

Falls Fellowship



Mother's Day

Mother's Day often sneaks up on us. There's not as many ads for it since most places don't have a Mother's Day sale, but every year on the second Sunday in May, we celebrate our moms!

This year for Mother's Day, I want to talk about my lunch lady in elementary school. Most of you knew her as Joan Barham, but long before I knew her name, she took my lunch money each day as I went through the line at Jeffrey's Grove Elementary School. Paul Barham knew her as mom. I talked with him at her wake this year. I told him I remembered losing my mom many years ago, wishing we'd had more time. He told me he was at peace with it. His mom had been living with him, and he said that every night for the last eight months before they went to bed she told him she loved him and he told her that he loved her too. He said there was no better gift he could ask for other than that. I thought about what he said, and really, that's the epitome of what Mother's Day is all about — spending time with your mom while you still have her. For those of us that no longer have our mom, it's a time to remember what it was like when we

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Making Good Choices

Two very important opportunities are approaching you as a member of Falls Baptist Church: (1) the nominating of persons to serve as deacons of our church and (2) the staffing of all volunteer positions through the work of the nominating committee.



Candidates for the office of deacons are nominated in July and elected in August. The term is for two years. A deacon can serve two consecutive terms but then must rotate off for one year. Currently, we have five active deacons. Our bylaws state deacons function as "servant leaders from a spiritual perspective and legally as the Board of Directors." To help the deacons with their tasks as spiritual leaders, each deacon is assigned a group of families for his "family min-

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Event Calendar

- May 4 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- May 10 — Mother's Day
- May 10 — Called Business Meeting 12 PM
- May 12 — Recap of Women's Bible Study w/Supper 6 PM
- May 17 — Ladies High Tea 2 PM
- May 20 — Committee Night 7 PM
- May 25 — Memorial Day
- June 8 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM

Welcome New Members

We would like to extend a welcome to all of our new members who joined our fellowship in the last month. Congratulations to Ava Jenks, Jack Wrenn, Anna Young, Nancy Clinard and Charlene Stagg.

Thank you for joining with us and we look forward to worship and fellowship with you all for many years to come!

Treasurer's Report

April 1 – April 30, 2026

Tithes, Offerings and Memorials - \$17,103.00
 Budgeted/expected tithes - \$13,592.43

Actual expenditures - \$8,202.042
 Budgeted expenditures - \$13,609.94

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

Food Donations

We 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

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did. It's an opportunity to see others doing something for mom on her special day, wondering if they realize what a gift it is to be able to do such things.

So, this Mother's Day if you still have your mom, call her, go see her, spend some time with her ... they



May Birthdays

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



are taken away from us far too soon. If you no longer have your mom, do something with someone in your life who is a mom. The most valuable gifts we can give them are our time and letting them know how much we love them.

— Alan Watkins

The Peace of Christ in a Chaotic World

One of the best newspaper cartoons of all time is *Calvin and Hobbes*. One day Calvin and Hobbes come marching into the living room early one morning. His mother is seated there in her favorite chair. She is sipping her morning coffee. She looks up at young Calvin. She is amused and amazed at how he is dressed. Calvin's head is encased in a large space helmet. A cape is draped around his neck, across his shoulders, down his back and is dragging on the floor. One hand is holding a flashlight and the other a baseball bat.

“What’s up today?” asks his mom.

“Nothing, so far,” answers Calvin.

“So far?” she questions.

“Well, you never know,” Calvin says, “Something could happen today.” Then Calvin marches off, “And if anything does, by golly, I’m going to be ready for it!”

Calvin’s mom looks out at the reading audience and she says, “I need a suit like that!”

That’s the way many of us feel as we see the news and deal with life. Sometimes this world seems quite violent and people seem to be at each other’s throats. A suit like that would help, so we can say with Calvin, “Whatever may come my way, I’m going to be ready for it! Bring it on!”

Well, I don’t have a suit like Calvin’s to give you, but I do have word for you: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

There is a defining phrase in that statement. One that tells us what kind of peace it is that Christ gives



us. Listen to it again and see if you can pick it out: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”* The defining phrase is: *“Not as the world gives.”* Do you see how that defines God’s peace? The world promises peace through the rule of law. Law and order is the only way for a society and a people to experience peace and law and order must be kept by the aggressive use of force. That’s the only way the world can bring about peace.

But here is how Jesus will give you peace. If you obey his word He and the Father will come to you and make a home with you. Right in your heart. Not by force but by choice. They will abide in your heart bringing peace. The world’s peace is peace through strength. The Lord’s peace is peace through surrender.

— Sermons.com

Deacons

Frank Powell, Chairman	919-604-1285
Johnny Ray, Vice Chairman	919-740-7099
Alan Watkins, Secretary	919-793-5548
Craig Jackson	919-306-5783
Danny Brafford	919-369-4490

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istry.” Obviously, as the deacons fulfill this responsibility, they aid me as pastor. At each meeting the deacons discuss our “families” and often send cards with notes to people with special needs.

As the Board of Directors, the deacons help make administrative decisions to guide the work of our church. Often, discussion concerning the fiscal needs of our church begins with the deacons. Administrative work of our deacons this year included decisions related to the function of the parsonage and an ongoing update of our Constitution and Bylaws, with the church having to vote on that document when completed. Both men and women can serve as deacons in our church.

The Nominating Committee recommends people to serve on the various committees of our church. Our committees are clustered under administrative groups called “Councils” with each council tasked with special functions in the life of the church, such as the council on “Administration.”

The Nominating Committee will soon offer a document that defines the work of the committees and can be used as a tool to express your interest in serving on specific committees.

These two groups, the Deacons and the Committees, are essential for the church to do its work. The deacons are to be “spiritual guides” and administrative assistants to the day-to-day operations of the church.



The committees guide the ministries of the church through specifically focused clusters of workers.

I cannot overstate the importance of making good choices for these groups, deacons and committees. The deacons meet monthly and begin their meeting with a prayer for church members with specific needs. The committees guide the administrative work of our church such as keeping us fiscally sound. Make your recommendations the topic of prayers. This is serious work. We are not running “popularity contests” here; we are planning the work of Falls Baptist Church as the church of Jesus Christ. Decisions have long-lasting consequences. The future of the church is influenced by the choices we make for leadership.

— Tom Jenkins



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