

# Falls Fellowship

## Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, October 1st — 10 am to 2 pm



Food, Fun and Fellowship is the theme of our third annual Fall Festival which will be on Saturday, October 1, 2011, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Candy apples, cotton candy, funnel cakes, snow cones and other fair type food will be offered along with hot dogs!

Games for children of all ages are available including a bounce house and face painting. A live DJ will provide music to add to the festive atmosphere.

Community awareness and great fellowship are the pillars for this annual event. Make your plans to attend and join us October 1!

Dear Church Family,

Thom Rainer, editor of Lifeway's (Southern Baptist Convention)



*Facts and Trends* magazine,

recently noted five trends that should both alarm and motivate us to be more intentional in fulfilling our mission:

**1. Our nation will see the emergence of the largest generational mission field in more than a century.** According to our current research, the Millennial generation, those born between 1980 and 2000, will have a very low Christian representation. Our estimates now are that only 15 percent are Christian. With a huge

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## 111th Falls Baptist Church Homecoming

We will welcome Mr. Preston Barham, former member and leader in our church and an outstanding Lay Preacher, as our guest speaker this year. Mr. Barham is a member of Ogden Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC. Special music is being planned and a covered dish dinner will follow in the fellowship hall.

Please bring food for your family plus another family to cover our guests. Tea and coffee will be provided along with paper supplies.

Please invite your friends, former members and family to join us at 11 am on Sunday, September 11 for this celebration day. Let's all join together in worship and fellowship on this important day in the life of our church! We look forward to seeing you here!

# H+MECOMING

## ... Tiberias

Our journey to the Holy Land intertwined our lives with new and wonderful people ... if only for a few weeks. Doron Heiliger met us at the Tel Aviv airport with a warm smile and deep, rich voice. I can still hear his voice telling the stories of his people and his country as I write this. Doron is Jewish, though he does not practice his faith. What surprised me the most about Doron was his knowledge of the entire Bible — both the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible) and the New Testament. Here stood before me a man who knew so much about our Christian faith, a man who could tell you what was tradition or legend and what was authentic and 100 percent accurate. He could quote Scripture as easily as he breathed in and out. And yet, for all of his knowledge of our faith and the places where Jesus ministered to the needy, the sick, and the poor...this man had no heart knowledge at all.

It was as if living each day in the Holy Land, going to the Christian holy places of old had no meaning for him outside the fact that they were a part of history – the history of the people of his country. Many of the facts you are about to read came from Doron and his knowledge of the land and her people. A wonderful and fascinating man who was good friends with almost everyone we met, including our fabulous bus driver Mike. Mike is known for



being the best driver in Israel, and we experienced the tight spots and traffic jams to prove it! He is also a very funny and kind man who does not share our faith for he is Muslim. Given the media coverage of Israel, one would have never thought that Doron and Mike would even get along, yet they are wonderful friends. They both wanted all of us to remember and carry

home with us one thing – that both the Israelis and the Muslim Arabs that live in Israel want peace. Both are deeply grieved by the media coverage and the portrayal of the people who live there. But this topic will be covered in greater detail when we talk about Bethlehem.

Mike and Doron guided us on our journey through the Plain of Sharon...wound us through the hills Galilee...



until we arrived safely at our kibbutz in Tiberias, which was situated along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It became our home for the next four nights. Doron kindly provided the following facts: Tiberias is a large urban city that was built by Herod Antipas more than 2000 years ago. The Sea of Galilee is really a lake shaped like a harp which is where it got its name. It is used as a reservoir for Israel, providing irrigation and tap water. Fifty percent of Israel's water comes from the Sea of Galilee. The lake is also known as the Kineret, and John 6 referred to it as the Sea of Tiberias.

The lake is seven miles long, 150 feet deep, and its water comes from Mt. Hermon and the spring Dan. The word Jordan actually means "from the Dan." You may find it interesting to know Jesus never would have come to Tiberias. He actually had to flee from Galilee as a small child or Herod would have killed him along with the millions of Jewish boys who were murdered in search of the newborn King. Even during Jesus' time, no Jew would have knowingly come to Tiberias. It was not until after the rabbis declared it was okay did any Jewish person venture into the city.

Our kibbutz in Tiberias was actually very modern looking. It did not seem as agricultural as most of the other kibbutzes. According to our wonderful guide Doron, 75% of the farmers in Israel are now brought in from Thailand. In farming communities people own their own land, but 95% of the land in Israel is owned by the National Association. When kibbutzes first started forming, college professors would work on them. About 100 years ago, Jews were not allowed to farm the land. A great deal has changed since that time, and now it is hard to find people who would like to farm and work on a kibbutz.

While all of the above information is good to know and helps to understand more about the land and her history, it is just information if you merely file it away.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Sunday School Rooms

Our Sunday School room remodeling project is finished and all the rooms are being used.

The bookcases for the new library/conference room have just arrived and are being put in place. Hopefully it will be finished in a few weeks.

July 2 Yard Sale

Our first July 4th weekend Yard Sale and BBQ Chicken Sale was an outstanding success! Many visitors from the community and surrounding areas attended the sale and came back or stayed for the BBQ Chicken Dinners. Proceeds totaled more than \$600 which will be split between disaster relief and mission programs.



A special thanks to all of our church members who volunteered their time and talents to make the day a success.

Fourth of July Celebration

Our annual Fourth of July Celebration of homemade ice cream and fireworks went off as planned except for the



fireworks. A huge thunderstorm appeared while we were enjoying homemade pineapple, strawberry, pecan pie and vanilla ice cream. Billed as the largest fireworks show on this side of the Neuse River, it was postponed to Wednesday night after Bible study.

