

Falls Fellowship



Don't Let God Be a Fleeting Thought

I hurt my shoulder a few months ago, and it's taking a long time to get back to 100 percent. Some days it's better than others, but I can pretty much always feel it in the morning right after I wake up. One Sunday morning we were on the way to church, and I realized my shoulder hadn't hurt all that morning — not only that, but I had completely forgotten about it and how it had been for the last couple of months.

This reminded me of a story I read in college where a guy had somehow gotten stuck outside of his high-rise apartment on a ledge and couldn't get back in. He tried to get people's attention with no luck. All sorts of thoughts went through his mind about what he was going to do if he made it out of this — how he was going to appreciate things more, propose to his girlfriend, and call his parents right away and tell them how much he loved them. He ended up being able to break a window and get back in, and the story ended with him just leaving his apartment. He did none of the things he thought about on the ledge — they were just fleeting thoughts.

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The Waiting Room

It was time for my annual physical. I was in the waiting room at the doctor's office. Around me were people waiting to see one of the doctors in the practice.

We all had our face-masks on, a requirement to enter the waiting room. One



elderly patient had tenderly been helped by a family member to find her place in the waiting room. A young man was in his work uniform and looked anxious to return to work. Another person, about my age, was dozing. The nurse had to nudge him when she came for him. Each of us waited in the "Waiting Room."

We spend a lot of time in the waiting rooms of life. We ask for God's help, praying fervently and daily and then we wait for him to answer. We pour life into family members who are in distress,

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Worship Precautions During October

The church is taking several precautions to make attendance as safe as possible during this Covid-19 pandemic. Even though a few in our congregation have or have had 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 symptoms have disappeared.
2. Maintain six-foot social distance except for family members living in the same household.
3. Order of service and hymns will appear in your individual program bulletin.
4. Boxes to receive tithes and offerings are placed at

October Birthdays

1	Lola Kelley
3	Vivian Sherrell
8	Naomi Tsujimura
14	Allison Watkins
17	Melanie Barham
17	Stacie Creech
18	Tracie Odham
18	Pat Jenks
25	Bill Allen
25	R. L. Harris
30	Hubert Jenks



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 October, 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.

Pastor Appreciation Dinner

Please join us Sunday October 30, 2022, as we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month with a covered dish luncheon immediately following worship service to honor our pastor, Dr. Tom and wife Cheryl Jenkins. Dr. Tom and Cheryl give so much to Falls Baptist Church and we want to let them know we love them, pray for them and thank them!

New Additions to Our Church Library

New books have been added to our church library. The new titles are:

Three Amish novels:

Peanut Butter Panic by Amanda Flower

Foundation of Love by Amy Clipston

The Sommerfeld Trilogy by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Also:

Talks to Farmers - Inspiring, Uplifting, Faith-Building Meditations by Charles

H. Spurgeon

Brave Heroes and

Bold Defenders - 50

True Stories of Daring Men of God by Shirley Raye Redmond

Hearts of Fire - Eight women in the underground church and their stories of costly faith.

— Alan Watkins



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.

We collected 290 pounds of food for Tri-Area Ministry for July, August and September. This makes one year we have been collecting food for those who have been going through hard times along with Baptist Children's Home. We have collected a total of 2,265 pounds of food in the past year. Thank you so much!

— Mike Harris



Tri-Area Ministry placed this photo of Mike on their Facebook page with our September donation.

Treasurer's Report

Our financials for the month of August 1, 2022 — August 31, 2022.

Tithes - \$10,156

Budgeted/expected Revenue - \$11,583

Actual Expenditures - \$9,569.12

Budgeted Expenditures - \$11,524

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It's OK to forget about things like pain in your shoulder, it's not something you really want to dwell on. But we shouldn't forget about God when things are going OK for us. God wants us to pray for things — healing, relationships, children, but we shouldn't forget to give thanks for what we have and to thank Him when He answers prayers for things like taking pain away.

We need to ALWAYS be thinking of God, not just when something is going wrong, because God is all about things going right!

— Alan Watkins

Veterans' Appreciation Dinner

Falls Baptist Church will honor our Veterans on Sunday, November 13, 2022, with a covered dish luncheon immediately following Worship service. Please join us as we honor those who have served in the military for our country!

Event Calendar

October 3 — Deacons Meeting 6 PM

October 11 — Task Force Meeting 6:30 PM

October 16 — Regular Church Conference 12 PM

October 24 — Finance Committee Meeting 7PM

October 30 — Pastor Appreciation Covered Dish Luncheon 12 PM

Deacons

Frank Powell, Chairman 919-604-1285

Victoria Neal, Vice Chairman 919-880-1888

Mike Harris 919-746-5697

Bill Upton 910-358-7303

Tommy Brown 843-446-6540

Johnny Ray 919-740-7099

Waiting cont' ...

do all we can to help them and then wait to learn their response to our love (often we are disappointed). We work hard to climb the ladder in our jobs knowing we deserve the next promotion. We have worked hard and faithfully serving our employer and then we wait to see if he recognizes our value. We are distressed over our work situation and know there is a better job for us out there. We send our resumes to potential employers, have interviews and then we wait and find the waiting room is crowded with other people like us.

In one of his books, Max Lucado reminds us Joseph spent time in the waiting room in Egypt. You remember the circumstances of his ending up in Egypt: his brothers sold him into slavery; his boss' wife falsely accused him of sexual assault; he was thrown into the dungeon and almost forgotten. But the day came when he stood before Pharaoh to interpret a troubling dream the ruler had. From there he moved up the chain to become Pharaoh's right-hand man and the second most powerful man in the land. A famine came; Joseph's family came for food and, you know the rest, how Joseph's family ended up in Egypt bringing with them their old father, Jacob, to whom a promise had been made by God. Jacob would fulfill the promise that God

first made to his grandfather, Abraham, about becoming the father of a great nation and then later delivered to him.

You are not like Joseph and waiting in a dungeon in Egypt. You are not among those around me in the waiting room at the doctor's office. But still, you are waiting. Maybe you are waiting for surgery; or waiting for the doctor to prescribe the medication you need; or waiting for the breech in your family to be healed and hatred replaced by love; or waiting for God to give you better understanding about why bad things happen to good people (you may want to review last Sunday's sermon).

Lucado reminds us God is working for our good. Jesus said in John 5:17 that his Father is always at work. And for whom is he working if not for us, his children? Lucado wrote, "God never twiddles His thumbs. He never stops. He takes no vacations. He rested on the seventh day of creation but got back to work on the eighth and hasn't stopped since. Just because you are idle, don't assume God is."

Are you in the waiting room waiting for God to act on your behalf? Let me reassure you he is busy working for you, he has a plan for your life, and he has promises for your life.

— Tom Jenkins



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