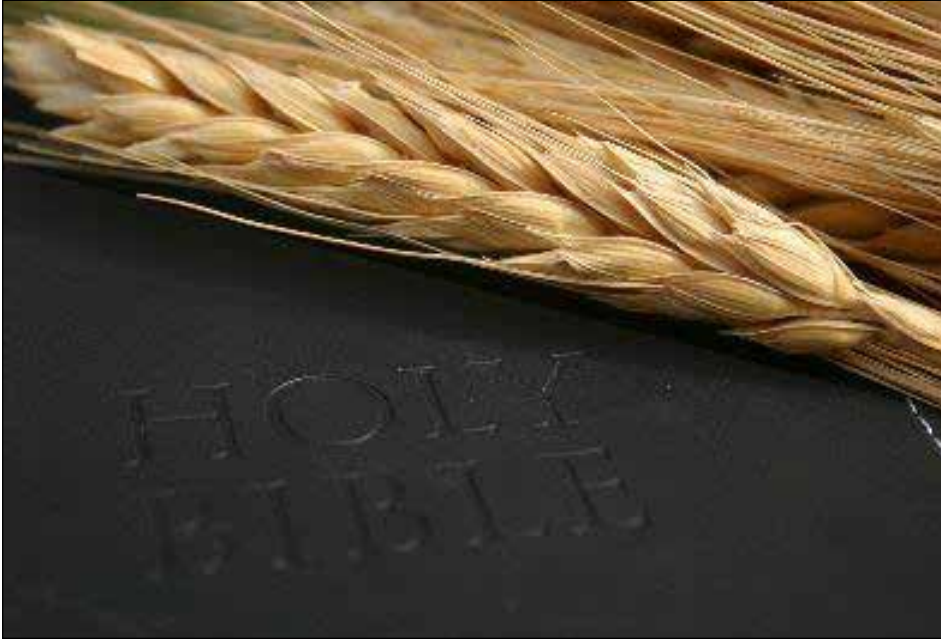


Falls Fellowship



Missions opportunities for the Fall Season

Our Missions Committee is starting out our Fall Season with a bang with numerous opportunities to help people and share God's love and the salvation of Jesus Christ. However, they need the help of all our members. You don't have to participate in every program, but please find it in your heart to help out when you are able.

September is our annual Missions Collection. You will find a special envelope in your box for this donation. Last year we sent all of this to the Baptist Men to support their relief efforts. One hundred percent of your donation to the Baptist Men goes to relief

programs. There are no administration costs. Please specify on your envelope if you would like your donation to help the Baptist Men.

First is Hygiene kits for NC State Fair workers. They should include: Toothpaste, Toothbrush (Regular size), Shampoo, Hair Conditioner, Deodorant, Soap, Disposable Razors, Wash Cloths, Combs (no brush), New Ball Point Pens, Pocket Size Note Pads.

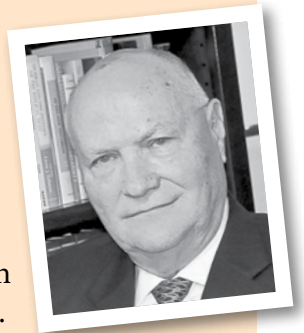
This ministry is sponsored by the Raleigh Baptist Association.

Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, September 26,

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Leadership Shifts

We voted on new leaders for our church last Sunday. The church received the recommendations from the Nominating Committee for the year September 2021 through August 2022.



We have people still serving in areas from last year and we have some new names added to the list. It is a good list. We will work together for the will of Christ for our church. We'll talk about that when I call our committees together for orientation and strategy planning for 2021-2022.

Baptist churches, for the most part, are in matters of administration led by committees. Making decisions can take time since we believe this structure is in keeping with our congregational concept of church government. Through a con-

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gregational system, the entire congregation is engaged in making important decisions for the church. An example of this occurred last Sunday when the entire congregation was invited to vote on the report from the Nominating Committee. In addition, the gathered congregation voted on a recommendation to purchase a new air conditioning system for the sanctuary. This system of decision-making is opposed to a hierarchical system where a small group or even one individual is vested with the power to make decisions for the church. Some Baptist churches are experimenting with elder led systems where a small group is empowered to make major decisions for the church. Usually, the group includes the pastor but, in some cases, he is outvoted by the elders. That recently happened in a church in our area and when the elders decided not to agree with the pastor, he immediately resigned. Some churches are under the control of a Bishop. For example, Episcopal churches practice this concept of church governance.

