

Falls Fellowship

Result of Thanksgiving

Acts 28:15

Paul, a prisoner, is on his journey toward Rome. It has been a difficult journey. He has been shipwrecked (27:41-44). He has been bitten by a poisonous snake (28:3) and accused one minute of being a murderer and the next minute of being a god. He has experienced no Christian fellowship for at least

three months (28:11-14).

On his approach to Rome, some of the brethren came out to greet and encourage him.

“Whom when Paul saw, thanked God, and took courage.”

From this story, we notice three things pertaining to Thanksgiving.

I. THE CAUSE OF THANKSGIVING

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The Baptist Children's Home

Every November we emphasize the work of the Baptist Children's Home (BCH) of North Carolina

and receive a special offering

to support their work.

Jim Dyer, a representative of BCH,

will be our guest speaker on Sunday, November 10. Jim knows the work of BCH from the “inside” for he grew up on one of the campuses.

I have supported the BCH for many years. Dr. Michael Blackwell, president of BCH is a friend of many years. Every time I hear him speak about BCH, I am grateful for his profoundly courageous leadership for many years and I am proud to have been a small part of the work. Now that I am a senior adult and the BCH directs the work of the North

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Missions Corner

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We will collect your packed shoeboxes through Sunday, November 10th.

How to pack a shoebox: Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category:

2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Then start with a quality “wow” item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit which will capture the child's attention the

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Falls Baptist Church 2019 Missions Opportunities Calendar

Month	\$ Giving	Collecting	Service
November	Baptist Children's Home Annual Offering		Packing Party: Operation Christmas Child
December	Lottie Moon Annual Offering	Collect donations for a local sponsored family in need.	Group Volunteering: Caroling at the Nursing Home

Annual Veterans Breakfast November 9

Our annual Veterans Day Breakfast will be Saturday, November 9, 2019, 8 – 10 AM.

Each year, on the Saturday closest to Veterans Day, we host an all-you-can-eat Veterans Pancake Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall.

This breakfast is FREE for all veterans.

The general public, and especially ALL veterans, are invited.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee.

For non-veterans, a suggested \$5 donation is requested. All money collected is then donated to a veteran's charity.

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instant he or she opens the box. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo. Fill out the box label and include \$9 to cover the costs of shipping.

What NOT to include: candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Samaritan's Purse has been collecting shoeboxes for the more than 25 years and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel!

It all starts with a simple gift.

Event Calendar

November 3 — Pastor Appreciation Covered Dish Luncheon 12 PM

November 3 — Deacons Meeting 4 PM

November 9 — Veterans Breakfast 8-10 AM

November 10 — Baptist Children's Home Speaker

November 10 — Operation Christmas Child Deadline

November 10 — Poinsettia Orders Due

November 12 — Southern Supreme Fruitcake Visit 9 AM – Sign up in vestibule

December 7 — Church Christmas Dinner Party 6 PM – Sign up in vestibule

November Birthdays

- 1 Gary Watkins
- 3 Wayne Blackmon
- 8 Jason Stewart
- 10 Tyler Allen
- 11 Amy Barham
- 15 Faye Van Putte
- 18 Wanda Looper
- 20 Tammy Medlin
- 23 Marie Bowden
- 23 Payton Harney
- 27 Lee Canipe

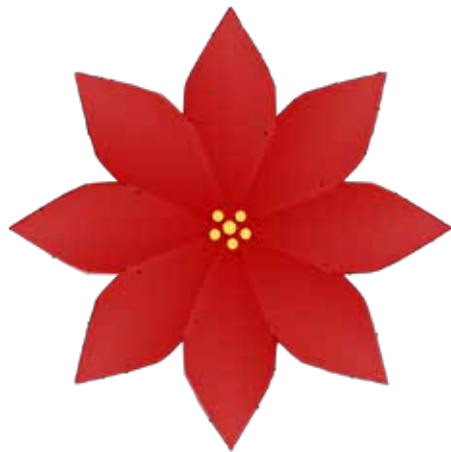


2019 Poinsettia Orders

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia to be placed in our church Sanctuary during Advent, please complete an order form. Place your order form in the offering plate.

Poinsettias are \$12 each and orders are due no later than Sunday, November 10.

Thank you!



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“When Paul saw” – the word “saw” here means to perceive to consider, to understand.

How often do we not express thanks simply because we do not perceive what God has done in our life. We need to be more perceptive about the blessing of God in our life.

II. THE CHOICE IN THANKSGIVING

Instead of complaining about his stresses, pressures and persecutions, Paul chose to give thanks. Instead of bemoaning his imprisonment, he thanks God for friends who come to support him.

Thanksgiving is a choice we make. Thanksgiving is independent of circumstances but not independent of choice. We choose to be thankful or not.

III. THE COURAGE FROM THANKSGIVING

Being thankful renewed Paul’s strength and helped him to be courageous as he faced his imprisonment in Rome.

Gratitude produces fortitude! There is something invigorating about thanks-giving that instills within us a confidence to face the trials of life.

As a person looks at God’s blessings with thanks-giving, it renews strength and instills courage to face tomorrow. Thanksgiving today gives me strength for tomorrow.

Try Thanksgiving ... and you will then find your nerves braced, and your loins girded to meet whatever lies ahead.

— Jimmy Chapman

Newsletter articles needed

We had a newsletter each month in 2018 and so far in 2019.

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.

Our website is generating interest and bringing people into our church. Please bookmark it at www.fallsbaptistchurch.org. In addition, our mobile app is in use by 72 people in three countries at this writing. It is available for Apple and Android devices, so search for Falls Baptist in your App Store or you can use the link on our website.

Communication is very important, so send your news and articles to Frank at fbpowell@mac.com

Thanks!



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Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry, NCBAM as it is called, I am doubly thankful for the work of the BCH. The new ministry of working with senior adults across our state fills a void which had existed in our Baptist work. The aging population is growing, as we say, by “leaps and bounds” and it is essential that we Baptists reach out to the needs of aging adults in the name of Jesus Christ. The multi-generational work of the BCH is captured in a quote from this year’s bulletin insert: “The heart of the Baptist Children’s Homes (BCH) beats with a rhythm of hope that extends to children, families and adults. For every person’s specific need, there is a unique BCH ministry ready to offer hope and the opportunity for a bright future.”

The theme for this year’s BCH’s offering is “Hope and Future” taken from Jeremiah 29:11, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” I read about the BCH’s rescuing two young brothers, Jacob and Jonah, ages 12 and 9 who were living in a tent with their mother in the woods. The mom was an addict and could not take care of her sons. Everything changed for the boys when they were rescued by BCH. From a cold and damp tent, they were taken to the warmth of a BCH cottage where their needs were met. Through our offerings to BCH, Falls was part of that rescue. “Hope and Future” came to Jacob and Jonah through the BCH.

Make plans to be at Falls on November 10 and learn more about the work of BCH and bring your offering.

— Tom Jenkins

Nursery Workers Needed!

We need volunteers to help work in the nursery during Sunday services. If we have more volunteers the burden will not fall on just a few.

Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Angie Harris.

Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

This year we are helping out two needy families for Christmas. There is a total of seven children we can help have a better Christmas.

Look for a selection of items needed as gifts you can choose from in the vestibule. Some of the larger items can be shared by two or more of our members to make it happen.

Our missions committee is also collecting household cleaning supplies for these two families. Please bring your donations and place them in the vestibule. Contact Angie Harris with any questions.

Thanks!



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