

# Falls Fellowship

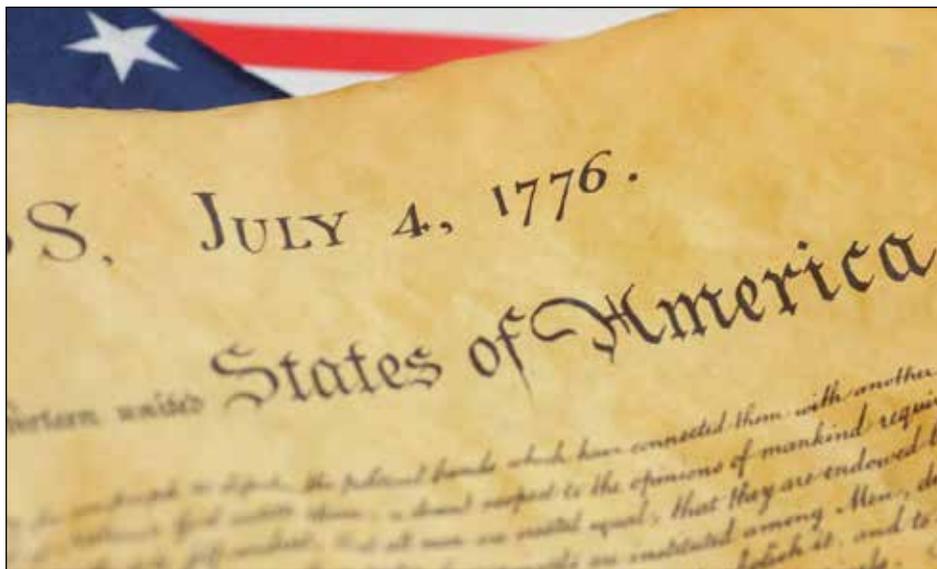
## Freedom in America and the Liberty we have in Christ

- Britain was the world's super-power
- Britain had the better defense and more money than America
- The 13 colonies lacked a professional army or navy.
- Militiamen were lightly armed, had little training

**I**f you had been a member of the Second Continental Congress in 1776, you were a rebel and considered a traitor by the King.

- You knew that a reward had been posted for the capture of certain prominent rebel leaders

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### Missions Corner

**July special collection:** clothing and shoes for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Collecting for both boys and girls in the following age categories: 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years.

Looking ahead to next month:

**August special collection:** school supplies

Year-round collections for local donations:

Food, clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, used or expired printer ink/toner cartridges.

### The Cross and the Flag



**S**everal years ago, when my oldest grandson, Wade, was just moving into adolescence we joined my son, Tommy, in New York City where Tommy lived. One hot July morning we were on Liberty Island in New York's harbor looking at the Statue of Liberty and a large flag flying on a tall pole nearby. The two most beloved symbols of American freedom, the flag and the Statue of Liberty, were captured in the same moment on that morning. Not far from the Statue of Liberty is Ellis Island where twelve million immigrants saw their first view of America. The statue and the flag brought many of them to tears. They were the people Emma Lazarus referred to in her poem that became part of the statue:

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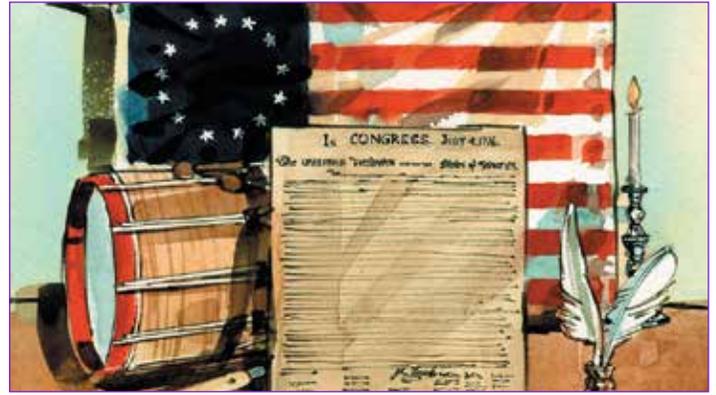
## Event Calendar

July 3 — Independence Day Celebration 6 PM

July 7 — Deacons Meeting 4 PM

July 13 — Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM

July 21 — Quarterly Business Meeting 12 PM



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### ***Freedom continued ...***

and the largest British armada ever assembled was just outside New York harbor.

