

# Falls Fellowship

## The Joy of Easter

**E**aster is a celebration of Christ's victory over death and our hope for eternal life — surely if ever there was anything which gives us hope, it is this — the Resurrection.

Easter day for me is the most positive day in the year, a day of Joy and Sunshine, a day of happiness and light and what's more, there are 50 days of Easter.

If that isn't enough, every Sunday

is a celebration of Christ glorious resurrection, the first day of the week.

Our Sabbath isn't on the seventh day, Saturday, when God rested from creation, but rather we celebrate a new creation, Christ's glorious resurrection from the dead on a Sunday, the first day of the week.

To the Disciples, the Resurrection

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## Missions Corner

### April Missions Opportunities:

- Annie Armstrong Annual Easter Offering. Falls Baptist Church goal this year is \$800. Every dollar given goes to train and resource more than 5,000 missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the

United States, Canada and their territories.

- We are collecting NEW small stuffed animals for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

### Looking ahead to next month...

- May Missions Collection: Hygiene items (travel sized only)

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## Easter Is Coming



**W**e are approaching the most sacred season of our Christian year: Easter. Everything we believe about Christianity rises or falls on the events of Easter. If there is no Easter and Christ is not risen from the dead, then we remain hopelessly lost on our way through life and we come to the end of the way with nothing more than a grave marker. Our lives are lived without purpose and meaning. We are simply bound within the markers of our birth and death. Death and the grave are the final victors.

With Easter, however, we can live in anticipation of life everlasting in a resurrected body like the resurrected Body of Christ. We can anticipate the fathomless glories of heaven. We can imagine ourselves among the redeemed who gather around

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## Joy of Easter continued ...

of Jesus was something totally new and unexpected and even unbelievable.

It totally transformed them and gave them a new vision of life itself, real meaning and hope for the future, hope in a world where there was no hope, a future where there was no future and above all, a purpose to life itself.

They had been witnesses to the suffering and death of Jesus and during that time they had remained hidden behind locked doors out of fear.

They were afraid their fate was coming and that they would suffer the same suffering and death as Jesus - their hope in Jesus had been shattered.

The resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit brought about a complete turn around and they began boldly to proclaim that Jesus, who died on the Cross, was alive.

And later when they were arrested, persecuted and imprisoned, they rejoiced as they were now even more closely related to the life experience of their Lord through his resurrection.

The Acts of the Apostles tell us that they were courageous and were ready to suffer for his sake.

That Easter Sunday was a total reversal of the image of Good Friday.

His death which seemed to be a defeat before the world is now shown as a triumph, a victory over death; His dying on the cross in reality was a passage to new life, a far more glorious life.

For Jesus his death was a fulfilment of his Father's will as he accepted it in total obedience and that led to his victory.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is at the very heart of Christianity; for his disciples and for us it was indeed a mystery.

Jesus Christ because of the resurrection, His name lives on, now and in the future.

— Geoffrey Foot

## A note from a former pastor

Dear Members of Falls Baptist Church,

I am now an old retired pastor. However, I have never forgotten Falls Baptist Church. It was my first and best pastorate; the one dearest to my heart. I thank your staff and you for keeping in touch with Angela and me.

I have always admired your pastor, Tom Jenkins, and though we were separated by many miles, we were one in God's service and with you. I carried with me throughout my ministry, and still do, the precious memories of my pastorate at Falls.

Thank you again for keeping in touch with me. Maybe someday we will see each other again; surely in Heaven.

Keep up the good work for the Lord under the leadership of your good pastor.

Remember Angela and me in your prayers. I am now ninety years old and still fairly strong. God is so good.

Thinking of your always,

Duncan Futrelle

## Event Calendar

April 7 — Deacons' Meeting 4 PM

April 13 — Easter Egg Hunt 11 AM

April 19 — Good Friday Service

April 20 — Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM

April 21 — Easter Sunrise Service, Falls Lake Dam followed by breakfast at the fellowship hall

April 23 — Raleigh Baptist Meeting 6 PM

April 28 — Quarterly Church Conference 12 PM

May 5 — Deacons Meeting 4 PM

May 12 — Mother's Day

## April Birthdays

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| 1  | Ken Barham     |
| 8  | Ruth Ann Long  |
| 14 | P. J. Barham   |
| 19 | Sallie Parrish |
| 26 | Brandon Long   |



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## Falls Baptist Church 2019 Missions Opportunities Calendar

### Missions continued ...

- Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, combs, washcloths, small writing pads and pens.

