

Falls Fellowship

Operation Christmas Child

It is hard to think about Christmas when the outdoor thermometer is reading close to 100 but truly, Christmas will be here before you know it!

Along with Christmas time comes our opportunity as a church to participate in the OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD project.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an

international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

School supplies are always in

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Good News from Falls BC



This is a busy week at Falls. The parking lot and driveways are being paved this week. What an improvement that will make. In addition, the floors in the sanctuary are being refinished. They will look new! The bathrooms have been refurbished on both floors and Tommy Brown and his crew did a remarkably good job. We are fortunate to have Tommy working for us. I am grateful for the foresight of the Building and Grounds Committee for leading us through these renovation projects. Our deacons' chair, Linwood Barham, has been at the forefront of helping us plan these projects. We will have a new face to greet people at Homecoming.

In other news from Falls, the Nominating Committee is completing its work for se-

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Missions Corner

August Missions Corner:

- August special collection: school supplies

Looking ahead to next month:

- September special collection: small games and puzzles for Opera-

tion Christmas Child shoeboxes.

- North Carolina Missions Offering.
- Wednesday Night Packing Party: Raleigh Baptist Association NC State Fair Kit Ministry.

HOMECOMING

Mark your calendar: Homecoming, Sunday, September 8th

Local organizations who accept donations

Below are local Christian organizations who will accept your donations of gently used clothing, books, furniture and household items.

Dorcas Ministries
A Ministry of Christian Community in Action
187 High House Road, Cary, NC 27511
Office: 919-469-9861
www.dorcas-cary.org
Accepts: Gently used clothing and household items.

With Love from Jesus Ministries
421 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh, NC (Garner area)
Office: 919-233-8010
www.withlovefromjesus.org
Accepts: gently used clothing and household goods.

Clothing Closet
First Baptist Church of Raleigh
99 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27603
Office: 919-832-4485 ext. 207
www.fbcraleigh.org
Accepts: gently used clothing.

The Green Chair Project
1853 Capital Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27604
Office: 919-322-0474
www.thegreenchair.org
Accepts: gently used home furnishings and household

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high demand for the shoeboxes. As it is now “back to school time,” stores are filled with school supplies at special prices. This is a great time to grab some items and put them away for our shoebox packing party which we are planning for early November. The collection period for this year is November 18-25, 2019.

We had fantastic participation from our congregation last year and we hope to be able to do the same again this year. Please feel free to check out the Samaritan's Purse website for suggestions on what to purchase and what not to purchase for shoeboxes. www.samaritans-purse.org/operation-christmas-child/frequently-asked-questions/



Thank you,
Naomi Tsujimura

Event Calendar

- August 4 — Deacons Meeting 2 PM
- August 4 — Nominating Committee Meeting 3 PM
- August 10 — Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM
- September 8 — 119th Homecoming! 11 AM

August Birthdays

- 2 Mary Young
- 7 Trey Davis
- 12 Sharon Young
- 13 Sunny Hammons
- 14 Judy Jackson
- 18 Sandra Leonard
- 26 Sandra Ray
- 29 Kaleigh Young



goods including: furniture, accessories, art and décor, kitchen items, bathroom items and linens.

The Linen Closet
Tabernacle Baptist Church
8304 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27615
Office: 919-781-4600
<http://tabernacle-raleigh.org/>
Accepts: new and gently used linens: blankets, sheets, towels, bedspreads, kitchen linens, etc.

A Note in the Pocket
9650 Strickland Rd., Suite 103-168 Raleigh, NC 27615
Office: 919-714-9403
www.noteinthepocket.org
Accepts: gently used clothing and shoes for children and adults and condition NEW in package donations for socks and underwear.

Christian Library International
4724 Hargrove Road, Suite 100 Raleigh, NC 27616
Office: 919-790-6987
www.cli.world
Accepts: gently used and new Bibles and Christian books and Christian CDs for prisons, jails and youth detention centers. Large print and foreign language ok. NO: VHS, cassette tapes, spiral bound material, Sunday School quarterlies or magazines.

