

Falls Fellowship



Food Drive for Baptist Children's Home

Falls Baptist Church has participated in the annual food drive for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina for several years. The children's home canceled the food drive last year because of the pandemic. We had collected food before the cancellation of the food drive and Mike and Angie Harris delivered what we had collected to the children's home in Kinston. The loss of the food drive last year strained the resources of the children's homes to supply their cottages with food for the year. The annual food drive is factored into the children's homes annual budget. This year there is an urgent need for the annual food drive.

Falls Baptist Church will participate in the food drive. We will collect items taken from the list be-

low until April 18. Please bring your gifts to the church's mission room near the fellowship hall by April 18. The list of items below is a recent update of needed items due to the pandemic. Thank you in advance for your participation.

- MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**
- __ Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, napkins)
 - __ Hand Sanitizer
 - __ Clorox & Lysol wipes
 - __ Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray, Clorox spray, Windex, Pine-sol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)
 - __ Canned Fruits
 - __ Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)
 - __ Laundry Detergent
 - __ Copy/Printer Paper
 - __ Baked Beans
 - __ Bottled

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Easter Is Coming

It has been a wet and cold winter. I heard that we are approaching an increase of rain since Christmas of two hundred percent over last year. My yard is still "spongy" feeling when you walk across it. And what about



the record snow storms? We have all seen the scenes of people trying to dig out from the snow in Philadelphia, New York and even Houston. Houston seems to be in the center of a strange vortex that can produce water or snow measured by feet, not inches. Having to stay inside because of the pandemic would be difficult in any kind of weather, but the wild swings of weather this year seem to have deepened the loneliness and feelings of isolation produced by the pandemic.

Spring is on the way and with it the reminder that the

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Food Drive cont' ...

Water __ Dry Cereal __ Spaghetti Sauce __ Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni) __ Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste) __ Pancake Mix and Syrup __ Soups (All types & condensed) __ Sugar (Granulated & Brown) __ Flour __ Splenda __ Popcorn, Kettle Corn __ Apple Sauce __ Fruit Pie Filling (Cherry and Peach) __ Beverage Mixes (Tea, Tang, Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Cider Mix - All Sugar Free) __ Vegetable Oil, Shortening, Olive Oil, Pam Cooking Spray, Bakers Choice __ Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Yams __ Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water) __ Stuffing Mix __ Gravy Mixes __ Hamburger, Chicken, and Tuna Helper (all types) __ Pickles (Sweet & Dill) __ Refried Beans __ Hot Chocolate Mix __ Snack Foods with & without sugar (Fruit Rollups, Fruit Cups, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks, Cheese Nips, Pretzels, etc.) __ Healthy Snacks (Dried Fruit, Nuts, Raisins, Cranraisins, Trail Mix) __ Individual Cookie Packs __ Jello __ PopTarts __ Rice __ Instant Potatoes (scalloped, au gratin, mashed, julienne) __ Muffin Mixes __ Bisquick Mix __ Kidney Beans __ Pickle Relish __ Cranberry Sauce __ Mac & Cheese __ Corn Meal __ Jiffy Mixes, Corn Muffin Mix __ Instant Potatoes __ Hush Puppy Mix __ Peanut Butter __ Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is their favorite) __ Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix __ Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers __ Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Worcestershire, Soy, Teriyaki, Sweet & Sour) __ Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper) __ Dishwashing detergents __ Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash) __ Brooms, Mops, Scrub Brushes, Dust Pans __

Foil and Plastic Wrap __ SOS Pads __ Fabric Softener __ Dryer Sheets __ Sanitary Pads & Tampons __ Hand Lotion __ Shampoo __ Body Wash __ Soap

