

Falls Fellowship



Pitching to Jesus

The second in a series of three articles on baseball and Jesus!

There are a lot of things baseball pitchers do to try to put the ball past a batter. They mix the speed of pitches, throw curves, sliders, and knuckle balls, and work the corners (change the placement of the ball). Most of these things are to keep the batter guessing. If the batter knows a fastball is coming right down the middle, he can time his swing for that; if the batter knows a curve is coming, he waits on it and lets it drop into the strike zone; and if the batter knows the pitch is going to be outside, he doesn't swing at all.

So what if you were on the mound pitching and Jesus stepped up to the plate? How would you pitch to him? The answer is simple, you don't ... intentional walk. It's the best you can do.

He knows what you're going to throw; He knows where you're going to throw it; and He even knows how the umpire is going to call it! (Jer. 1:5)

There's nothing wrong with an intentional walk here, and in fact, we should all try to intentionally walk with Jesus all the time! It's the only way

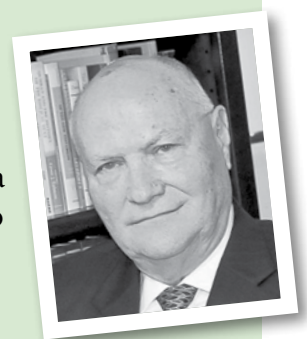
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The Use of Technology at Falls

I am a bit of a "geek" when it comes to modern technology. I got hooked on electronics when I was a kid.

My first adventure in electronics was the building of a crystal radio receiver.

Most of you don't know what I'm



talk-
ing about, but crystal radios were the entry to electronics for boys of my generation. I was utterly amazed when I completed the kit and could tune in a local radio station, WBGR.

I have been blessed in my years in Christian ministry to witness the evolving of technology used to spread the Gospel. First, there was the radio. Christian ministries flooded the airwaves with the Gospel. One of my favorite programs as a teenager was Billy Graham's, "Hour of Decision." He even had a maga-

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Worship Precautions During August

The church is taking several precautions to make attendance as safe as possible during this Covid-19 pandemic. Even though a few in our congregation have or have had 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-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. Order of service and hymns will appear in your individual program bulletin.
5. Use your own face mask if you desire or disposable masks will be available for those wishing to use

August Birthdays

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



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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 August, Wednesday Bible study will be in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM for supper and continue on Zoom at 7 PM for those who can not attend in person. If you plan on attending for supper please sign the sheet each week in the vestibule.

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.

Choir practice is now once a month at 2:00 PM, day to be announced. We have a lot of fun and the fellowship is hard to beat. Join us!

Editor's Note

Due to illness, we did not publish a newsletter during the months of June and July. Hopefully, this issue makes up for the missing issues and we will not miss any other months this year.



Blood Drive August 12

The Mobile Blood Drive is coming to Falls Baptist! It will be in our parking lot on Friday, August 12, from 2 – 7 PM.

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, we would like to have a good turnout.

Questions? Contact Alan Watkins at 919-793-5548. Hope to see you there!



Mission Donations

We are still collecting non-perishable food during the month for Tri-Area Ministries, our local food bank. Please leave food in bags in the vestibule.

We collected 175 pounds of food in July for a total of 985 pounds so far for this year.

Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month for the past four 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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we can ‘win the game’ (John 14:6).

Unfortunately, too many people think they can pitch to Jesus. They think they can just ‘work the corners’ by justifying small sins as long as they don’t commit any big sins like ‘throwing it down the middle,’ but the Bible tells us we shouldn’t do either of these (Matthew 5:21-22). You can’t, and shouldn’t try to, fool God (Gal. 6:7-8). So stick with an intentional walk with Jesus, and after the nine innings of life He will tell you, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:23).

— Alan Watkins

Event Calendar

- August 12 — Blood Drive 2:00 – 7:00 PM
- August 14 — Deacons Meeting 2:00 PM
- August 21 — Called Church Conference 12 PM
- August 21 — Choir Rehearsal 2:00 PM
- August 28 — Church Council meeting 2 PM
- September 11 — Homecoming!

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zine by that name. The use of the radio in Christian ministry was followed by video and then came along the internet and churches went viral in building websites (some of which are an embarrassment).

I am grateful for our church's willingness to use the tools of modern technology. When the pandemic hit us and we could not safely gather for worship, we made a video recording of a short service that was available on our website and You-Tube. That was the brainchild of Frank Powell. We have since advanced to streaming our services each Sunday and I'm amazed at the number of people who worship with us using that media. It's not terribly complicated — we mount an iPhone on a tripod and turn it on.

We are now prepared to make another giant leap. This week, Frank began the installation of new equipment to upgrade the quality of the broadcast of our services. I won't bore you with the details of what's involved but for those of you who attend on Sundays, look at the console on the right as you enter the sanctuary, and you will see an array of new equipment. We've even made a leap into the world of Apple's technology. (I will admit my bias here; my first computer was an Apple back in the 1970s.)

In addition, we are preparing to install a video security system. Multiple cameras will be installed

in critical locations and the feed from those cameras will be recorded. We will have a video witness to what happens in our parking lot and elsewhere on our property. This is a proactive move to prepare us for escalating security concerns in a world which seems off its axis. The system will even allow us to access our properties in real time to gain a "heads-up" on suspicious activity while we are meeting.

Then, through a generous gift, we will install a digitized sign that will allow us to use computer graphics to promote the work of our church. We can display text messages and graphics including appropriate computer-generated graphics in "live color." I can't wait until Christmas to light up our property with digitized messages and images of the Christmas season promoting our Christmas activities at Falls.

These significant advances in our use of technology at Falls affirm that, as I believe, we want to move forward with promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ and reaching people for our Lord. As we continue to evolve with our mission and purpose, we will have multiple platforms to use for distribution of our message. About the mission and purpose ... more to come!

— Tom Jenkins



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