— Mindy Barham

Fruit of the Spirit challenge

Just as we are preparing our church building and our grounds, we also want to enable the Holy Spirit to circumcise our hearts (Romans 2:29) in preparation for our 119th Homecoming celebration. We want to start our new church year with a renewed commitment to be more like Jesus our Lord and Savior (Ephesians 5:1; 1 John 2:6) by showing the fruits of His Spirit in our lives so He can perfect us until the day of His return (Philippians 1:6).

The challenge starts on Wednesday, July 31 and ends on Sunday, September 8 (Homecoming) thus last-

ing 40 days and 40 nights.

What is my commitment?

Commit to reading the bible verse of the day as listed in this insert each morning (will also be posted on our Facebook page daily).

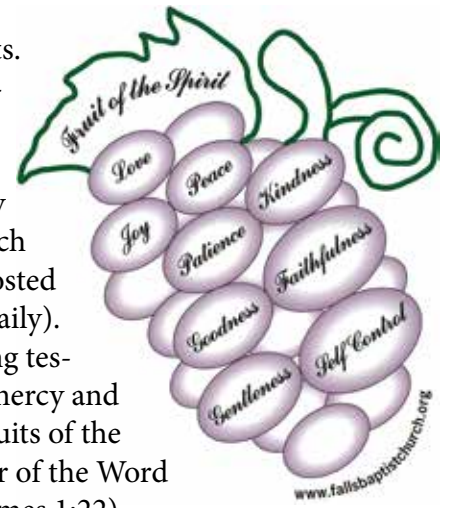
Commit to be a living testimony of God's grace, mercy and love by exhibiting the fruits of the spirit each day. Be a doer of the Word and not hearers only (James 1:22).

Commit to only posting, liking posts, and/or sharing posts on social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) that exhibit the fruits of the spirit. Ask yourself, would Jesus post this?

Commit to sharing the posts from the church on your social media feeds including the challenge announcement post and the daily bible verse posts to bring glory to God and to show an outward commitment to love (John 13:34).

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5: 22-23)

—Paul Barham



Deacons

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lecting volunteer workers for 2019-2020. That includes our committees and other volunteer positions in the church, such as our Sunday School workers. We will have a called business meeting to elect the committee's recommendations in August. We will also elect the deacons you nominated at that meeting.

I want to plan a committee orientation and planning meeting soon after the new slate of workers is adopted. My idea is for us to meet on a Wednesday night after supper with each committee discussing projects for the new church year. I will ask the committee chairs to give that information to the commission chairs and they will bring it to the Church Council where we will use the information from the committees to plan activities for 2019-2020. We are a "people" driven church. Each member has a voice and the most effective way for us to express our voices is through our committees.

In addition, we have a lot of excitement in the building on Sunday mornings as people gather for Sunday School; that's right, we still have Sunday School, and we have a place for you. I join with the group in the "coffee shop" for treats and, obviously, coffee and take part in the "wide-ranging" conversation. No topic is off limits. Occasionally somebody has

a good joke, and this is just occasionally, and we catch up on current events in each other's lives. It's amazing what can be learned by sitting quietly and listening. For me, those moments frame my mental attitude for the rest of the morning. Then we move to our Sunday School classes. I like to walk the hallway and "listen" to all of the buzz coming from the classes. I am grateful for good teachers who faithfully come on Sunday mornings with a lesson to teach and a prayer for their class.

Let me remind you about the Raleigh Baptist Association's Extravaganza training event. This year's event will be August 17 beginning at 9:15 and will be held at Forest Hills Baptist Church at 201 Dixie Trail, Raleigh. Multiple training labs are offered at two sessions, 9:15-10:30 and 10:45-noon. Timely conferences will be offered, such as keeping our children safe in a predatory society. In addition, conferences will be held on how to use modern technology to advance the Gospel through local churches. Some of our people attended a session on the use of technology for reaching people at a previous conference and came back and designed a new web site for our church. By the way, you would be amazed at the number of contacts we get through our website.

Good things are happening at Falls. Don't miss out on the good things God is doing through our church.

— Tom Jenkins



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