

Falls Fellowship



The Julian Mangum Club

Johnny Ray brought me an article he and Sandra discovered in Sandra's mother's trunk. Dorothy Strickland had kept an article about Julian Mangum published in the *News and Observer*. Some of you were here during Julian's lifetime. You know he was a veteran of World War II and a prisoner of war. He was, from all that I hear, a remarkable man who loved his Lord with all his heart and who demonstrated that love through his love for Falls Baptist Church. The article included a photograph of Julian with his chain of perfect attendance awards achieved through Sunday School at Falls — seventy-three years. Linwood Barham said one year Julian was in the hospital

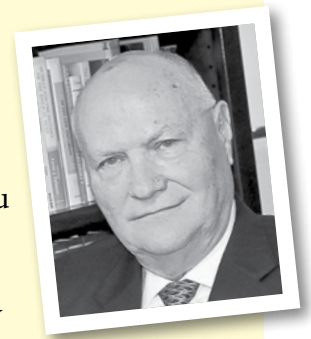
on a Sunday, and he had someone bring him to church to keep his record of perfect attendance and then returned to the hospital.

In thinking about Julian and his faithfulness to this church which spanned many years I turned my attention to the present and realized this is our time to be the Julian Mangum's of Falls. It is well and good to talk about people of the past who were faithful to the church and to celebrate their faithfulness and to thank God for them. But what about the present? Are there Julian Mangum's among us today, people who will devote their time and energy to Falls to see that its doors remain opened to welcome

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An Attitude of Gratitude

I did not know Sunday when my sermon theme was "An Attitude of Gratitude" that I would have occasion to add to my "gratitude list." The special recognition you gave me on Sunday for my birthday is now on the



list. I suspected something when our Deacons' Chairman, Linwood Barham, told me before the service that he wanted to make a special announcement prior to the benediction. I yielded to him after the sermon, and he came forward and announced a covered dish lunch would be served downstairs immediately following the service in honor of the Pastor's birthday.

I arrived downstairs to decorations in the fellowship hall, tables draped with tablecloths, and a serving table filled to over-flowing with

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Sunday School Resumes!

Sunday School at Falls Baptist Church resumed on Sunday, December 6 at 10:15 AM. We have two classes, Senior Adults and Middle and Older Adults..

Starting on Sunday, June 13, we will be back to our normal time of 10:00 AM and we will be meeting in our regular classrooms.

We are still looking for volunteers to lead children's programs so we can reach out and have some attendance by children. Families with children are starting to move in our area and we would like to reach out to them. Please contact our Sunday School Director Sandra Ray if you would like to volunteer.

Let's Make A Joyful Noise!

Falls Baptist Church Choir needs you to help us make that joyful noise. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal begins on Sunday, June 13 at 2:00 PM. Your voice is needed! Everyone is invited. 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.

Remember, choir practice is on Sundays at 2:00 PM. We have a lot of fun and the fellowship is hard to beat. Join us!

Event Calendar

June 13 — Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 2:00 PM

June 13 — Deacons Meeting 3:00 PM

June 20 — Father's Day

June 27 — Graduation Sunday

July 3 — Independence Day Celebration 6:00 PM

July 11 — Deacons Meeting 3:00 PM

July 18 — Quarterly Church Conference 12 PM

How the Bible Came Together — Part 1

Who decided what went into the Bible? The short answer to that question is no one. Or maybe a better answer is God did. When scholars talk about how a book qualified to be called Scripture, they list five characteristics called the laws of canonicity. But these characteristics are recognized in hindsight; they weren't developed by a particular group at a particular time in history.

After his resurrection, Jesus commissioned his followers to go and make disciples, and they did. They devoted themselves to sharing the Christ's good news, enfolding people into local churches and teaching them to obey all that Jesus had commanded.

These Jewish believers already had Scripture. Around Palestine the Jewish Scripture is exactly what Protestants today call the Old Testament. Jesus referred to these books when he spoke of the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms (Luke 24:44).

Outside the Holy Land, some Jews included 12 to 15 other books as part of Scripture. The Septuagint, which was translated in Egypt, contains books we now call the Apocrypha. (Apocrypha means "those hidden away.") Early Christians differed over whether these extra books should be considered Scripture or not. Those

June Birthdays

2	Anne Young
5	Shirley Tart
7	Johnny Fonville
9	Elizabeth Jackson
12	Polly Jenks
14	Chris Barham
15	Denise Norton
16	Arlene Kelley
16	Kathy Carr
23	Ryan Watkins
26	Randy Jackson
27	Bill Upton
28	Tommy Brown
29	Earl Creech
30	Teresa Doman



nearest Palestine tended to exclude them. Those closer to Rome tended to include them.

During the sixteenth-century Reformation, Martin Luther spoke strongly against the Apocrypha. In reaction the Roman Catholic Church convened a council in Trent (now in Italy), where they declared the Apocrypha to be canonical. To this day Catholics and Protestants disagree on this issue. Catholics uphold the

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Worship Precautions During June

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 disposal 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 April Wednesday Bible study resumed 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 attending for supper please sign the sheet each week in the vestibule.

— Linwood Barham



Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month for the past three 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!

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Gratitude cont' ...

Sunday's best dishes. To say the least, I was surprised.

For all the people who made the celebration possible, thank you. For the many cards received and the many expressions of affirmation that I received, thank you. I was surprised. Cheryl was uncharacteristically quiet about the whole affair and offered no hints of the plans. She joins me in thanking you for the celebration, one both of us will remember for a long time.

— Tom and Cheryl Jenkins

Mangum cont' ...

another generation? Yes, we have around us at Falls people who are dedicated to keeping the Church of Jesus Christ on Fonville alive and who plan to keep its doors opened for the next generation. I want to remember the Julian Mangum's of our past and thank God for them. Furthermore, I want to thank God for those who are among the faithful today and who week-by-week attend Falls and pray for Falls and give to the work of the Kingdom of God through Falls. I thank God for the present day "Julian Mangum's." Perhaps we should establish a "Julian Mangum Club" for them. Would you qualify for membership?

— Tom Jenkins

Together cont' ...

Apocrypha. Protestants believe the Apocrypha is useful but not inspired.

Wherever Christianity spread, Christians gathered for worship and instruction. In keeping with the customs of the Jewish synagogue, a portion of Old Testament Scripture would be read and explained. Meanwhile, the apostles, along with other evangelists and teachers, traveled from place to place to plant churches and encourage believers. When one of these recognized leaders was in town, he was invited to speak during the service.

As need arose, the apostles wrote letters to various churches. When a letter arrived, it was read with great excitement in the worship service. Often the letter would be copied and shared with neighboring churches who, in turn, would share it with still other churches. Naturally, the more inspiring letters were copied and shared more often.

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul wrote, "After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea" (Colossians 4:16). We still have the letter to the Colossians. The letter to the Laodiceans was not considered inspired or pertinent enough to be preserved.

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