

Falls Fellowship



March Madness

March Madness is just about here! Officially, it starts with the NCAA tournament, but I say it starts with the ACC tournament. Depending on how old you are, you might remember walking into school this time of year and seeing one of those TVs that had been rolled in on a cart, and you knew that day you wouldn't have to do any schoolwork, because you were going to watch basketball! The Internet tells me the term "March Madness" originated in 1939 but wasn't used to refer to the NCAA tournament until 1982. In 2025, I'm officially using the term to refer to the weeks leading up to Easter and purporting that the first March Madness was during the last year of Jesus' life. Even though the amount of time from Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem to his crucifixion was only about a week, I'm sure there was plenty of madness for at least a month leading up to this. This year while you're watching March Madness (or changing the channel because basketball isn't your thing), let each round of the tournament remind you of a different stop on the timeline of Jesus' final days as we get ready to celebrate Easter:

On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Jesus taught and prophesied for a few days and overturned the tables

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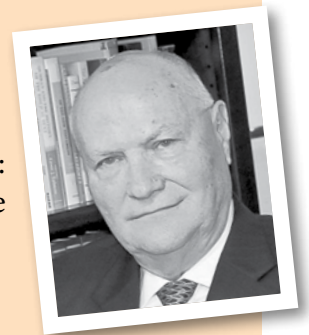
Spring at Falls

As we will soon march into spring, let me share with you some activities of our church worth noting and placing on your calendar.

March 5:
We will have our traditional Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00

PM in the Fellowship Hall. The imposition of ashes on the foreheads of Christians is a graphic symbol of our confessing our sins, as we turn our thoughts to the revelation of God's forgiveness and his promise of eternal life, verified in the resurrection of our Lord. Christians use the symbolism of Ash Wednesday to say they want to lay down past sins and accept, again, the invitation of Christ to life everlasting. You may take inventory of your life and make the decision that there is something you want to "lay down" in your life in your quest to honor Jesus Christ with your life. Ash

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Event Calendar

March 3 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
March 4 — Women's Bible Study 7 PM
March 5 — Ash Wednesday 7 PM
March 9 — Millbrook Methodist Church
Handbell Choir 11 AM
March 11 — Women's Bible Study 7 PM
March 18 — Women's Bible Study 7 PM
April 7 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
April 13 — Palm Sunday
April 20 — Easter

Handbell Choir March 9

Worshipping our Lord with music is always a wonderful part of our Sunday morning service. I love hearing the beautiful sounds of Kevin's piano and organ. I love hearing the choir present their special song. I love joining the congregation singing hymns. And I love playing handbells with the Millbrook Methodist Church Handbell Choir at their services.

Our handbell director asked if our choir could play at Falls Baptist one Sunday. Kevin and Pastor Tom accepted the offer, much to my delight. On March 9, our choir will come to Falls and selections by our choir will be included in the morning service.

This will add only a few minutes to the service. It is my prayer that all who attend that day will enjoy our music. See you then!

— Judi Waddell

Sunday Morning Small Group Bible Study

All adults are invited to join us on Sunday morning for small group Bible study.

For the next three months we will be studying 1,2 Peter & Jude.

As we see in our study guide "The books of Peter and Jude provide assistance for our lives. Putting everything together in a healthy and meaningful way can be a huge challenge. Peter and Jude understood that. In our study we see their readers we grappling with many of the same issues we face today."

Come see how their words are still powerful for us now.

WE have two groups, one led by Victoria Neal as a group discussion session, the other led by Bill Upton as a leader lead group.

We meet every Sunday at 9:30ish for coffee, snack, and fellowship with groups starting at 10.

We have study guides available for you so, please join us as we study how to move forward in God's word.

— Sandra Ray, Sunday School Director

New Additions to Church Library

The list of new books in the library:
Between The Sound And Sea by Amanda Cox
The Edge Of Belonging by Amanda Cox
Tea With Elephants by Robin Jones Gunn
I Know It Hurts by Shane Colwell

This last book was written by our former children's director many of you know!

— Alan Watkins

March Birthdays

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



Mission Donations

Caring Connections Ministry can always use household and hygiene items to keep their closet full. In terms of food collection, the Raleigh Baptist Association is collecting for the Baptist Children's Home. The drop off date is one day only this year. It will be Monday, April 28 from 9 to 3 PM and will be loaded directly into a truck outside.

We need to "push" for collection of food so we can deliver April 28th (9 to 3) ONE DAY ONLY! For the Baptist Children Home. Please leave food in bags in the vestibule.

A list of items needed is on the last page of this newsletter.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Sandra Leonard.

We meet each Tuesday evening beginning February 4th through March 18th from 7 pm until 8:30 pm (at the latest). Each week we will view a video of the teaching from the land of Israel and briefly discuss the lesson together.

A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule of the church. This will give us an idea of the number of ladies to plan for and number of books to order. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Books are available for you to pick up the first night of Bible study if you prefer the church order the book for you. The books can be purchased ahead of time from Lifeway.com or Amazon.com if you are interested in ordering the book directly yourself.

We look forward to seeing you Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Falls Baptist Church. Arrive a few minutes early to grab a light refreshment and get settled in to study together.

— Elizabeth Colcord

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Madness continued ...

of the money changers in the temple

Jesus held the Last Supper on Thursday evening.

On that same evening, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and was arrested.

Jesus was crucified on Good Friday.