At Falls, we follow the traditional committee structure of Baptist churches as our expression of congregational governance.

In addition to committees, we also have Deacons elected to serve. Last Sunday we voted on the persons receiving the highest number of nominations when we nominated deacons. Among the three deacons elected to serve a two years' term, we have two who have never served at Falls. Bill Upton is a new deacon for us, but he has over twenty years of service as a deacon in another Baptist church. Victoria Neal is new to Falls as a deacon. We will have the delightful privilege of ordaining her. These two will serve alongside Mike Harris, Hubert Jenks, Kevin Barham, and Alan Watkins. The church clerk divides the membership among the deacons for what I call the "Deacon Family Care Ministry." Each deacon has a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of families assigned to him/her. I ask the deacons to introduce themselves to their families with a card sent to them in September. Deacons will then attempt to contact their families as crises may emerge or they sense a need to call on members of their group. Mike Harris is a good example of a deacon who takes this responsibility seriously. He keeps in touch with

his family group, calls them, visits them, and remembers them in prayer. Mike helps me by informing me of changes among his families. I want deacons to be involved in meeting the spiritual needs of the congregation. We have committees to oversee administrative matters.

Linwood Barham served as chairman of the deacons September 2017-2021. When I came to work as your interim, Kevin Barham was chairman. Kevin was very helpful during the remainder of his term as chairman. Linwood began serving and he and I have worked together as a team for the last four years. He has led us through improvements to our facility such as renovation of the sanctuary, the kitchen, and the bathrooms, resurfacing and enlarging the parking lot, and assisting the Building and Grounds Committee with the task of a new air conditioning system for the sanctuary. I have seen him in the building many times giving attention to problems in a timely manner.

We are off to a good start with our elected leaders. They are already at work. For example, you will find in this edition of the newsletter information from the Missions Committee about projects for our engagement. I am excited about what they are guiding us to accomplish.

Let us pray together, worship together and work together as we seek to accomplish the mission that Christ gave Falls Baptist Church.

— Tom Jenkins

September Birthdays

6	Edith Johnson
7	Craig Jackson
12	Henry Young, III
15	Angie Harris
16	Taylor Jenks
17	Pat Fox
18	Julie Allen
21	Trisha Watkins
24	Jerry Looper
26	Carol Looper
26	Ruth Young



Homecoming cancelled

Unfortunately, due to the need for social distancing and other health and safety concerns of COVID-19, we will not be able to celebrate with a sanctuary full of worshipers nor with our covered dish fellowship we all look forward to every year.

However, on September 12 we will still commemorate this important day as part of our worship of God.



Worship Precautions During September

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 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 September, 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.



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!

Deacons

Mike Harris	919-746-5697
Kevin Barham	919-618-4214
Hubert Jenks	919-270-8765
Alan Watkins	919-793-5548
Victoria Neal	919-880-1888
Bill Upton	910-358-7303

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2021. They will be sorted into individual plastic bags and delivered to the fair on October 7.

We want to have an ongoing non-perishable food drive which will be distributed once a quarter. Three quarters of the year our donations will go to Tri-Area Ministries food pantry in Wake Forest. Our April donations will go to the NC Baptist Children's Home.

Food Donations 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
 - Diapers
 - Diaper Wipes
 - Feminine hygiene products

** No glass jars please*

*** No oversize packages please*

You may bring your donations any Sunday and place them in the vestibule. They will be stored in our Missions Room downstairs until it is time to distribute them.

Once again we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child a little later this fall. Our church has supported this mission effort of Samaritan's Purse many times in the past. More information will be forthcoming in the future as we get closer to the Christmas season.

For more information you may contact Teresa Doman or Sandra Leonard who are co-chairing our Missions Committee this year.



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