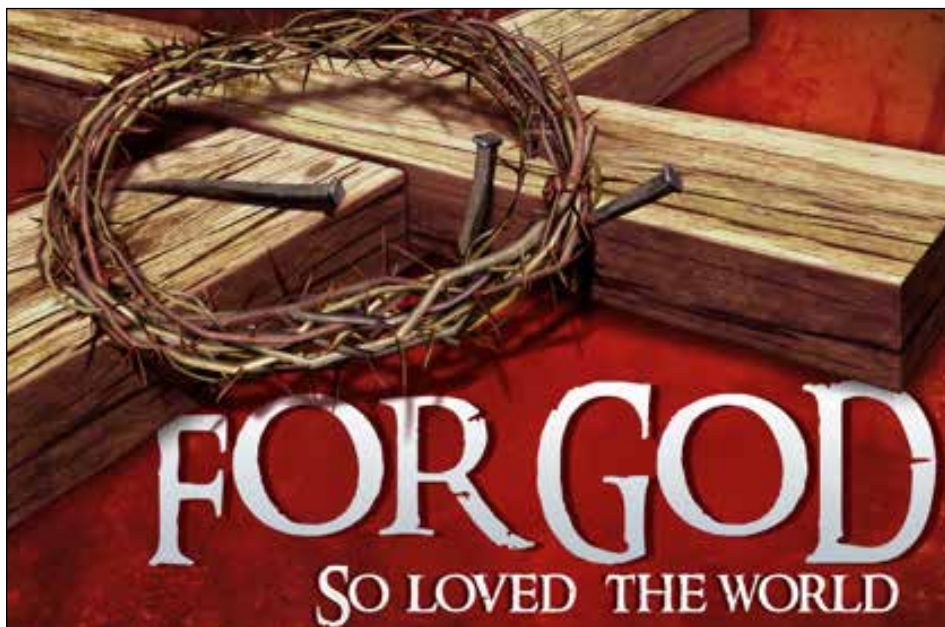


Falls Fellowship



Bingo!

Since our Bingo event had to be pushed out until February 28th, I found myself thinking about Bingo this week a little more than usual. Apparently, Bingo was originally called Beano and used dried beans as markers. At one event, someone mistakenly shouted out ‘Bingo’ instead of ‘Beano’, and that is the name the commercialized version took. Ironically, if you hear someone say Beano today, they are most likely talking about the gas pill by that same name! For most of us, Bingo is probably a meaningless word, so why don’t we make it into something that has more meaning which makes us think of God?

B is for the blood that Christ shed for us on the cross at Calvary to pay for our sins.

I is for “I AM,” because God is the Great I Am, which signifies His self-existence, eternal nature, and all-sufficiency.

N is for the New Covenant established by God with his people.

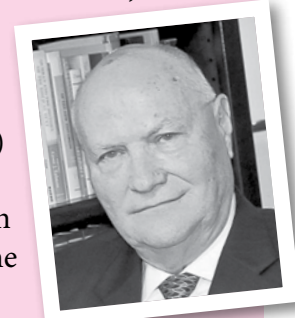
G is for grace, which God gives us freely — unearned and undeserved, but ours nonetheless.

O is for omnipotence (all power), omnipresence (all places), and omniscience (all knowing) — three traits God has.

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‘Walk the Walk, Talk the Talk’

If you use Google as the search engine on your computer or phone, you probably have noticed, it often defaults to AI (Artificial Intelligence) to answer a query. When I typed in the old idiom, “Walk the



Walk and Talk the Talk” Google responded that “Walk the walk” and “talk the talk” is an idiom meaning to support one’s stated beliefs, promises, or high-sounding words with actual actions. To ‘walk the talk’ is to practice what you preach, demonstrating consistency between what is said and what is done. It emphasizes that actions speak louder than words.”

“Walk the Walk” and “Talk the Talk” sounds like something we preachers would say. We say it because the Bible teaches it. The Bible has a word for claiming to be

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Event Calendar

February 2 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
February 3 — Women's Bible Study 7 PM
February 10 — Women's Bible Study 7 PM
February 17 — Women's Bible Study 7 PM
February 24 — Women's Bible Study 7 PM
February 28 — Bingo and Hot Dogs! Noon
March 2 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
March 3 — Women's Bible Study 7 PM
March 10 — Women's Bible Study 7 PM
April 5 — Easter

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 2026 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.

