins. They join Linwood Barham and Mike Harris as our Diaconate for the 2020-2021 church year.



## 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.

Our website is generating interest and bringing people into our church. Please bookmark it at [www.fallsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.fallsbaptistchurch.org). In addition, our mobile app is in use by 92 people in five countries at this writing — China, Japan, Nigeria and Puerto Rico in addition to the United States! 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.

Communication is very important, so send your news and articles to Frank at [fbpowell@mac.com](mailto:fbpowell@mac.com)

Thanks!

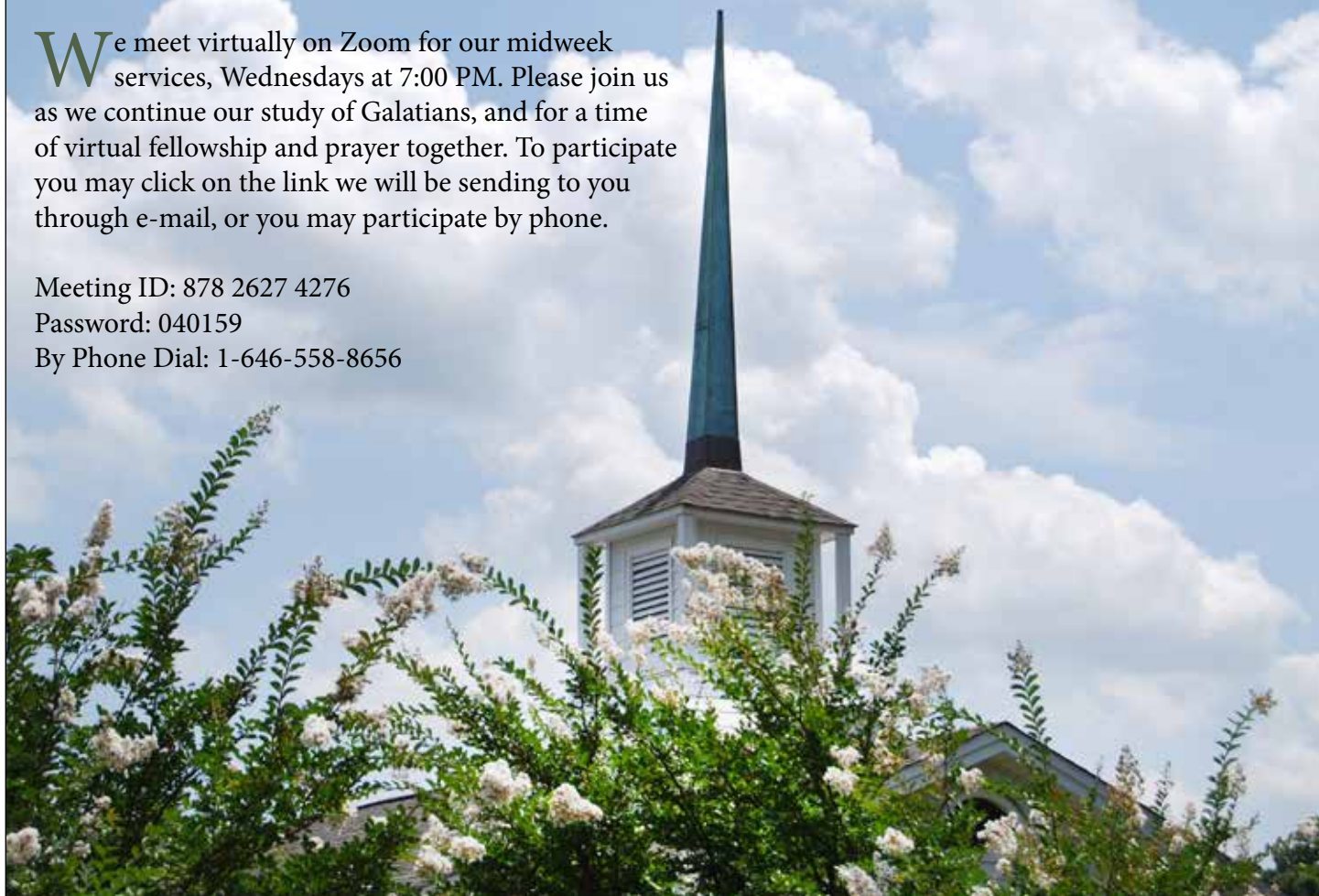
## *Wednesdays on Zoom: Galatians*

**W**e meet virtually on Zoom for our midweek services, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Please join us as we continue our study of Galatians, and for a time of virtual fellowship and prayer together. To participate you may click on the link we will be sending to you through e-mail, or you may participate by phone.

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