

Falls Fellowship



Are you ready for division?

Since the last newsletter, a major news item in the US has been the assassination of Charlie Kirk. If you ever heard him speak, one of his major goals was to educate people. He was also a devout Christian, and I think the least I can do to honor him would be to share some take-aways from his tragic death.

The first takeaway is that we are not promised tomorrow (James 4:13-15). We might live another 50 years or 50 seconds — we really have no idea what the day and time of our death might be, so the best we can do is to spiritually be ready for that moment. You might have also heard, as I did, that the rapture was to have taken place over the last month. Matthew 24:36 tells us only God knows when this will be, so I didn't put much stock in the rapture happening. However, combined with the Charlie Kirk incident, it made me give some thought to what would happen if I was called home right now ... would I be ready? I came to the conclusion I am ready whenever He is ready for me. If you, or someone you know is struggling with whether or not they are ready, encourage them to accept Jesus as their Savior today!

The other thing this event made me think about was the division in

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How Are You?

“Just thought I would stop by and check on you. How are you doing?” That was

the greeting a deacon in my church of years ago would offer to me when he stopped by my office. He was the

kind of man who got your attention. He was six four in height and was over 400 pounds in girth. “How are you?” He would ask. I had learned I could be vulnerable with him and knew what I told him would never be repeated. A pastor seldom has people like that in his church. But he was different. He didn't take his relationship with me casually. He was serious about caring for me and he showed it in many ways.

Once when he asked that question, I told him about some problems we were having in the church. He didn't offer any quick solutions for the problems; he just simply



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Event Calendar

- October 6 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- October 7 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- October 12 — Church Council Meeting 2 PM
- October 14 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- October 19 — Quarterly Business Meeting
12 PM Immediately following
Worship Service
- October 21 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- October 28 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- November 3 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM
- November 4 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- November 8 – Ladies Chrismon Making 9 AM
- November 11 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM
- November 18 – Women’s Bible Study 7 PM

Fall Women’s Bible Study

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

We will 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 will 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 October 7th 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 September 1, 2025 — September 30, 2025.

Tithes and Memorials - \$13,615.00
Budgeted/expected tithes - \$12,175.16

Other income:

Parsonage -\$750.00 (August)

NC Men - \$1,250.00

Actual expenditures - \$10,899.43

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

October Birthdays

- 1 Lola Kelley
- 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



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dropped his head and said, "Let's pray." He thanked God for His goodness, His mercy, His grace and he reminded God he promised to take care of us and love us and in this moment his pastor needed to be reminded of that. He was there less than ten minutes but when he left, I felt relief from some of the concerns I had. Somehow, I knew God was working and would bring resolution to the issues which concerned me.

We all live busy lives. It is easy to get caught up in the schemes of life and neglect those around us who, like us, are struggling with the issues of life. Scripture teaches us we are to bear one another's burdens. A simple "How are you?" Offered with sincerity when the person you're talking to knows you are sincere and won't share your answer can do wonders to relieve the anxiety of a burdened heart. "How are you?"

— Tom Jenkins

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Division continued ...

our country. I had assumed there would be a universal condemnation of this assassination, but I was wrong. There were some people who celebrated this act. This is precisely how Satan works — he attacks from within. If you were trying to turn a group of people against each other, attacking them as a group would unite them. Attack a group within the larger group, and people will turn on each other. If you have never seen the *Twilight Zone* episode "The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street" (Season 1, Episode 22), you should check it out. In this episode, all it takes is turning off the electricity for a short amount of time to make people turn on each other. As Christians, we have to recognize when Satan is attacking us from within and rise above it.

— Alan Watkins



How To Share Your Faith

Inviting someone to church or sharing your faith about Jesus can be awkward. It is nerve wracking, scary and often times not what many followers of Jesus want to do.

Yet, the reality is if you are a follower of Jesus, you are to be a witness of Jesus. (Acts 1:8) That is a key and crucial piece of your new identity in Christ.

It is not optional.

Yes, some people are better at it than others, but all followers of Jesus are called to pray for people who don't know Jesus and share their faith with them.

But how?

How do you know when you should share your faith or invite someone to your church?

There are clues to listen to when you talk to someone. Andy Stanley calls these "the not cues." When you hear a person say something like, "Things are not going well." Or, "I'm not prepared for..." Or, "I am not from here; we just moved to the area."

When you hear any of these, you know it is worth the risk. Often the person who says these things is searching for something. They may not think it is Jesus, but it is.

Something crucial to not miss.

Recently, a friend told me this: "If you meet someone who isn't a Christian, you should assume God wants to use you to help them become a follower of Jesus."

That stopped me in my tracks.

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Share Your Faith cont' ...

Let me say something to the Christians who are always asking for deeper preaching or a deeper Bible study or say, "I want to grow." The best way for you to grow, to go deeper in your faith, is to share your faith. To be asked questions you don't know the answer to and you'll have to study. To have to stand there in a conversation and ask the Holy Spirit to tell you what to say. Those will grow you in ways that a class won't.

So, how do you live more proactively on mission?

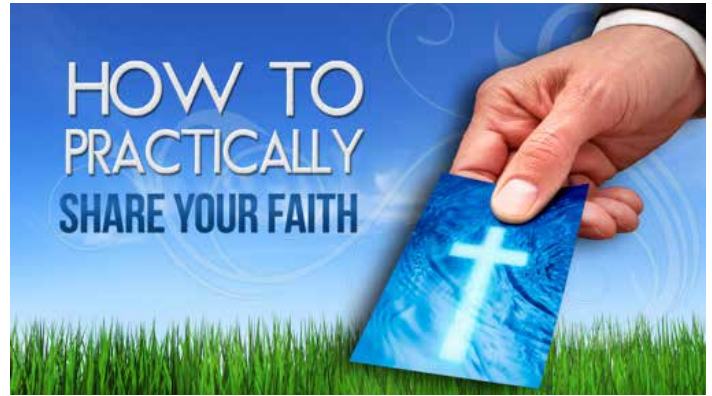
Here are some ideas:

Go to the same restaurants, coffee shops and the same classes at the gym. Frequency gives you the chance to build a relationship to share Jesus.

You can't be a disciple without knowing people who don't know Jesus.

Have people who don't know Jesus into your house. People are longing for community and connection.

Keep your kids on the same team and in the same groups to make those connections. But what about changing teams and groups so they can get a scholarship? They won't do that. Your job is to keep your fam-



ily on mission.

Hand out the best candy on Halloween.

If you get invited to a party or BBQ by non-Christians, go. And take the best food and drink.

Talk to the person who cuts your hair, and if a Christian cuts your hair, switch and find a non-Christian.

Pray God would move you into a neighborhood, get you a job or send you to a gym or to a school with people who need Jesus.

— Josh Reich
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