

Falls Fellowship



Baptist Children's Homes Offering

Each November we receive an offering for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. The children's homes depend upon this offering and count it as part of their annual budget. Without the money given through the offering received by Baptist churches across the state, a big hole would open in their ministries. Envelopes for this offering are provided in your box of envelopes. You will also find envelopes at the entry to the sanctuary.

Our speaker representing the children's homes this year will be Keith Henry, the Chief Operating Officer for the children's homes.

He has been with the children's homes for many years and will "warm our hearts" with stories about the work of the children's homes. Keith will speak at our worship service on November 21.

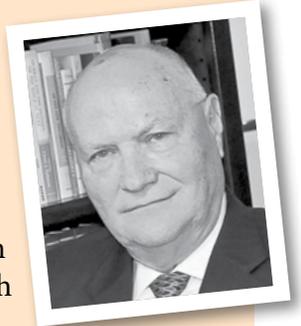
Here is a challenge: bring your special offering for the children's homes on November 7 or November 14. Having the offering collected before November 21 will facilitate our presenting a check to Mr. Henry the Sunday he is with us.

Since November is prayer month for us, add the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina to your prayers.

— Tom Jenkins

A Month of Prayer

Last Wednesday night we completed our study of I Samuel. Though the book was named for the Prophet/Priest Samuel, it is about David, the shepherd boy that became the greatest King of Israel. The book begins with Hannah pleading with God to give her a child.



Though she is deeply loved by her husband, Elkanah, she feels that life is not complete without a child. She promised to give the child back to God for his service. Hannah prayed so fervently that the priest, Eli, observing her praying at the place of worship in Shiloh thought that she was drunk. Eli asked, "How long will you go on drunk?" Hannah answered, "No my Lord, a bleak-spirited woman am I. Neither wine nor hard drink have I drunk, but I poured out my heart to the

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Congratulations to Arlene Kelley and Frederick Foster on their marriage on October 31, 2021.

Prayer cont' ...

Lord.” Her prayer was answered, and Samuel was born, and, in the by-and-by, Samuel anointed young David King of Israel and the focus of Israel’s history ever since has been on this shepherd boy who, according to the Apostle Paul, was after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22). The history of Israel’s greatest king begins with a simple woman saying, “I poured out my heart to the Lord.” That’s true prayer: pouring out one’s heart to the Lord.

That’s what I want us to do in November: pour out our hearts to the Lord in prayer. Your future may depend upon your prayers; our church may depend upon your prayers; our nation may depend upon your prayers. I’ve never lived in a time where prayer was more needed by God’s people than it is now. Our nation is divided; churches are rapidly declining; families are fragmenting over trivial matters; and preachers sound like politicians and politicians sound like preachers, up is down and down is up. We need to pray.

I want you to prioritize prayer during the month of November by spending time each week praying for

specific topics. All the topics focus on Jesus Christ. There is no praying without focusing on Christ. He taught us to pray, “Our Father who art in heaven” and he prayed for his followers to act as one. The Gospels depict scenes of Christ praying to the Father. He prayed for his disciples; he prayed for sinners, the despised and rejected among him; he prayed in agony the night before his death on the cross. He taught us to pray in his name. We must pray about Christ, and his work and our place in his work.

These are the weekly themes of prayer beginning the first week in November and ending the week of thanksgiving:

October 31-November 6: “Christ’s Grace and Mercy”

November 7-13: “Christ’s Abiding Presence”

November 14-20: “Christ’s Church”

November 21-27: “Christ’s Blessings”

Offer thanksgiving for each of these, Christ’s Grace and Mercy, His Abiding Presence (the Holy Spirit), His Church (Falls Baptist Church), and His Blessings. Each of these subjects takes the focus off you and your problems, aches and pains and miseries, and focuses on what Christ has done for us. He died for us offering us grace and mercy. He promised to be with us through his Holy Spirit. His church is built on him, and his blessings are immeasurable. Amen.

— Tom Jenkins

November Birthdays

- 1 Gary Watkins
- 3 Wayne Blackmon
- 8 Jason Stewart
- 10 Tyler Allen
- 11 Amy Barham
- 15 Faye Van Putte
- 15 Ruby Jenks
- 18 Wanda Looper
- 23 Payton Harney
- 23 Daniel Ripley
- 27 Lee Canipe





Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month for the past three years.

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.

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

Thanks!

symptoms have disappeared.

2. Maintain six-foot social distance except for family members living in the same household.

3. Use furnished hand sanitizer or wipes as you enter the church.

4. Pew Bibles and hymnals have been removed. Order of service and hymns will appear in your individual program bulletin.

5. Use your own face mask if you desire or disposable masks will be available for those wishing to use them.

6. Pews will be cleaned before and after each service.

7. Boxes to receive tithes and offerings are placed at the doors so we do not have to handle offering plates.

Some members fall into the category of having underlying conditions which make them uncomfortable to be in groups. We understand they may not be willing to attend now. Hopefully, this pandemic will soon pass and we can truly get back to normal worship services. During the month of November, Wednesday Bible study will be in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM for supper and continue on Zoom at 7 PM for those who can not attend in person. If you plan on attending for supper please sign the sheet each week in the vestibule.



Mission Donations

We are still collecting non-perishable food during the month for Tri-Area Ministries, our local food bank. Please leave food in bags in the vestibule.

We will be collecting monetary donations for the Baptist Children's Home during November.

Worship Precautions During November

The church is taking several precautions to make attendance as safe as possible during this Covid-19 pandemic. Even though we are not aware of anyone in our congregation who has the virus, we are aware you could have the virus and be without symptoms. Therefore, we are requesting that all follow these guidelines:

1. If you are ill, please do not attend until all your

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Mike Harris	919-746-5697
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Falls Baptist Church On Mission

Our church collected 335 pounds of food for October which doubled our amount for September. We helped feed 1,000 hungry families last month. Thank you!

In November we will be collecting money for the work of our Baptist Children's Homes. The first two Sundays of November we will collect donations to be given on the third Sunday, November 21, to our visitor from the Baptist Children's Homes.

AND for those who wish to participate — Kevin Barham will take Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse to his Fayetteville Church. You may also give to the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box program through our church. Just mark your donation for this purpose.

If you would like to do your own shoe box you can drop them off at New Hope Baptist Church

4301 Louisburg Road Raleigh, NC, on the following dates.

Monday, Nov. 15: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 16: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 17: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thursday, Nov. 18: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Saturday, Nov. 20: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday, Nov. 21: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

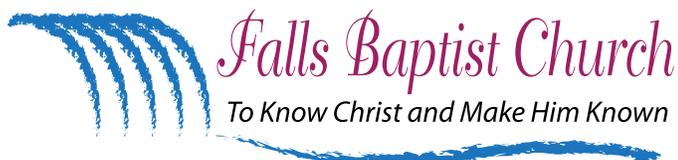
Monday, Nov. 22: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

In December we will promote the Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions. We will also have a family we will help with to share God's Love.

For more information or to pack a shoebox online go to: www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline

We are in touch with a very nice family (Mom, son 7; daughter 12) and getting together a list for the holiday tree which will be in the vestibule in the coming weeks.

Stay tuned for more ways you can help our missions team.



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