

# Falls Fellowship



## Is Cursing a Sin?

Of course it is. Ephesians 4:29 tell us, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.” But that’s not what I want to discuss here. I want to talk about the question, and what it means in the bigger picture. When you saw, “Is Cursing a Sin?” did you immediately say yes, or did you pause? It’s ok, when I saw the subject on the Internet, I clicked it to see just what they had to say about the subject. Why is this a difficult question? It’s difficult because of Satan. We often think of Satan tempting us the way he did Eve in the Garden of Eden, but Satan can be much more subtle and play “the long game” when it comes to tricking us into sin. Have you ever looked at things people are doing and thought, “how did we get here?” Well, we got here by accepting slow changes to things over time. There are plenty of examples of this in addition to cursing, which it often seems many people can’t go a full conversation without doing. I’ve noticed the amount of skin people show seems to be more and more every year; it seems to have become commonplace for people to

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## Falls Missions Giving

I rejoice at Falls Baptist Church’s giving to missions. We are a small church, but we have a “mighty” impact on missions’ work in our community and even around the world. Take our gifts for disaster relief in the wake of Helene, the devastating hurricane which tore through the mountains in the western part of our state. Your money for Helene relief was funneled to the field through the work of N.C. Baptists on Mission, formerly called Baptist Men. Teams from N.C. Baptists on Mission were on the field as soon as the storm passed through setting up aid stations, feeding stations, warehouses for disaster relief aid including construction materials. Teams of men and women came to assist. Baptists in North Carolina have given more than \$20



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## Event Calendar

- February 3 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- February 4 — Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- February 11 — Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- February 18 — Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- February 25 — Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- March 3 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
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- March 11 — Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- March 18 — Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- April 7 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM

## Food Donations

We continue to collect food for Tri-Area Ministry each month. Our participation makes an important difference to helping families in need in our area.

Some items needed:  
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meat (tuna, chicken), Chef Boyardee, Cereal, Grits, Rice, Dried Beans, Oatmeal, Mac ‘n Cheese, Pasta / Noodles, Crackers, Canned Soup.



TRI-AREA MINISTRY  
FOOD PANTRY

## Please pick up 2025 Offering Envelopes

Members should pick up their offering envelope boxes in the vestibule if you have not already done so. Please see Kevin Barham if you have any questions.

## Treasurer’s Report

Our financial statement for the month of December 1, 2024 — December 31, 2024.

Tithes and Memorials - \$17,989.00  
 Budgeted/expected tithes - \$12,175.16  
 Other income:Lottie Moon - \$1,715.00  
 Children’s Home - \$450.00  
 Misc - \$300.00

Actual expenditures - \$16,539.82  
 Budgeted expenditures - \$12,175.09  
 Expenditures overage due to Buildings and Grounds Cost.

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

## Joshua Bible Study

Wednesday night, January 15, we will began a multi-week Bible study of the Old Testament Book of Joshua.



Our study will follow the theme, “Finally in the Promised Land.” Join us for supper at 6 PM and the study of Joshua at 7 PM.

## February Birthdays

- 1 Don Lewellyn
- 8 Jackson Harney
- 13 Francine Leclercq
- 18 Mike Neal
- 23 Joan Barham
- 24 Woody Leonard
- 25 Zoe Davis
- 27 Mike Leclercq



## Women's Bible Study

Ladies ... join us as we study the accounts of Jesus in the land where he was born, ministered, died and was resurrected, in the land of Israel. This seven week Bible study *Luke in the Land* by Kristi McLelland will take us through the land of Israel through the Gospel of Luke and we will see (on video) where these stories of the Bible took place.

We will meet each Tuesday evening beginning February 4th through March 18th from 7 pm until 8:30 pm (at the latest). Each week we will view a video of the teaching from the land of Israel and briefly discuss the lesson together.

A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule of the church. This will give us an idea of the number of ladies to plan for and number of books to order. Invite your friends and neighbors.

We will have books available for you to pick up the first night of Bible study if you prefer the church order the book for you. The books can be purchased ahead of time from [Lifeway.com](http://Lifeway.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) if you are interested in ordering the book directly yourself. The books are \$24.99 plus tax from both [Lifeway.com](http://Lifeway.com) and [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

We look forward to seeing you February 4th at 7:00 pm at Falls Baptist Church. Arrive a few minutes early to grab a light refreshment and get settled in to study together.

— Elizabeth Colcord

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## Cursing continued ...

live together outside of marriage now; and if you sit a kid in front of TV nowadays, you must pay a lot more attention to what they are watching at all times of the day!

So how does someone stop cursing, or the bigger question, how do we stop doing any of these things which are basically ingrained in our society as 'normal', even though we know they are wrong? Basically, there are 3 steps:

1. Recognize it's not the right thing to do/decide you don't want to do it anymore.

It's almost impossible to quit something if you

don't see the need to do so.

2. Monitor your actions.

The same way some might try to stop saying 'like' in sentences so much, monitor your speech. Don't say words without thinking!

3. Practice.

The more you don't do it, the less you'll be likely to do it.

Trying to change things in the broader society is much harder, but if you start with yourself, maybe it will be easier to change the world!

— Alan Watkins

## Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month for the past eight 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.

In addition, our mobile app is in use by more than 100 people in 10 countries at this writing — Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, China, Japan, Nigeria and Puerto Rico in addition to the United States! It is available for Apple and Android devices and was recently updated, so you need to update your phone to use it. 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](mailto:fbpowell@mac.com). Thanks!



## Deacons

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## *Giving cont' ...*

million designated for N.C. Baptist disaster relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Because of the exemplary work of our Baptists' volunteers in western North Carolina, Governor Stein made a grant of \$3 million for the work of N.C. Baptists on Mission. A summary of the work of N.C. Baptists on Mission in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene was recently given to the Baptist convention's executive board:

In the initial days, weeks and months following Helene, volunteers with Baptists on Mission provided hot meals, showers and laundry services while also clearing debris, tarping roofs, and mudding and tearing out homes throughout western North Carolina. At the height of the initial response, Baptists on Mission was operating 16 recovery sites throughout the region.

From late September after Helene hit to the end of December of last year, more than 13,000 volunteers served with Baptists on Mission in western North Carolina, completing more than 5,000 jobs, preparing more than 493,000 meals and making 3,700 chaplaincy contacts. Volunteers also reported 31 professions of faith.

Baptists on Mission's work has now transitioned into the rebuild phase in which volunteers are help-



ing those whose homes were severely damaged or destroyed in the storm. Officials have established seven rebuild centers across western North Carolina which will serve as bases of operations for logistics and volunteers over the next few years. Baptists on Mission leaders anticipate the rebuild phase to last from four to six years. (Biblical Recorder)

Again, thank you for your monetary gifts for Hurricane Helene relief and for the blankets and socks we sent to victims of the hurricane. Our blankets have been helping provide comfort for people who lost everything.

— Tom Jenkins



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