- Affixing your name to the document meant that you pledged your life, your fortune, and your sacred honor to the cause of freedom
- Yet there were members of the Second Continental Congress who did not sign the Declaration of Independence.
- Non-signers included John Dickinson, who clung to the idea of reconciliation with Britain,
- Robert R. Livingston, who thought the Declaration was premature.
- On July 4, 1776, 56 representatives from all 13 colonies signed the Declaration of Independence.
- The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence included two future presidents, three vice presidents, and ten members of the United States Congress

#### **The Cost of Freedom**

A. The writers of the declaration separated themselves from their own past.

— Jesus was separated from God on the cross (Matthew 27:46).

B. The writers of the declaration literally gave their lives.

— Jesus gave His life for mankind

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.  
— John 10:10-11

#### **The Treasure of Freedom**

How did the Patriots win “The Revolutionary War?”

1. The Colonists were fighting for their homes. They had the will to fight unlike the British soldiers and other soldiers hired by the British who were just fighting for the money they were being paid.

— Britain had underestimated their opponent and they finally came to that realization.

2. They had a home advantage by having the war in America, a place they knew and were able to get around easily.

3. French and Spanish helped by becoming allies with the colonists and helping them pay for the supplies they needed

— Our freedom dare not be taken for granted.

— From Birth of the nation until today blood is shed

— We are forever set free from the penalty of sin

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

— Galatians 5:1 (KJV)

— *Ralph Andrus, Calvary Baptist Church  
Elkins, West Virginia*

### **July Birthdays**

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| 5  | Herman Choplin |
| 6  | Johnny Ray     |
| 12 | David Young    |
| 17 | James Smith    |
| 21 | Alan Watkins   |



## Falls Baptist Church 2019 Missions Opportunities Calendar

Month	\$ Giving	Collecting	Service
July		Operation Christmas Child: clothing/shoes	
August		Operation Christmas Child: school supplies	
September	NC State Missions Annual Offering	Operation Christmas Child: small games and puzzles	Packing Party: NC State Fair Kits
October		Operations Christmas Child: personal letters and photos, coloring pages	
November	Baptist Children's Home Annual Offering		Packing Party: Operation Christmas Child
December	Lottie Moon Annual Offering	Collect donations for a local sponsored family in need.	Group Volunteering: Caroling at the Nursing Home

### Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month in 2018 and 2019 so far.

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.

Our website is generating interest and bringing people into our church. Please bookmark it at [www.fallsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.fallsbaptistchurch.org). In addition, our mobile app is in use by 60 people at this writing. It is available for Apple and Android devices, so 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!

### *Let's Make A Joyful Noise!*

Our church choir is taking the month of July off, but practice resumes in August and everyone is invited to join us! It does not matter if you can sing or not, most of us can't, but we do enjoy making a Joyful Noise as we are told to do in Psalm 100, verses one and two.

Choir practice will be on Sundays at 2:30 PM. We have a lot of fun and the fellowship is hard to beat. Join us!



### Nominating Committee meeting now

Our nominating committee is meeting during the month of July and soon will be calling members to see if they are willing to serve on various committees during our upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year.

When, not if, you are called, please give serious consideration to serving our church. We have ambitious plans to grow and spread God's word through our areas and we need everyone to help!

### Deacons

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Hubert Jenks, Vice Chairman	919-270-8765
Alan Watkins, Secretary	919-793-5548
Tommy Brown	843-446-6540
Kevin Barham	919-618-4214
Brandon Long	252-903-4662

## Cross continued ...

*Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.*

Last week in Vacation Bible School we began each evening with a brief service that included pledging allegiance to the United States Flag, the Christian Flag and the Bible. One evening during the pledges, I thought about the big flag I saw by the Statue of Liberty and about the “huddled masses” making their way to this country to escape injustice, tyranny, lack of opportunity and embrace freedom and the American way of life. Each time we see the flag, we should remember the price many people paid for our freedom. The most solemn moment during the funeral service for a veteran is when the flag which has draped the coffin is properly folded and given to a family member. I’ve watched that scene dozens of times and it still brings tears to my eyes.

For Christians, another great symbol deserves our most reverent devotion: the cross of Jesus Christ. The flag may stand for national freedom; the cross stands for eternal freedom. On a cross outside the walls of old Jerusalem, Jesus Christ died. Paul held up the cross in his preaching and writing as the supreme icon for Christianity. It’s a long distance from Liberty Island to the city of Jerusalem, but when I talk about freedom,



my mind naturally takes in that landscape, too. Somewhere near the old city of Jerusalem, Christ was crucified. Paul made numerous references to the cross. Paul understood true freedom is available only through the cross: *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free (Gal 5:1)*. It is important for us to honor the flag and revere that which it represents. The cross, however, carries it with the weight of eternity for through what it represents, the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, his burial and resurrection, we gain eternal freedom.

— Tom Jenkins



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