#### Volunteers needed.

- Please see Stacie Creech if you are interested in volunteering to help during the Easter Egg Hunt and Vacation Bible School. Some areas to consider are: food prep/cooks, crafts, greeters/registration, teachers, games and music.

Month	\$ Giving	Collecting	Service
January		Operation Christmas Child: hats, gloves, scarves	
February		Operation Christmas Child: Accessories (jewelry, sunglasses, hair-ties, watches, etc.)	
March	Annie Armstrong Annual Offering	Operation Christmas Child: Quality Crafts (sewing kits, knitting, no-sew projects, etc.)	Group Volunteering: Food Bank of Eastern and Central NC
April		Operation Christmas Child: Small Stuffed Animals	Packing Party: Easter Eggs
May		Operations Christmas Child / NC State Fair Kits: Hygiene Items	
June		Operation Christmas Child: Small Toys	
July		Operation Christmas Child: clothing/shoes	
August		Operation Christmas Child: school supplies	
September	NC State Missions Annual Offering	Operation Christmas Child: small games and puzzles	Packing Party: NC State Fair Kits
October		Operations Christmas Child: personal letters and photos, coloring pages	
November	Baptist Children's Home Annual Offering		Packing Party: Operation Christmas Child
December	Lottie Moon Annual Offering	Collect donations for a local sponsored family in need.	Group Volunteering: Caroling at the Nursing Home

#### Upcoming Dates:

April 3rd at 6 pm: Easter Egg packing party

April 13th at 11 am – 1 pm: Annual Easter Egg

Hunt

June 17th -21st at 6-8 pm: Vacation Bible School

— Mindy Barham



## Special Offer for Our Church Members

Hello my name is Rob Dyer. I'm the owner of The Lost Cajun in Wakefield. We would like to partner with your church to offer your church members free beignets every Tuesday. All we ask is that they bring in their church bulletin to receive the free beignets.

*Note: Beignets are Cajun donuts served piping hot covered in powdered sugar.*

### Deacons

Linwood Barham, Chairman 919-418-1162

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Alan Watkins, Secretary 919-793-5548

Tommy Brown 843-446-6540

Kevin Barham 919-618-4214

Brandon Long 252-903-4662

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the throne of God and cry, “Holy” to our God.

Now, I want you to cherish these affirmations of the message of Easter and I want you to join us at Falls for our services of Easter as we celebrate these affirmations. I want to see a house full of worshippers every Sunday in April as we walk the path that leads us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, as we sing the songs about Jesus conquering death in his resurrection and read the scriptures that shout to the rooftops, “He is not here; he is risen!”

The services of Easter week begin with Palm Sunday on April 14 when I will preach on the subject, “The Confession of a Dying Man.” Friday night, April 19, we will celebrate Tenebrae in the sanctuary when we extinguish the candles that are used in the service until the sanctuary is dark. Then gloriously and brilliantly the sanctuary will be bathed in light again by the Christ Candle.

Next, we will gather at Falls Lake for Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 Easter morning. We will worship as the sun rises to remind us of what happened at daybreak on that first Easter morning. After the service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for breakfast followed by Sunday School and morning worship where we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. My subject will be, “It Seemed Like an Idle Tale.”



I want you to help us prepare for our Easter services. First, prepare your heart for the reception of the good news that Christ rose as the first fruits of the resurrection and we, too, shall rise defeating the sting of death. Second, I want you to invite someone to attend our Easter services with you. You may invite a neighbor, a friend, a family member, or a passing acquaintance with the assurance that Christ will honor your act. The person you invite may not attend, but you will be blessed by extending the invitation.

As we prepare for Easter, join me daily in praying that God will open our minds and hearts to a deeper understanding of Easter and plant the seeds of a new beginning for Falls Baptist Church.

— Tom Jenkins

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