

Falls Fellowship

Number Our Days

When Ruth Young called me and told me her sister, Nina, had died during the night I was in shock for a few moments. I had visited her in the hospital a few days before and she was much like her usual self, though in pain, she managed to smile, eating peanut butter crack-

ers and drinking a Diet Coke. But gradually the reality set in and I became sad. Another member of Falls has gone home to be with the Lord. The death of one diminishes us all.

As I dwelt on the sad reality of Nina's passing, I remembered the words of the Psalmist: "Teach us to

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Reflections on Last Sunday

I am sitting at the desk in the pastor's office at Falls Baptist Church and reflecting on last Sunday. We celebrated both ordinances of our Baptist tradition in one service: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Taylar Bub joined me in the baptistery for her baptism. It was my first time to use the baptistery at Falls. As Taylar descended the stairs, I briefly thought about the many people who have joined me in a similar setting to be baptized during the years of my ministry. Each baptism is unique and stands alone as the most important baptism ever because it is about that person's coming to Jesus Christ and publicly announcing through the act of baptism that they have decided to follow him. I also

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Missions Corner

June special collection: small toys 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:

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.

Year-round collections for local donations:

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

VBS Volunteers Needed!

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number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Ps. 90:12). He must mean that we have a set number of days and they soon pass.

Look deeper into Psalm 90 and you will learn that the writer contrasts the brevity with the significance of life. He compares an entire lifetime to a dream or a blade of grass.

I read about an innovative web site that creates a snapshot of our world. Every hour, computers monitor multiple news sources, select the most frequently occurring words and pictures and then displays them as an interactive image. These hourly snapshots compose a mosaic of unfolding world events.

Suppose a computer were to track your actions. What would a snapshot of yesterday look like, or last week, or last year? What patterns would emerge over weeks and months and years? What theme would dominate the final mosaic of your life? What would the last picture of your life look like? The Messenger’s paraphrase of Psalm 90:12 reads, “Teach us to live wisely and well.” This is a prayer for the snapshots of life with the final image in view. When all the pictures of your life are laid on the table, they will reveal recurring words and actions. What story will they tell? Will they reveal that you spent your days wisely by choosing to do the things that are “better,” or will they reveal a life spent in busy, but meaningless activities?

The passing of Nina reminds me to number my days and live each one in meaningful activities which will glorify God. When my end comes, I want the mosaic of my life to be so vivid and colorful that only one explanation will suffice to explain my life: God used him. Amen.

— Tom Jenkins



Another Successful Donation: Operation “Save the Coats”

Falls Baptist Church donated hundreds of coats which would have been destroyed to the Wake Forest Youth in Government (YIG) Advisory Board’s coat drive. The coats were donated to the Wake Forest Boys & Girls Club for distribution to area residents in need.

June Birthdays

- 2 Anne Young
- 4 Shelby Hammons
- 5 Shirley Tart
- 7 Johnny Fonville
- 9 Elizabeth Jackson
- 12 Polly Jenks
- 14 Chris Barham
- 15 Denise Norton
- 16 Kathy Carr
- 17 Nora Joy Hammons
- 23 Ryan Watkins
- 28 Tommy Brown
- 29 Earl Creech
- 30 Teresa Doman



Event Calendar

June 8 — Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 8 AM

June 9 — Deacons Meeting 4 PM

June 17-21 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM

Falls Baptist Church 2019 Missions Opportunities Calendar

Month	\$ Giving	Collecting	Service
June		Operation Christmas Child: Small Toys	
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

The YIG Advisory Board was established to provide Wake Forest's youth with an active role in addressing community issues and to serve as a voice for young people in all facets of the community. The YIG board researches issues and makes presentations to the Board of Commissioners and sponsors informational events for area youth.

Special thanks to the FBC members who volunteered their time to drive to Winston-Salem to pick up the coats for distribution in our local community.

— Mindy Barham

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Please see Stacie Creech if you are interested in volunteering to help during Vacation Bible School. Some areas to consider are: food prep/cooks, crafts, greeters/registration, teachers, games and music.

Upcoming Dates:

June 17th -21st at 6-8pm: Vacation Bible School

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Vacation Bible School

“In the Wild”

June 17-21, 6–8 PM

Please encourage children age 3 through 6th grade to attend! Registration forms are in the vestibule.



Deacons

Linwood Barham, Chairman 919-418-1162

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

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wondered how long it had been since the Baptistry at Falls was used. Taylor is the third person baptized since I have been among you, first as interim pastor and now as pastor. P.J. and Erica Barham were baptized by their uncle in the river. It was a hot Sunday afternoon when we gathered there but the heat did not take away our joy at witnessing the baptism. Taylor is the first person I have baptized as your pastor and so the event was very special for me. As we are faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ, Taylor may be the first in a steady stream of candidates who descend the steps to the pool.

Later in the service we came to the Lord's table to remember Christ through the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. It is always a moving service for me, for it reminds me of the scandal of Christ's death followed by the triumph of his resurrection. We come to his table by his invitation: "Whosoever will come!" There we remember that the elements, the crackers and the juice, take on the special significance of his body and blood.

Sunday in my sermon I referred to these two events, Baptism and the Lord's supper, as "Sacred Memorials" and I don't think I bring harm to their meaning by that reference. Witnessing someone's baptism should stir up memories of our accepting Christ as our Savior and following him into baptism. We may need to ask ourselves questions like, "How faithful have



I been in my commitment to follow him?" Baptism represents the beginning of our journey with Christ that ends in heaven as we gather with him around the throne of our Father. Participating in the Lord's Supper should remind us of what Christ did for us through his death. The bread and the juice are not "sacramental", they do not take on the nature of Christ, but they are effective reminders of his death.

Watching someone descend into the baptistry can prompt thoughts about your baptism and how faithfully you have been to the vow to follow Christ that your baptism signified. Coming to the Lord's table focuses the mind and heart on Jesus' words, "Do this in remembrance of me."

— Tom Jenkins



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