

Falls Fellowship



‘MOM’

What does ‘MOM’ mean to you? With Mother’s Day approaching, I asked myself that question. The answer is different for everyone. When I think of ‘MOM’, I think of home. I think of my childhood and of someone who was always there. She took me to my little league baseball games, my college orientation, and of course to Falls Baptist Church. None of my children ever got to meet my mom. She was taken from us far too soon because Jesus must have needed her more than we could know. I cherish the time I had with my mom; I just wish there had been more of it.

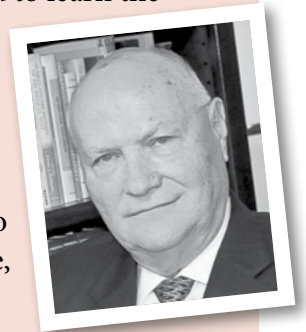
About that same time, I started associating someone else with the ‘MOM’ because Trisha and I started having children. I didn’t know what to do with a baby, but she certainly seemed to know! I never really worried about anything happening to them, because I knew they were with ‘MOM’ when I was away. I was there when they needed me, but if one of them fell down and got hurt, they ran to mom. I never minded much

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Shrimp Burgers and Donuts

If, like me, El’s Drive-In at Morehead City is one of your annual stops while visiting the coast, you will be disappointed to learn the restaurant

is closed, until at least sometime in October. According to their website, “Big things are brewing at El’s Drive-In! We’re undergoing a major renovation to bring you an even better experience. Get ready for some exciting new features to bring you faster service, and of course, the classic deliciousness you know and love. We can’t wait to welcome you back — stay tuned for sneak peeks along the way!” Not good for those who will come from miles around this summer to have one of the famous Shrimp Burgers. El’s has been around serving shrimp burgers since 1959. It took several trips for me to



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Event Calendar

- May 12 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- May 12 — Mother's Day
- May 17 — Family Movie Night 6:30 PM
- May 19 — Church Council Meeting 2 PM
- May 27 — Memorial Day
- June 2 — Dr. Jenkins Birthday Luncheon 12 PM
- June 3 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM

Treasurer's Report

Our financial statement for the month of March 1, 2024 — March 31, 2024.

- Tithes and Memorials - \$8,745.00
- Budgeted/expected tithes - \$12,175.06
- Other income: Parsonage Rental - \$1,500.00 (February and March)
- Missions - \$275.00
- Actual expenditures - \$6,790.88
- Budgeted expenditures - \$12,175.09

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

Matthew 25 Ministries

After review and consideration, we will NO Longer Collect Pill Bottles. If you would still like to donate financially or send your bottles, please see the link and info below.

Matthew 25: Ministries - HOME | Matthew 25: Ministries (m25m.org)

Mail checks to Matthew 25: Ministries, 11060 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242.

Donation Drop-Off 11083 Kenwood Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242

Thank you for ALL your previous donations! We just sent them a large box!

— Sandra Leonard

Mission Donations

Thank you to ALL Falls Baptist Church Members! We really show our love for our Lord when we partner with the Raleigh Baptist Association.

Our Team delivered two Truck Loads of food and cleaning supplies!

Many families will enjoy the happiness and joy of goods meals!

Matthew 25: 37-40

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

— Sandra Leonard



May Birthdays

- 1 Naomi Horton
- 3 Michelle Watkins
- 6 Glenn Johnson
- 14 Alisha Allen
- 22 Mike Harris
- 22 Arnie Jenks
- 25 Danny Brafford
- 26 Ronald Jenks
- 30 Tom Jenkins





One of the truckloads on the way to the Raleigh Baptist Association for the Baptist Children's Home.

- toilet paper
- new bath towels/washcloths
- new hairbrushes
- Ibuprofen/Tylenol (for adults and kids)
- Cough Medicine
- Band-Aids

*At this time we have plenty of paper towels, toothbrushes and blankets in stock.

**Laundry baskets, new plastic trash cans or the big handle bags sold at check out at TJMaxx/Marshalls are wonderful for packing these items in.

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because I used to do the same thing with my mom. I'm not sure you could come up with an exhaustive list of what a mother does. We've all heard that “a mother's work is never done,” and part of that, I think, is because she handles tasks that have to be done constantly: laundry, cooking, cleaning, etc. In general, a mom is someone who you should be able to go to when things get rough. She is a source of comfort when the storms of life arise. She is your advocate when you need someone on your side. Her most important task I think is summed up by Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” She is someone who teaches you how you should live your life. If your mom did that for you, then this Mother's Day, thank God for her — whether she is still with us or is at home with Jesus.

— Alan Watkins



Heartwarming Bags

Household Cleaning Supply and Hygiene Essential Care Item Collection Needed in May

- laundry detergent
- toilet bowl cleaner
- all-purpose cleaning spray
- kitchen cleaning cloths/sponges
- kitchen hand towel
- hand soap
- trash bags (tall for kitchens)
- dish soap
- dishwasher soap/cubes
- toilet paper
- body wash/bar soap
- shampoo/conditioner (for various hair types)
- deodorant
- body lotion
- face wash
- maxi-pads
- toothpaste
- women's razors

Deacons

Frank Powell, Chairman	919-604-1285
Victoria Neal, Vice Chairman	919-880-1888
Bill Upton	910-358-7303
Tommy Brown	843-446-6540
Johnny Ray	919-740-7099

Donuts cont' ...

talk Cheryl into trying the shrimp burger. Though acceptable, not one of her top ten seafood dishes. My first trip to El's was with a friend and he said, "You gotta try the shrimp burger." I thought he was kidding but there it was, front-and-center on the menu and the people around seemed to be enjoying theirs. So, I ordered one and have been back to order more.

People who frequent the beach seem to have catalogs of favorite foods to enjoy while near the ocean and favorite places to visit. Many years ago, a long-deceased friend of mine built a cottage on the edge of the Carolina Beach Boardwalk. His cottage was on the path to Britt's Donut Shop, a favorite destination for morning coffee and donuts for countless numbers of people who walk the famous boardwalk which leads to Britt's. He said with a cottage on the path to Britt's you met new friends every day.

I learned a long time ago that to really enjoy El's or Britt's you need to take along friends. To get the first cup of coffee for the morning at Britt's or to enjoy the simple and yet profound shrimp burger at El's needs to be a shared experience.

This is one of the great things about our Wednesday night suppers at Falls: they are shared experiences where the food, though important, takes second place



to the fellowship. Entering the fellowship hall on Wednesday nights to the sound of guitar music and listening to people clustered around tables talking about the events of their lives is sheer music — an invitation to come to "sacred ground" and join in fellowship with the people of God. We may not have El's Shrimp Burgers or Britt's Donuts, but we have something better: tasty food served with the love of God and the great thing is that we never run out of that menu — the love of God.

— Tom Jenkins



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