

Falls Fellowship

Homecoming



Sunday, September 9, is Homecoming at Falls. Some of our extended family of friends and former members will join us to celebrate the event. There will be music, preaching, conversations and, of course, good food. Homecoming at a Baptist Church isn't really homecoming without food. That may be scriptural; if not, it should be.

Homecoming is a time of remembering. We stir up memories about the beginning of Falls Baptist Church and the many people who marched through its doors for more than a century. Falls has sent preachers of the Gospel to the fields of service of the world. Falls

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Missions Corner

Hebrews 13:16 — *And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

- North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO). This is a special offering received during the month of September which supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission,

Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to impact lostness as God accomplishes many wonderful things through these various ministries. The

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The Light of the World



The Book of Genesis begins with darkness. God said, "Let there be light" and the darkness was replaced with the light of creation. Before God spoke, there was only darkness.

The Gospel of John ends with darkness. Jesus, the Light of the World, is on the shore of the Lake of Galilee while a group of his disciples is on the lake fishing. It is still night. Jesus cups his hands and blows in them and suddenly charcoal explodes into fire and there is a flickering light on the shore that the disciples see. They go to the light and find the risen Savior and the breakfast that he cooked for them. The story of Creation begins with darkness and the last meeting of Jesus with his disciples begins with darkness. The story of God's love for the world begins with darkness that is penetrated by the light of

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theme for 2018 is “Open Hands” and the offering goal is \$2.1 million. The theme verse is Psalm 145:16 “You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living

thing.” Our goal is to raise \$3,500 this year.

- NC State Fair Hygiene Kits. This is a ministry of the Raleigh Baptist Association and Campers on Mission to NC State

Fair workers. Fair workers are often



away from home traveling with the fair circuit for 8 months out of the year. Some of the services that RBA offers in addition to hygiene kits are: free home-cooked meals, free clothes, free haircuts, a dental clinic and 40 chaplains for ministry to the workers. If you feel led to participate in this outreach, please place these items in a clear gallon size

ziptop style bag and place in the vestibule: Trial size only please (except toothbrush): Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, hair conditioner, deodorant, soap, disposable razors, wash cloths, combs (no brushes), new ball point pens and pocket size notepads. You may also choose to donate cash



and the missions committee will purchase kits for you. Our goal is to collect 30 kits this year.

— Mindy Barham



Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month in 2018 so far.

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 new website is finished and online now. Please bookmark it at www.fallsbaptistchurch.org. In addition, our new mobile app is ready and in use by 40 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.

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

Thanks!

Event Calendar

NO MEN'S BREAKFAST IN SEPTEMBER!

- September 9 — 118th Homecoming! 11 AM
- September 10 — Deacon's Meeting 7 PM
- September 16 — Commissioning of Leadership and Teachers 11 AM
- October 8 — Deacon's Meeting 7 PM
- October 13 — Men's Breakfast 8 AM
- October 21 — Regular Church Conference 12 PM

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
- 22 Erica Barham
- 24 Jerry Looper
- 26 Carol Looper
- 26 Ruth Young





Our Prayer Concerns

Herman Choplin, Sallie Parrish, Demp Jenks, Mark Young, Elizabeth Jackson, Marie Bowden, Lee Canipe, Carolyn Odham, Stacie Creech, Brandon and Ruth Ann Long, Melanie Barham, Phil Jackson, Faye Van Putte, and Tracie Odham.

Let's Make A Joyful Noise!

Scripture tells us in Psalm 100 verses one and two: *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

Worship is about giving thanks to God with all our heart. Praising Him as our Refuge and Stronghold. Powerful words from Psalm 9 remind us to give glory to God ... who reigns forever!

Falls Baptist Church Choir needs you to help us make that joyful noise. We're gaining new members — come be part of it! New voices are always welcome!

Don't use the excuse you can't sing — most of us can't sing, but that doesn't stop us from making that joyful noise to the Lord.

Christmas will be here before we know it and we need dedicated choir members to help celebrate the season!

Choir practice is now on Sundays at 2:30 PM. We have a lot of fun and the fellowship is hard to beat. Join us!

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has ushered in new born babies and lifted them up in the presence of Christ. Falls has sent Saints home to be with the Lord. Falls has brought joy to many people, hope to many who were in despair and Falls has been like family to the lonely.

It is appropriate that we come together and remember our past and celebrate the good things that God has accomplished through Falls, despite the fact that the warts of our humanity show through from time-to-time. We must honor the past. But as we fill ourselves with fried chicken, potato salad, cakes and pies, remember that God calls us to faithfulness and service in the future. There's more work for Falls to do. There are more people to rescue from perishing; more homes to be touched by the warmth that is Falls at its best; more children and youth to gently lead down the path to eternity with God. Homecoming is about the past; but the work of Christ is about the future.

— Tom Jenkins



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Creation and the story of Jesus' ministry on earth ends with his starting a fire on the shore of Galilee, perhaps a subtle reminder that he is the Light of the World.

He said that we are to be a light, too. We are to penetrate the darkness that is all around us caused by sin and suffering and disappointment and grief and despair and dying and bigotry and hate. We are to be a light to those who are in darkness. I talked with a lady whose heart was broken by the recent death of her husband of many years. She said, "Since he left, I feel like I am walking in darkness. I stumble about not knowing where to go or what to do. I need someone to show me the way." I reminded her that Jesus said he was the light and the

way. I don't know how God ever uses someone like me, but somehow, he did and in the days, that followed, as we contin-

ued our conversation, she gradually began to see the light and through the Lord's help she was lifted out of darkness.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world" but his light shines only through his followers. All around you are people in darkness. You are the light they need and you may be the only hope they have.

— Tom Jenkins

Homecoming, Sunday, September 9th

This year's homecoming committee invites you to our celebration of our 118th Homecoming Service. Dr. Tom Jenkins will be bringing the morning message. We are planning a day of remembering our past and a time to look forward to our future. Our fellowship covered dish meal will follow the service. Please pack your baskets with lots of fried chicken, your favorite casseroles and other homemade goodies, enough for your family and our guests.

We look forward to seeing you on this special day as we look back at the blessings of our past and forward into the future with anticipation for what the Lord is going to do in the years to come.

— Sandra Ray, Chairman 2018 homecoming committee



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