

Falls Fellowship



A Season of Light

Our church sponsored a family in need this season with a “giving tree.” We were able to connect with a local family in need with Angie Harris’ help through the Wake Forest/ Rolesville department of social services.

Rosemary and her two children, Katherine (12) and Joshua (7) live in Rolesville. A single parent, Rosemary has had to be home with her children as they have been enrolled in virtual school during COVID and she has been unable to work. She is very anxious to get back to work and has been doing some side jobs as she can, but this was going to be a difficult Christmas for her family.

Falls Baptist Church responded with amazing generosity, warmth, and love to this family. When we delivered the gifts and household items, Rosemary was just “blown away,” and noted that she had never expected this level of kindness.

Christmas is a season of light and a season of hope. To one family, our congregation has certainly spread the light and love of the season. We love others as Christ loved us.

Thank you again!

Missions and Outreach Committee

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Thoughts at the End of the Year

Iam writing these words on the last day of 2021. The old year is rapidly fading into the background and the new year is rushing at us full speed. Before we charge into 2022, let me offer some thoughts about 2021.



Cheryl and I are thankful for the gifts of 2021. You remembered us at the time of Pastor Appreciation, and you gave us a generous bonus at Christmas. You have often remembered us in cards, phone calls, and your prayers. Thank you.

We have made it through two years of the Pandemic. Our church still meets on Sundays and Wednesday nights. We continue our support of missions from the Baptist Children’s Home

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and the Tri Area Ministry Food Pantry (29,500 people fed last year) to supporting the work of missionaries through the International Missions Board. Our financial position remains stable. Through streaming our services, we are reaching people who cannot join us in the building on Fonville. We have upgraded some of our support systems for our building, such as a new HVAC system for the sanctuary. We have a generous gift to upgrade our signage and purchase new A/V equipment for video streaming of our services. All of this comes at a time when many churches are closing their doors. In America last year the number of churches which closed their doors was greater than the number of new churches started.

Our music ministry remains an active part of our worship services. In addition to the sanctuary choir, we are blessed by the River Strings who direct our music on Wednesday nights and, on special occasions, contribute to our Sunday morning worship.

I am grateful for your ministering to each other. You provide food when there is a need, send cards on birthdays and at other times, and support each other through prayers and acts of kindness.

In the New Year, 2022, we will look at new ways to prepare our church for the future. Recently an audit was made of our facilities. You can expect to see the implementation of ideas generated by that audit, such as improving signage directing people from the parking lot to the building. In addition, the deacons have been discussing long range planning for our church.



That will begin with your having the opportunity to complete a survey form for our church through which we can assess our strengths, as you see them, and highlight areas for growth. In addition, long range planning will help inform us of the changing context in which we minister. The data on our community reveals that significant changes occurred in our community over the last decade including the total population count, generation groupings, family income and the ethnic makeup of our community. This information may help us develop new programs of ministry to reach our community.

God has blessed Falls Baptist Church. He was there in the beginning of the church, and he has made the journey with the congregation to this point where we are at the beginning of a new year. We will continue to be the Church of Jesus Christ on Fonville if we follow the leadership of the Lord. Let's sing with new conviction the hymn, "Wherever He Leads I Will Go."

— Tom Jenkins

January Birthdays

- 3 Courtney Mayerick
- 8 Jessica Jackson
- 10 Linwood Barham
- 13 Sara Powell
- 13 Sandra Brown
- 15 Joey Groves
- 16 Bruce Williams
- 19 Gloria Crudup
- 20 Frank Powell



Please pick up 2022 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.



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!



Worship Precautions During January

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 disposable masks will be available for those wishing to use them.

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 January, 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.

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 will be collecting monetary donations for Baptist Childrens Home during January.

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Katherine and Joshua enjoying some of the gifts from Falls Baptist Church as part of our Christmas Missions project!



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