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

__ Brownie & Cookie Mix __ Canned Vegetables __ Individual Chef Boyardee cups __ Clif brand nutrition bars __ Hot Dog Chili __ Coffee (Regular & Decaf) __ Coffee Creamer __ Sweetened Condensed Milk __ Evaporated Milk __ Dehydrated Food (powdered milk & eggs, dehydrated meals) __ Flavorings (Vanilla, etc.) __ French Fried Onions __ Honey __ Ketchup __ Mustard __ Oatmeal __ Parmesan Cheese __ Puddings, Pudding Cups __ Salsa __ Vinegar __ Paper Products (Cups, Plates, Bowls, Plastic Ware, Dixie Cups) __ Trash Bags (large & small) __ Zip-Loc bags (Sandwich, Snack, Quart & Gallon Sizes) __ Band Aids __ Rubbing Alcohol/Peroxide __ Anti-bacterial ointment __ Razors __ Shaving Cream/Shaving Gel __ Dental Floss __ Hair brushes __ Deodorant __ Conditioner __ Tooth Paste __ Tooth Brushes __ Diapers (all sizes) __ Baby Wipes __ Bug Repellent __ Wasp/Hornet Spray __ Sunblock 30+ __ Batteries (AA, AAA and D)

Prayerful Steps Forward

We are in the process of prayerfully evaluating our church's programs and schedule in response to current trends in COVID-19. As guidelines are gradually allowing for more activity, we are looking to begin restarting some aspects of our church's life for the first time in a year! In the weeks following Easter, we

Event Calendar

March 7 — Deacons Meeting 3:00 PM

April 2 — Good Friday Service 6 PM. The Lord's Supper will be observed

April 4 — Easter Sunrise Service — Falls Community Cemetery 7 AM

March Birthdays

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| 1 | Junior Jackson |
| 12 | Kevin Barham |
| 13 | Diana Harney |
| 15 | Derick Foster |
| 16 | Rich Harney |
| 19 | Alice Tate |
| 22 | Geneva Holste |
| 26 | Billy Chappell |



will consider beginning Wednesday night dinner and services at the church again, following new procedures for safety. We will also look to extend activities as part of our weekly schedule of worship and ministry as it becomes appropriate and safe to do. We are grateful for God's care over our church family during this past year and pray for His guidance as we look to our future. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your deacon.

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 March Wednesday Bible study will continue on Zoom.

— Linwood Barham



Worship Precautions During March

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.

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!

Deacons

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great dividing point between winter's cold and spring's warmth, life and death is Easter. Easter is about the low point and the high point of history. The low point was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We can only imagine the agony and suffering he endured for us on the cross. The world was consumed by darkness as it appeared that the forces of evil had won. Then there came Easter morning and the visit of Mary (according to John's Gospel) to the empty tomb and her brief but history-changing conversation with Jesus when he called her name, "Mary." I wonder if little flowers were blooming outside the tomb. I used to plant Crocus in a bed near the front door of our house. Crocuses are anxious to bloom. One year they bloomed through the snow by the front door. Snow on either side of the walk and then little yellow flowers rising through the snow.

Easter tells us about the risen Lord's conquering death and now he reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Easter tells us evil does not conquer, flowers come back to bloom in the spring, winter will pass, the pandemic will end, and we will be able to greet each other again without fear of spreading COVID-19 in the Holy Name of Jesus.

I am fervently praying the pandemic to be waning and slowly but surely disappearing by Easter. That means you can come back to Falls for Easter if the pandemic has been keeping you away. We will have a Good Friday service, Easter Sunrise Service and Easter morning worship and maybe there will be in all the celebration not only the presence of the Holy Spirit which warms our hearts but, possibly, renewed hope the Pandemic is waning like a slain dragon. Who knows, around Easter we may even resume our Wednesday night fellowship, and wouldn't that be grand?

We have had a rough patch; but Easter is coming.

— Tom Jenkins

Sunday School Resumes!

Sunday School at Falls Baptist Church resumed on Sunday, December 6 at 10:15 AM. We have two classes, Senior Adults will meet in the sanctuary, and Middle and Older Adults will meet jointly downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Social distancing will be practiced with the classes lasting about 20-25 minutes.

We are still looking for volunteers to lead children's programs so we can reach out and have some attendance by children.



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