

# Falls Fellowship



## Prayer Block

**A**s I opened up my computer to write an article this month, which I did several times, inspiration simply did not hit me. I suppose that's what writers would call writer's block. I think sometimes people can experience 'prayer block' as well, where they either just don't know what to pray about or their needs seem too complex to even put into words for God to hear.

I'm not sure what people do to pull themselves out of such a block when writing, but if you're experiencing a prayer block you can always pray for others. We normally have a prayer list in the vestibule of people in the congregation who need our prayers. If you don't have that list with you, turn on the news! There are always people in the news who can use our prayers.

If your needs seem too complex to put into words, just pray for God to work in your life for what is weighing on you. He already knows what's weighing on you, even if you can't put it into words. If you can't think of any pressing needs, then there is always something to be thankful for, and it's always acceptable to give thanks during prayer instead of asking for anything.

Don't worry about not praying 'right' ... the only way to pray wrong is

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## A Fresh Encounter

**C**hristianity is marked by two very distinct miracles: first the miracle of the virgin birth and, second the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The miracle of the birth was announced by angels and shepherds, and humble people came to see the miracle. The second miracle, the resurrection, also involved, according to Mark, an angel who said, "He is not here; he is risen." And like the humble shepherds arriving at the nativity scene to see the miracle birth before others came, humble women were the first to arrive at the tomb and bear witness to the risen Lord.

With much joy and planned activities, we celebrate these two pillars of our faith. "He is born" and "He is risen" are the tag lines upon which we hang our



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## Event Calendar

- March 2 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- March 3 — Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- March 10 — Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- March 29 — Palm Sunday
- April 1 — Passover
- April 3 — Good Friday Service 7 PM
- April 5 — Easter Sunrise Service 7 AM  
Falls Community Cemetery
- April 5 — Easter Breakfast 8 AM
- April 5 — Easter
- April 6 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- April 19 — Quarterly Business Meeting 12 PM

## Donations Needed for Baptist Children’s Home

**O**n Sunday, April 12, please bring gift cards for the Baptist Children’s Home. Below is the message from Children’s Home.

*We are only collecting gift cards this year. Baptist Children’s Homes closed Oak Ranch and Cameron Boy’s Camp on December 31, 2025. We delivered our food to these locations because they are the closest BCH campuses to the Triangle area. Going forward, we will collect gift cards and send them to the Mills Homes Campus in Thomasville and the Kennedy Home Campus in Kinston.*

Cards needed are from WalMart, Sam’s Club, Food Lion, Lowes Foods, Piggly Wiggly and Ingles. Our collection plates will be on the communion table up front for you to place your cards.

We are still collecting food for Tri-Area Ministry if you wish to contribute. Please see their article in the next column on this page.

— Falls Mission Team

## Treasurer’s Report

February 1 – February 28, 2026

Tithes and Memorials - \$17,238.00  
Budgeted/expected tithes - \$13,592.43

Actual expenditures - \$20,154.69  
(includes office carpet and HVAC repair)  
Budgeted expenditures - \$13,609.94

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

## Food Donations

**W**e continue to collect food for Tri-Area Ministry each month. Our participation makes an important difference to helping families in need in our area.

Some items needed:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meat (tuna, chicken), Chef Boyardee, Cereal, Grits, Rice, Dried Beans, Oatmeal, Mac ‘n Cheese, Pasta / Noodles, Crackers, Canned Soup.



**TRI-AREA MINISTRY  
FOOD PANTRY**

## March Birthdays

- 1 Judi Waddell
- 12 Kevin Barham
- 13 Diana Harney
- 15 Fred Foster
- 15 Dottie Kempton
- 15 Muriel Mason
- 17 Hunter Jenks
- 16 Rich Harney
- 19 Alice Tate
- 26 Billy Chappell



## Ready for Palm Sunday?

**P**alm Sunday is quickly approaching and with it, the Palm Sunday service. We often view this time as Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem (and it was!) but it was also something so much more than a surface-level victory march. The palm fronds, the massive crowd, the fact Jesus wept, all pointed to a more complex meaning than we often realize. Considering that a few short days later what we assume would be the same general crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with a hero's welcome would cry out for his crucifixion tells us something more complicated was going on in their Palm Sunday praise.

For much of Jesus' ministry He urged people to be quiet about who He was. When He healed He told people not to say anything, when He confronted demons who recognized Him as the Son of God He told them to shut up. That's because it wasn't time for Him to declare Himself as the Messiah. On Palm Sunday the time had come.

