

Falls Fellowship



Photo by Mike Neal

Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study Resumes!

Yes, you read the headline correctly. Our weekly Wednesday night supper and Bible study will resume on Wednesday, April 7, at 6 PM.

However, it will be a little different for the foreseeable future. We will not have a buffet line like we usually do. Instead our staff will fix your plate in the kitchen, using all precautions of course, and hand it to you through the window and you

will take it to your seat.

You may not be able to sit in your usual seat since we want everyone to spread out to all the tables. Families who live together can sit closer of course.

If you can not make in person on Wednesday nights, you can tune in to Zoom which we will continue.

We look forward to getting back together on Wednesday nights.

New library additions

Here's a list of books just added to our library.

The Healing Jar by Wanda E. Brunstetter

The Hope Jar by Wanda E. Brunstetter

The Forgiving Jar by Wanda E. Brunstetter

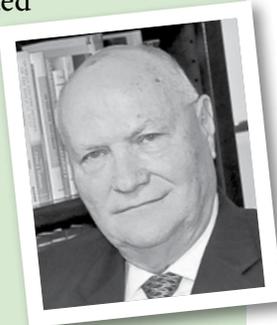
The Paris Dressmaker by Kristy Cambron

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Spring Cleaning

The junk removers are coming on Thursday. Cheryl and I have far too much "junk" for two people. We decided this year's Spring Clean-

ing should involve some major "trash" moving. The choice was to buy a larger house or declutter the one we have. We chose the latter. First, we fooled ourselves for a while by moving things around. We hid some things and thought we had more space, that is, until we opened the closets. Next, we followed our usual pattern in "de-cluttering." We moved unused, or seldom used, items from the house to the garage. There they gather dust and grow cobwebs. At some point it becomes difficult to put the cars in the garage. That means it is time to call for help. My yard man took a lawn mower I no lon-



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ger used and several other pieces of equipment for yard work. He has a friend who is starting a yard maintenance business and knew he could use the equipment. That left other items once useful but now in disrepair, seldom used, or poor choices when acquired. Who needs a turbo-charged de-glazer, waxer, shampoo machine that can also play lullabies? Now years of accumulation waits for the junk removers. This may sound like spring cleaning to some people, but to me it is more like a tornado on the cul-de-sac. You, too, may be thinking about spring cleaning. My advice is to forget it!

As we inventory our homes from time-to-time and take stock of what we have as compared with what we really need, we should address our lives with similar concern. Maybe we need an activity like spring cleaning for our lives. I write these words a few days before Easter when we celebrate the “new beginning” of life Easter represents. Easter speaks about the desperate end of life as it was and the new beginning of life as it should be. Christ is the first one to come from the grave with a resurrected body and I know we anxiously wait for his return and our new bodies. But in the meantime, does not his resurrection tell us something about living this life, in these bodies and in this place we call our home? Isn't Christ's resurrection the clarion call to live life on a new level in these bodies? Doesn't Easter speak about putting behind us the dark skies of winter and embracing the bright sun of spring mornings?



It seems to be, especially in this time of the pandemic, we need to give attention to our physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. We need to take an inventory of our well-being. Some of us were led to indiscriminate behavior during the pandemic, such as poor choices in our diets and exercise routines. Also, we may not have utilized the best mental health practices and allowed our thoughts to wander into unsafe places and our emotions to totter on the brink of depression.

In addition, we may need to inventory our hearts. What is there at Easter which needs to be confessed and brought to Christ for his forgiveness? Belief in Christ's death on the cross for our sins and his resurrection to new life is not abstract scriptural teaching. It becomes part of our biography as we recognize our sins took Jesus to the cross and his resurrection is the first resurrection of which there will be many at some point in time, including our resurrections. Easter is, therefore, a perfect spring event for the cleansing of our lives of all the trash and rubble we have mistakenly

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Event Calendar

April 2 — Good Friday Service 6 PM. The Lord's Supper will be observed

April 4 — Easter Sunrise Service — Falls Community Cemetery 7 AM

April 11 — Deacons Meeting 3:00 PM

April 18 — Quarterly Church Conference 12 PM

May 2 — Deacons Meeting 3:00 PM

April Birthdays

1	Ken Barham
8	Ruth Ann Long
26	Brandon Long



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Under the Tulip Tree by Michelle Shocklee
3-Minute Devotions for Guys by April Frazier and Glenn Hascall

These will be in the library this Sunday!
— Alan Watkins



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 April Wednesday Bible study will start in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM for supper and continue on Zoom at 7 PM for those who can not attend in person.

— Linwood Barham

Worship Precautions During April

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 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 disposal masks will be available for those wishing to use them.
6. Pews will be cleaned before and after each service.



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!

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held on to, trash and rubble that are but the signs of sins and, therefore, our need for a Savior.

Start a “recovery” program for yourself. My daughter, Monique, is an administrator with a drug/alcohol recovery clinic. She and I often talk about the recovery process her clinic offers for the person addicted to drugs/alcohol. It is a slow go, one step at a time, requires continuous self-monitoring. It is a lifetime process. The recovering addict must continuously monitor his impulses, his behavior, his associations, his thinking processes and above all he must cultivate an active spiritual life, fully acknowledging the first step to wholeness is turning to God.

I’ve decided that I need to de-clutter my house. Thus, the need for the junk man. I have also decided that I need to “de-clutter” my life. Moving out of the pandemic, and I hope this is not an overly optimistic statement, means I need to lose a few pounds, return to my former exercise routines (three times a week at the gym), make an emotional and spiritual self-inventory which includes the kind of self-inspection requiring the confession of sins, for too often I have not loved God with my whole heart, nor have I loved my neighbor as myself. Somewhere in all of what I have

said, you might find an image of yourself, for you, too, have blamed the pandemic for some poor choices you made over the last year.

The place to start the rehabilitation of our spiritual selves is church. There we gather with others who, just like us, are struggling to conquer their demons, control their habits, revitalize their spiritual lives and return to the core values of loving Jesus with all the heart, soul and mind and serving Jesus by loving others and serving others. Easter is here! Meet me at church and let’s start our personal spiritual recovery programs together. Let’s “de-clutter” our lives and make a new start at embracing the resurrected Christ. See you at church.

— Tom Jenkins

Sunday School Resumes!

Sunday School at Falls Baptist Church resumed on Sunday, December 6 at 10:15 AM. We have two classes, Senior Adults will meet in the sanctuary, and Middle and Older Adults will meet jointly downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Social distancing will be practiced with the classes lasting about 20-25 minutes.

We are still looking for volunteers to lead children’s programs so we can reach out and have some attendance by children.



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