

Falls Fellowship



Where have you laid Him?

Sometimes, seemingly insignificant things that happen to us can later trigger things with significant meaning. This happened to me a few years ago. Our neighborhood had a softball team for a few years, and players would come and go. We were practicing one day, and there was a new guy who had shown up. I didn't catch his name while we were on the field, so later in the dugout I went up and said, "Hey, I'm Alan, I didn't catch your name." His response to me was, "Mr. Alan, it's me...Cameron!"

Sure enough, it was Cameron! A kid who lived on my street I hadn't seen in a few years, about 20 years old now, taller than me. But when he spoke those words to me, I immediately recognized his face and voice! I didn't think about it at the time, but now, whenever I think back on this moment, it reminds me of John 20:11-16 where Mary Magdalene has returned to Jesus' tomb early in the morning and sees that He is gone. Jesus has, of course, risen from the dead and is there in the area with her. He says to her in what I can only interpret as a serious yet playful way, "Woman, why are you crying?" Serious, because He had already foretold His return. Somewhat playful, I think, because he knows she is about to

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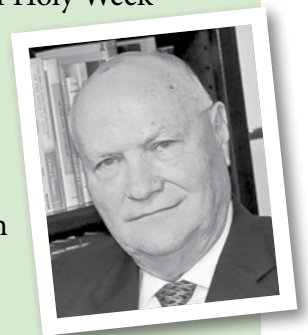
"Etcetera"

Easter Celebrations: By the time you read these words, Palm Sunday will have passed.

We will have celebrated the beginning of Holy Week with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem riding on a colt. We are familiar with the story:

He entered Jerusalem; initiated the Last Supper with his disciples; Judas betrayed him; he was railed before a Kangaroo court and then taken to Pilate where, bowing to the pressure of the crowd, Pilate condemned him to the ignoble death on a cross.

Next, we will gather on Friday night, April 7 for "Good Friday." There in the solemnity of the moment we will take the elements of the Lord's Supper, the supper Christ initiated with his disciples. We will remember that the "bread" is symbolic of his body broken for us and the "juice" is symbolic of his shed blood. The shadows of



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Worship Precautions During April

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-feet social distance except for family members living in the same household.
3. 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.

April Birthdays

1	Ken Barham
8	Carl Scott
8	Ruth Ann Long
26	Brandon Long

During the month of April, 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.

Treasurer's Report

Our financial statement for the month of February 1, 2023 — February 28, 2023.

Tithes - \$9,610.00

Budgeted/expected tithes - \$11,119.84

Actual expenditures - \$7,099.75

Budgeted expenditures - \$12,046.51

— Craig P. Jackson, Treasurer

Mission Donations

April is the month when we collect food for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. All items are needed. Please leave food in bags in the vestibule.

We will be collecting diapers of all sizes, wipes and ointment and baby and children wash. If you have any questions or need more information please contact Naomi Tsujimura.

Please give as you are able for this worthy cause and let's help some children!

Senior Adult Lunch

As many of you may already know, Falls Baptist Church is hosting a Senior Adult Lunch on Saturday, April 15th, at 12:00 PM. We hope this fun and innovative outreach will help us connect with Seniors in our community through food, fellowship, and music — all things we're good at and known for doing very well!

Our goal in hosting this event is to make Falls Baptist Church known to Adults and Seniors in the nearby community by offering a light lunch and live music in the church fellowship hall at no charge. By connecting and engaging with people in this way, it's our prayer that some who attend the lunch event will enjoy their experience and return to join us for church services in the future.

— Victoria Neal

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realize it is Him. She tells Him someone must have taken the body and wants to know where they have put it. He then speaks just one more word to her, her name, and she immediately realizes this is the resurrected Jesus. I can only imagine the despair she was feeling the moment right before she realized Jesus was alive. It had been a rough three days, and with this last straw of Jesus' body seemingly being stolen, all of her hope was gone at that moment. Equally difficult to imagine was the level to which it was restored at that particular moment when she realized Jesus was not misplaced or dead but had in fact risen from the dead! In her darkest of times, Jesus was (physically) with her. When you are going through a dark time in your life, remember, Jesus is with you too!

It's hard to completely empathize with what Jesus' original followers were going through on that first Easter weekend since we know the outcome, but I think to a large extent, the feelings we experience on Easter depend on our answer to the question: "Where have YOU laid Him?" Have you put up a tombstone in your heart with Jesus' name on it or is He living inside your heart daily? Easter is a perfect time to reaffirm Jesus is living, inside your heart or to invite Him in for the first time by praying the sinner's prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior.
Amen.

Don't delay! Easter is the anniversary of the resurrection, but you can experience it all year long!

— Alan Watkins



Event Calendar

April 3 — Deacons Meeting 7 PM

April 7 — Good Friday Service 7 PM

April 9 — Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service 7 AM
Breakfast immediately following!

April 15 — Senior Adult Celebration 12 Noon

April 23 — Quarterly Business Meeting

Please pick up 2023 Offering Envelopes

Members should pick up their offering envelope boxes in the vestibule if you have not already done so. Please see Kevin Barham if you have any questions.

Newsletter articles needed

We have had a newsletter each month for the past four 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

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Mike Harris	919-746-5697
Bill Upton	910-358-7303
Tommy Brown	843-446-6540
Johnny Ray	919-740-7099

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the evening invite us to remember the events beyond the supper: the arrest in the garden and his death on the cross.

Then Easter morning comes. We will start with our sunrise service at the cemetery and then enjoy breakfast in the fellowship hall and end the morning with Bible study and worship. The weekend is filled with darkness and light. It was dark when Jesus was arrested; when he was taken from the cross and placed in the tomb. But morning came, and the sun lit the garden scene as the women went to the tomb and heard the angel say, "He is not here but risen."

After Easter: The Saturday after Easter, April 15, we will have a senior adult celebration hosted by our Evangelism/Missions/Outreach group led by Victoria Neal. Postcards have been sent to more than 2,200 people forty-five years of age and older inviting them to the "party" on April 15. After a period of agonizing over the next step our church should take in outreach, we decided to focus on older adults, because, well, most of us are older adults and we have a good time together in worship, in fellowship and we aggressively support each other and, besides, that's the fastest growing age group in our focus area. We will have a light lunch for the group, Mike Neal and his band will pro-



vide music and "hosts" and "hostesses" will be floating through the room welcoming visitors and putting on a "happy face" for Falls Baptist Church. We will not aggressively attempt to recruit our visitors for our church (such as shove a card in their face saying, "give us your name") but we will attempt to put forth an inviting spirit which reflects who we are as the Church of Jesus Christ on Fonville. Prayerfully, the natural flow of our friendliness, the genuine desire to be disciples of Jesus Christ, and our desperate need to reach new people will motivate us to open our doors and our lives to those who come. Want to help? Call Victoria Neal.

Etcetera: "used to begin a list that will not be completed." These events are not the end of the list. There is much more for Falls to do as we attempt to reach people with the love of Jesus Christ. The challenge to bring people to Christ is always before us. The list of what we must do to bring people to Christ does not end until he returns.

— Tom Jenkins



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