At the heart of Palm Sunday is Jesus' desire to bring peace into our lives and to be willing to carry whatever burdens in life are weighing us down. But the only way Jesus can complete his desire, is for us to allow him to march in and take over without having to fight us all along the way. Have you ever told God, "you can march over there, but don't come this way because I'm not yet ready to surrender." Where ever Jesus is not fully welcome in our lives, is where the real battle is taking place for our attitudes. We're doing all kinds of things hoping to find some peace, but God is



saying, until you get your attitude together right here, you shall not have peace as you seek for it.

One of the scariest questions in the Palm Sunday story. ... How will I respond when Jesus comes riding humbly into my life? Will I recognize the time of God's coming to me? Will I recognize and welcome God's personal visit?

But Jesus didn't even make it through the gates of Jerusalem unscathed. In that holy city he was beaten and then taken outside to be crucified as if he was some kind of criminal. But this wasn't a tragic mistake. This had been God's plan. Just as squeezing a tube of whitening gel will produce the thing your teeth needs to get rid of the yellow stains, squeezing blood from Jesus was the one thing we sinners needed to whiten our sin-blackened record!

Have you heard that crowd of noise in your life? What has your answer been? Do we join the crowd, or step out of the crowd and take a stand for what we know is true? Because a day will come when we aren't part of any crowd anymore. A day will come when we are one on one with the Creator of us all, God the Father. And we will be judged, not on what we did as a crowd, but what we did as individuals with His Son, Jesus Christ.

— *SermonCentral.com*

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## Prayer Block ... continued

to not pray at all. Just ask God for the things you need, thank Him for the things He has given you, and ask Him to be with those who need him most. Finally, if you are just completely prayer blocked and can't think of anything to say, turn to Matthew 6:9-13 and pray the Lord's prayer.

— *Alan Watkins*

## Deacons

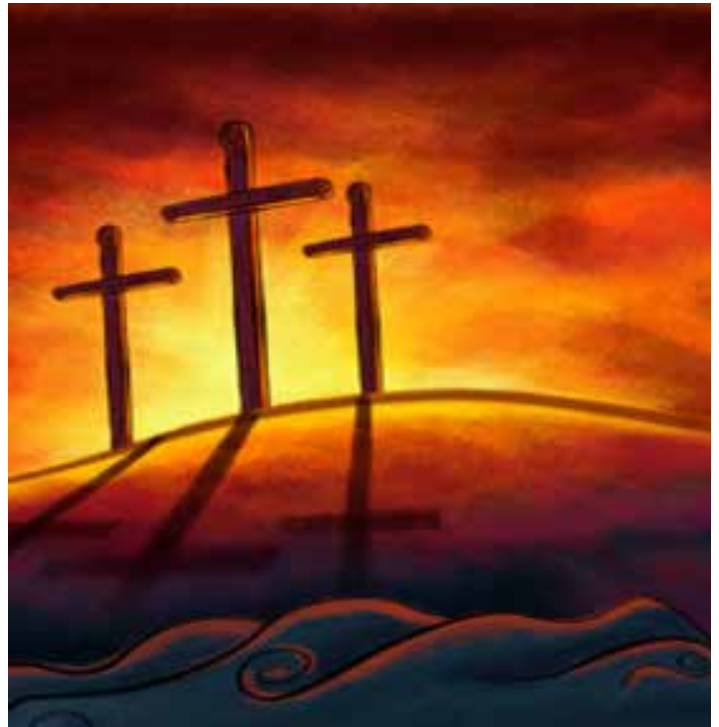
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## *Encounter ... cont'*

faith. Without his birth there is no “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” and without that there is no Christ. Without the resurrection we are lost and hopeless. All we have is this life. When it ends, we ultimately return to dust. But with the resurrection, there is “life beyond life” and Jesus Christ is our witness to that.

Back in December we celebrated the birth of our Lord. The church was decorated with the symbols of Christmas including our beautiful nativity scene in the baptistery. Now we prepare to celebrate his death, burial and resurrection. They are the boundary markers of our faith: Christmas tells us he was born, the child in the manger. Easter tells us that the tomb could not hold him and as he is risen from the grave and lives forever, so shall we.

As we grow older these two events become the pillars around which we build our faith. It starts with for “God so loved the world he sent his one and only Son” and then it moves to “This same Jesus will return.” We celebrated Christmas with reflection on the sacred Christmas story; we sang the songs rejoicing at the birth of the Savior. Now we are marching toward Easter, eagerly anticipating the music of celebration



such as “He Arose” and hoping for a fresh encounter with the risen Lord.

A fresh encounter with the risen Lord? Indeed, is not that the yearning of our hearts? Enough of the ho-hum sameness of our worship. We yearn for a fresh encounter with our Lord.

— Tom Jenkins



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