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.*

Don't use the excuse you can't sing — most of us can't sing, but that doesn't stop us from making a joyful noise to the Lord.

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!

Treasurer's Report

January 1 – January 31, 2026

Tithes and Memorials - \$6,395.00
(church closed for two snow Sundays)
Budgeted/expected tithes - \$13,592.43

Other income:

Parsonage -\$1,500.00 (Nov-Dec)
NC Children's Home - \$870.00

Actual expenditures - \$25,383.32
(includes \$15,070.00 in annual budgeted missions giving)
Budgeted expenditures - \$13,609.94

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

February Birthdays

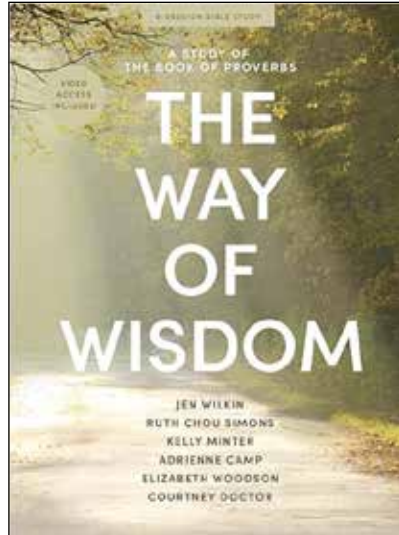
8 Jackson Harney
10 Jack Wrenn
13 Francine Leclercq
18 Mike Neal
20 Tommy Watkins
23 Joan Barham
24 Woody Leonard
25 Zoe Davis
27 Mike Leclercq



Ladies Bible Study

Ladies ... join us for a study of the Book of Proverbs "The Way of Wisdom." This is an eight week study taught by six different teachers Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter, Adrienne Camp, Elizabeth Woodson, and Courtney Doctor.

We will meet each Tuesday evening through March 10th from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Each week we will discuss the chapter together and watch a video for each week's lesson.



This is a great opportunity to get to know other ladies in the church through sharing and studying God's word together.

A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule. You can designate on the sign up if you need a book and we will make sure you have one by the 13th. If you would like to purchase your book ahead of time, it is available through Lifeway and Amazon.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Falls Baptist Church. Arrive a few minutes early to grab a light refreshment and enjoy the fellowship together.

— Elizabeth Colcord

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Bingo! ... continued

And what would Bingo be without that free space in the middle? That free space represents the free gift of salvation He offers everyone. In Bingo, you can make it through the game without using the free space, but it's harder to do so. In life, you can get through it without God's salvation but think about how much easier it is with Him than without. If you haven't covered your free space in the Bingo game of life by accepting

Jesus as your Savior and His free gift of salvation, do it today! And of course, come join us for some actual games of Bingo on February 28th at 12 pm in the fellowship hall!

— Alan Watkins



Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month for the past nine 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. Thanks!

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Walk & Talk ... cont'

a follower of Christ but living by the world's standards: hypocrite. The hypocrite does not practice what he preaches. Remember the adulteress brought to Jesus by her accusers demanding she be stoned because the law of the Old Testament said that? Rather than arguing fine points of biblical interpretation Jesus said, "He who is without sin cast the first stone." I like the way Peterson's, *The Message*, puts it, "The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone" (John 8:8). "The sinless one among you." I could not have picked up a stone and hit the woman with it because I am not a "sinless one." I am a sinner. I know what the Bible says and yet struggle with obeying its teachings and being truthful to its words. I am guilty of not matching my "walk" with my "talk."

We can brag on ourselves saying we have not violated the "big" commandments like the one prohibiting adultery. Where are we, though, in loving our neighbors as ourselves, in forgiving our enemies, and representing grace, mercy and forgiveness to other people? Jesus' words in Matthew 25:45 condemn us all: "I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being over-



looked or ignored, that was me — you failed to do it to me." What are these things we are to do Jesus is talking about? You need to read his words again in Matthew 25. Now I know we are not saved by our works; but our works for Christ affirm we belong to him. The Apostle John had listened to Jesus' words and faithfully followed him during his ministry. Near the end of his life, John wrote his letters, short books which are at the end of the New Testament. He wrote about showing our love for Jesus by loving one another, another example of "Walking the walk and talking the talk."

In a highly charged political climate where words are cheap and lies are spun as easily as a spider spins her web, perhaps matching our good words with good deeds is the litmus test for Christians.

— Tom Jenkins



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