

Falls Fellowship



What's It Like To Not Know God?

As many of you know, I broke my finger playing softball several weeks ago and had surgery to put some pins in to straighten the bones. They gave me a nerve block which basically made my whole right arm useless for about 24 hours.

As I stood in front of the mirror that night brushing my teeth with my left hand, struggling to do something I could do with my right hand with ease, I realized this is the physical equivalent of what would happen to us spiritually if we lost God. We would struggle through things for which we have chosen to put our trust in God. This is an easy analogy to see, but what about someone who has never known God? The physical equivalent of that would be if my right arm had never worked at all. In that case, I may never have known the things I could do with that arm, and I might even think that I was doing just fine without it. At a minimum, I wouldn't have known what I was missing.

That's the reality many people who haven't come to know Jesus are in — they go through life thinking they don't need Him. They may even

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Seasons of the Soul

The leaves are falling; the days are shorter, and the cool mornings are a hint of colder days to come. This is normal, the way God meant for his creation to function.

Seasonal changes are influenced by geography. When we lived in Kentucky, we had more dramatic seasonal changes. By the first of November we usually had days of frost and in December we would often have our first snow to fall. One year snow was falling when the children began their Christmas break. We had a hard freeze. The snow continued. The ground froze to the frost level, four feet, and schools did not open again until the first of February. But seasons change and a hard winter turned into spring and spring brought the beautiful tulip bulbs to bloom in the town square.

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Event Calendar

- November 3 — Annual Fruitcake Factory Trip 9 AM
- November 3 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- November 4 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- November 8 – Ladies Chrismon Making 9 AM
- November 8 — Harvest Fest and Chili Cook-off, Veterans Celebration
12 PM — All Welcome!
- November 11 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- November 18 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- November 27 — Thanksgiving
- November 30 — Lord’s Supper 11 AM
- December 1 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- December 13 — Christmas Dinner 6 PM

Fall Women’s Bible Study

Ladies ... join us for a study of “Jesus & Women” a Bible Study by Kristi McLelland.

We meet each Tuesday evening beginning October 7th through November 18th from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Each week we discuss the chapter together and watch a video of Kristi McLelland’s teaching.

It is a great opportunity to get to know other ladies in the church through sharing and studying God’s word together. We may even share a meal together our last week of the study.

A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule.

We look forward to seeing you November 11th at 7:00 pm at Falls Baptist Church. Arrive a few minutes early to grab a light refreshment and enjoy the fellowship together.

— Elizabeth Colcord

Treasurer’s Report

Our financial statement for the month of October 1, 2025 — October 31, 2025.

Tithes and Memorials - \$12,147.00
Budgeted/expected tithes - \$12,175.16

Other income:Parsonage -\$540.00
Sanctuary Flowers - \$350.00
NC Men - \$50 Actual expenditures - \$12,910.74
(includes insurance premium of \$2,676.75)
Budgeted expenditures - \$12,175.09

— 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

November Birthdays

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



Christmas Children 2025

Sponsorship Details:

Please have all gifts wrapped and delivered to **Our CHURCH by December 10th.**

It helps with delivery and pick up if gifts are packed in sturdy bags with handles or boxes.

Please wrap gifts and add a tag with the recipient's name on the gift to prevent gifts getting mixed up. You can leave the "from" section blank.

Please provide new clothing items only.

Please include gift receipts since sizing can be a challenge.

New shoes are a blessing for our families if you want to add a pair but it is not expected.

We did not list Bibles for this family as they have each received a Bible from Caring Connections Ministry in the last nine months. You are welcome to add a devotional of faith based book for mom if you would like to do so.

Thank you for reflecting the spirit of Christ through your generosity and compassion.

If you do not want to provide receipts, you DO NOT have to.

We do not have to provide all the items on the list but I know we will do our best to help provide a family a memorable Christmas.

We will be sharing food from our food pantry as needed during this holiday season.

— Falls Baptist Church Mission

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succeed in life (by worldly standards) without knowing Jesus as their Savior. But there is one thing you cannot do without Jesus, and that is summed up in John 14:6, "... I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus also tells us in John 10:10 that He comes not only to give us life, but to give it to us more abundantly.

Once you accept Jesus, you may realize you actually have more 'arms', possibly a better phrase would be 'more reach', than you ever thought possible! Without Him, we are confined to the world we live in; with Him, we have everlasting life.

— Alan Watkins



Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month for the past eight 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.

In addition, our mobile app is in use by more than 100 people in 10 countries at this writing — Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, China, Japan, Nigeria and Puerto Rico in addition to the United States! It is available for Apple and Android devices and was recently updated, so you need to update your phone to use it. 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!

Special Offering

In December we will be collecting money for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. All of your contributions go to the International Missions Board.

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

Deacons

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Alan Watkins, Secretary	919-793-5548
Craig Jackson	919-306-5783
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Seasons cont' ...

Our lives go through changes that may be likened to the seasonal changes of the calendar.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." The author tells us there is a "time to be born and a time to die."

God's creation, including our lives, follows a distinct order and rhythm. The rhythm is simple: we are born, we live out our days and then we die.

I don't want to push this "seasonal change" metaphor too far, but I believe there are, as someone wrote, "Seasons of the soul." If I understand that, I believe he was talking about times when we are excited about our relationship with God. We experience illustrations of his love. We have "eyes to see" and "ears to hear" the evidence of God's blessings.

There are other times, however, when we feel estranged from God. We question his presence; we question our faith. We all have these times of spiritual drought. What to do? Here are some simple suggestions.

1. Pray. Be honest and tell God the way you really feel.
 2. Read the Bible. If you are faithful in your Bible reading, somewhere in His Word, God has a message for you that will help you refocus on his blessings. Start with the Psalms. Read several every day and God will speak to you.
 3. Fellowship with the family of God. That means activities like attending church. One of our members said she comes to worship to "get filled up." Without that, she said, she gets, her word here, the "mulligrubs."
 4. Do something good for someone. I asked a lady who worked at the food pantry of a church where I was pastor why she volunteered. She said, "Helping others feeds my soul."
 5. Cultivate an attitude of "gratitude." That was the subject of a sermon preached by a fellow staff member of a church where I was pastor: "An Attitude of "Gratitude."
- Maybe you need an attitude adjustment.
- If you are in one of the "dry seasons" of life, try my prescription and let me know how it works for you.

— Tom Jenkins



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