On the 3rd day, Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead.

This month, reflect on what happened to Jesus during the last few months of his life. A good chunk of the Bible to read this month would be Matthew 3 – Matthew 26. This chronicles the time from when Jesus was baptized to right before he is brought before Pilate.

— Alan Watkins

Treasurer's Report

Our financial statement for the month of January 1, 2025 — January 31, 2025.

Tithes and Memorials - \$8100.00

Budgeted/expected tithes - \$12,175.16

Other income:

Parsonage -\$750

Children's Home - \$975.00

Actual expenditures - \$27,918.99

Budgeted expenditures - \$12,175.09

Note: Actual expenses include all 2025 budgeted missions expenses of \$13,825.00

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

Women's Bible Study

Ladies ... join us as we study the accounts of Jesus in the land where he was born, ministered, died and was resurrected, in the land of Israel. This seven week Bible study *Luke in the Land* by Kristi McLelland will take us through the land of Israel through the Gospel of Luke and we will see (on video) where these stories of the Bible took place.

Deacons

Frank Powell, Chairman 919-604-1285

Victoria Neal, Vice Chairman 919-880-1888

Alan Watkins, Secretary 919-793-5548

Bill Upton 910-358-7303

Johnny Ray 919-740-7099

Spring cont' ...

Wednesday is a time to ask for forgiveness and start over again. The imposition of ashes is a visible sign of your intention to go deeper in the Christian life.

March 9: Judi Waddell is a member of the bell choir at Millbrook United Methodist Church and on March 9 she will bring the bell choir to our church and celebrate with bells in our morning worship service. Members of the bell choir put in many hours practicing and rehearsing for performances. This doesn't just happen; it takes many hours of work to prepare a choir for a performance. I hope you will make every effort to be with us for this special time in worship on March 9.

April 13: Palm Sunday: with Palms given out in the morning worship service, Palm Sunday is a moving service. We will distribute Palms in the service and "wave" them in remembrance of the fateful Sabbath when our Lord entered Jerusalem, even knowing that the week would end with his death. Palm Sunday represents the beginning of the last week in the life of our Lord.

April 20: Easter Sunday at Falls begins with the sunrise service at Falls cemetery where we will be

surrounded by the graves of many, we have known who are now at home with the Lord. At an interment service, I always reflect upon the promise of the Bible that we shall rise again, as Paul said, "At the sound of the last trumpet." Death will not hold us.

The Sunrise service will be followed by breakfast at the church. Some who used to prepare the breakfast for us, like Hubert Jenks, are no longer with us but others have stepped up to carry on the tradition.

Worship on Easter Sunday will include special music which will highlight our joy that Christ conquered death and we, too, shall follow him into eternity with our resurrected bodies. I am already preparing my message for Easter as I pray God will use me to affirm the great truths of Easter and with those truths remind us we no longer have a reason to "let our hearts be troubled."

I also want to remind you that in April we collect food for the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina. We will soon distribute a list of items requested. We will deliver our food collection to the Raleigh Baptist Association on April 28.

— Tom Jenkins



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MOST NEEDED: (in bold)

- _ Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex)
- _ Hand Sanitizer
- _ Clorox wipes
- _ Household cleaning products (i.e. bleach, Comet, Lysol spray and wipes, Clorox spray, Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Tilex, etc.)
- _ Canned Fruits
- _ Fruit Juice (Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry)
- _ Laundry Detergent
- _ Bottled Water
- _ Dry Cereal
- _ Baked Beans
- _ Spaghetti Sauce
- _ Pasta (Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni)
- _ Canned Tomatoes (diced, sauce, paste)
- _ Pancake Mix and Syrup
- _ Soups (All types & condensed)
- _ Sugar (Granulated & Brown)
- _ Flour
- _ Stevia and Splenda
- _ Popcorn, Kettle Corn
- _ Apple Sauce
- _ Fruit Pie Filling (Cherry 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 pumpkin
- _ Canned Meats (pink salmon, tuna, roast beef, chicken - packed in water)
- _ Stuffing Mix
- _ Gravy Mixes
- _ Hamburger, Chicken, 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.)
- _ Health 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
- _ Potatoes
- _ Hush Puppy Mix
- _ Peanut Butter
- _ Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry is their favorite)
- _ Pizza & Pizza Dough Mix
- _ Saltine Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Graham Crackers, Nabs
- _ Sauces (A-1, Steak, BBQ, Texas Pete, Cheese, Worcestershire, Soy, Teriyaki Sauce, Sweet and Sour)

- _ Spices and Seasonings (including Salt & Pepper)
- _ Dishwashing detergents
- _ Laundry pre-treating products (i.e. Shout, Spray and Wash)
- _ HE Laundry Detergent
- _ 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, Cake Mixes & Icing
- _ Canned Vegetables (no corn or green beans)
- _ Individual Chef Boyardee cups
- _ Clif nutritional 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)

- _ Copy/Printer Paper
- _ 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)
- _ Disposable Gloves (Non-Latex ONLY)
- _ Heavy Duty Soap (Fast Orange)

Gift Cards are appreciated for buying perishables and items not received. (Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Food Lion, Lowes)

Please check for expired dates on food. We cannot accept expired items.

Please help our volunteer truck drivers by packing your church's donations in small, sturdy boxes.

Pack like items together. Please do not pack chemicals with food.

Drop off date for the Raleigh Baptist Association is Mon., April 28, 2025 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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