

Falls Fellowship



Casting a vote for Jesus

By the time you read this, the time to cast your vote for the 2024 presidential election will be over. One candidate will be elected, and one will not. Whichever side doesn't win, a lot of that person's followers will be stunned that their candidate didn't win. I'm convinced a lot of those feelings are because depending on what source you are getting your information from — they are often telling you different things. One channel tells you a certain candidate is ahead while another says the exact opposite, and both are trying to convince you to cast your vote for the candidate they support. We take this information and try to make the best choice we can, and then the election is over. But there is another on-going election we must cast a vote in, and that's the election where we decide who gets our soul. The candidates in this election are Jesus and Satan, and the polls close when we die. Just like the elections we are used to, both sides are trying to get us to cast our vote for their candidate.

Satan is a smooth talker and a persuasive pitchman. Proof of this is in

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Let's Celebrate

Cheryl and I have been talking about the holidays: Thanksgiving and Christmas. Cheryl likes to start the conversation about Christmas in October. I've restrained her thus far from decorating the house for Christmas, but I know that, no later than Thanksgiving, key elements for the season, such as the Christmas tree, will be in place. I'll have to admit I am not immune to the feelings of excitement as we make plans to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. Things may be different with our celebration of Thanksgiving this year. We are not sure when we will celebrate or who will be available. We'll have to play it by ear.

Some of you know the feelings of grief which can come when seasonal celebrations approach and death has taken someone from your family. A chair is empty; a



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Event Calendar

November 2 — Harvest Fest and Chili Cook-off
11 PM — All Welcome!

November 4 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM

November 9 — Veterans' Breakfast 8 AM

November 19 — Annual Fruitcake Factory
Trip 9 AM

November 23 — Women's Brunch 9:30 AM

November 28 — Thanksgiving

December 7 — Christmas Dinner 6 PM

Christmas Family Donations

We will be selecting items to purchase for our Christmas Family in November.

There are envelopes placed in the vestibule for you to select items.

- It helps with delivery and pick up if gifts are in sturdy bags with handles or boxes.
- Please wrap the gifts and include a gift tag with the person's name but you can leave the "from" section blank.

Gifts need to be at our Church so we may deliver by end of church, Sunday, December 8th!

— FBC Mission Team

Women's Brunch and Learn

Gathering for the FBC Ladies and Friends to come together and fellowship. We will enjoy Stacie Creech giving us her "walk down memory lane" Portuagal Trip! Saturday November 23rd at 9:30 am

— Women's Ministry Team



Our donations to Western North Carolina to help hurricane Helene victims.

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Jesus continued ...

Genesis 3:1-5 where Satan convinced Eve, and pretty easily it seems, to eat the fruit God had told her not to. If Satan could convince Eve so easily to go against God's command, just think of how easy it may be for him to convince us to do things which aren't as big of a deal as eating the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. We are born into this world as sinners. We come into the world having already cast our vote for Satan. Luckily, there is one big difference between this election and our presidential elections, and that difference is that you can cast multiple votes where it is only the last one that counts! So even if you've already cast a vote (or multiple votes) for Satan, it's not too late to cast a newer one for Jesus! You can cast that vote at any time before your time on Earth runs out. Early voting is preferred! Have you cast your vote for Jesus?

— Alan Watkins

November Birthdays

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| 1 | Jim Waddell |
| 3 | Wayne Blackmon |
| 8 | Jason Stewart |
| 10 | Tyler Allen |
| 10 | Raymond Foster |
| 11 | Amy Barham |
| 18 | Wanda Looper |
| 23 | Payton Harney |
| 27 | Lee Canipe |





Harvest Fest and Chili Cook-off

Some of the desserts, at left,
and the chili lined up, below,
at our Second Annual Harvest
Fest and Chili Cook-off.

Congratulations to Linwood
Barham, this year's winner!



Food Donations

We continue to collect food for Tri-Area Ministry each month. Our participation makes an important difference to help 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.

Treasurer's Report

Our financial statement for the month of
September 1, 2024 — September 30, 2024.

Tithes and Memorials - \$13,842.00
Budgeted/expected tithes - \$12,175.06
Other income: NC Mission/Baptist Men - \$670.00
Parsonage Rental - \$750.00

Actual expenditures - \$9,971.13
Budgeted expenditures - \$12,175.09

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

Deacons

Frank Powell, Chairman	919-604-1285
Victoria Neal, Vice Chairman	919-880-1888
Alan Watkins, Secretary	919-793-5548
Bill Upton	910-358-7303
Johnny Ray	919-740-7099

Celebrate cont' ...

voice is no longer heard; tender exchanges of affection are missed. Our minds are flooded with scenes from the past when all the family was together, and thoughts of death and separation did not cast shadows over the celebration of the season.

There is, however, a constant for us that nothing can mute: Christmas calls us to celebrate the birth of the King, our Lord Jesus Christ. During the season of Christmas, we remember the angels told the shepherds to go to Bethlehem and see the newborn babe and we remember the star which was shining in the dark oriental sky to direct the wisemen to the Christ child. As with the shepherds and wisemen, we, too, will celebrate the birth of the King.

I am writing these words the day before the election on November 5. We shall have to wait until the counting and recounting are completed and challenges resolved to celebrate. I am not thinking about the celebration one may have because his/her candidate won but celebrating because we have come through it and all the ads, signs, debates, all of it, are behind us and, by the time you read these words, it will be time to move on, whether your candidates won or not. Let's resign ourselves to that — to move on and search for a sense of "normalcy," a word coined by President Hard-

ing (presidents can do that). Let's determine we will put down the divisions of the campaign season and embrace the meaning of "one nation under God." We remain the greatest experiment in the history of democracy. I know we are flawed as a nation because we are all sinners. We are not perfect. We all get it wrong sometime regardless of political persuasions. The hope we have for meaning in our lives is not bound up in political processes or the people we elect. As Christians, we have found the meaning: it is not in political associations; it is in a person, Jesus Christ.

Join me in the early stages of preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas. "Come You Thankful People Come" we will sing with gusto. And "Silent Night, Holy Night" will be sung to the swell of the organ because it was a silent night and a holy night when long ago God entered his creation as a little baby, placed by Mary in a manger in Bethlehem.

Let me be the first to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

— Tom
Jenkins



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