To make a long story short, it went off without a hitch and no one was injured.

With the yard sale on Saturday, July 2, homemade ice cream on Monday, July 4, and fireworks on Wednesday, July 6, we had the longest Fourth of July celebration on this side of the Neuse!



our newest member of our congregation, Amy McPherson. Amy is our youth and children director and has moved her membership to Falls Baptist on Sunday, August 21.

Youth Sunday

The youth of Falls Baptist planned and

Welcome to Falls Baptist

We would like to welcome

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Does it change the way you think? The way you perceive God and His story as it is told through the lives of people? I can't help but think of our friend Doron who knew so much, and at the same time knows so very little. We are told mere knowledge is not enough for even the demons believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

When do our hearts open allowing knowledge to transform into belief and faith in Jesus? When do we begin to die to ourselves daily and choose to live for Him? May we never be a people so puffed up with knowledge that we fail to listen and love with our heart.

— Amy McPherson

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population of nearly 80 million, that means nearly 70 million young people are not Christians.

Now if that doesn't alarm you, consider this information from George Gallop. Their research is based on a definition that to be considered a "churched" individual, one must have attended a church within the past six months. According to that definition, we may now say that 50% of Southerners (that's right — the Bible Belt) are now unchurched.

**2. The dominant attitude of this huge generation toward Christianity will be largely indifferent.** Only 13 percent of the Millennials rank any type of spiritual matter as important to their lives. They are not angry at churches and Christians. They simply ignore us because they do not deem us as meaningful or relevant.

**3. Senior adult ministries in churches will experience steep declines.** As the large Baby Boomer generation moves into their older years, they will resist any suggestion that they are senior adults, no matter how senior they may be. Unfortunately, many churches are slow to adapt to new realities. If they do senior adult ministry the way they've always done it, it will be headed for failure.

**4. The large Boomer generation will become more receptive to the gospel.** Our data is

anecdotal for now, but we are seeing indications that the Boomers may actually become more interested in spiritual matters in general and Christianity specifically. If so, this trend will be counter to other trends where adults tend to become less receptive to the gospel as they age. The Baby Boomers have tried it all and found no joy. They may likely turn to the hope of the gospel.

**5. Family will be a key value for both of the large generations.** For the Millennials, family is their most important value. Nearly eight out of ten of the Millennials ranked family as the important issue in their lives. They told us that they had healthy relationships with their parents who, for the most part, are Baby Boomers. Some churches say they are family friendly, but few actually demonstrate that value. Churches that reach both of these generations will make significant changes to become the type of churches that foster healthy family relationships.

Rainer goes on to say these trends may become a reality, and how significant that will be since these two groups (the Boomers and the Millennials) are the two largest population groups in American history. I believe these numbers cannot be ignored. The question for me is this ... can we continue to be satisfied with doing business as usual, or should we be even more intentional as we continue to explore avenues that will reach the unreached?

*Pastor Terry*

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## Once a community loses knowledge of its past, it loses its identity

Falls Community has been invited by the Wake Forest Historical Society to showcase our community on Sunday, October 2, 2011, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Wake Forest Birthplace Museum, 414 North Main Street, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Our historical past, significant present and ideal future will be presented. Your participation and presence are greatly needed! We want to display items of interest, including pictures and your best family artifacts.

Falls represents centuries of life. It is our *homeland*.

We'll look at our heritage from Tuscarora Indians who first called our area home to the days of our youth,

and our ever-changing present. We will talk about Falls as a thriving place of gristmills, sawmills, farm lands, mercantile establishments, schools, a cotton gin, and the important mill history which dates from the colonial days.

We will also pay tribute to our churches, the local military, Falls Fire Department, and the ball teams which put Falls on the map! Most importantly, our love for Falls is defined by the people who have shaped us.

Please share your memories with us as we celebrate our home! We look forward to seeing you there!

For additional information, please contact Barbara Barham, (919) 847 0781 or [bjbarham@aol.com](mailto:bjbarham@aol.com).

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conducted our worship service on August 14. This was the first youth Sunday we've have in some time and we were not sure what to expect, but our youth and their director Amy did a fantastic job. The music was great and the Parent Sermon led by Kaleigh Young was a special treat. Tyler Allen delivered the main message like a pro. Enjoyed by all, our youth blessed us all with this impressive service.

**Happy Birthday!**

**September Birthdays:**

4th Michelle Evans; 6th Edith Johnson; 7th Craig Jackson; 12th Henry Young III; 15th Angie Harris; 16th Taylor Jenks, Ernie Sherrell; 17th Pam Frazier; 18th Julie Allen, Elizabeth Norton; 21st Trisha Watkins; 24th Jerry Looper; 26th Carol Looper, Ruth Young

**October Birthdays:**

1st Lola Kelley, MacKenzie Blackmon; 3rd Vivian Sherrell; 4th Dewey Stewart; 8th Lisa Walker; 14th Allison Watkins; 17th Melanie Barham; 18th Pat Jenks; 25th Bill Allen, R.L. Harris; 30th Hubert Jenks



*Some photos of our Fourth of July Celebration. In addition to the largest fireworks display at The Falls, Mike Harris helped grill chickens for our BBQ Chicken sale.*



**Senior Adult Rally**

Sponsored by the Raleigh Baptist Association, this fall's Senior Adult Rally will recognize veterans and remember the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. It will be held at Wake Crossroads Baptist Church, 3329 Forestville Road, Raleigh on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 with registration at 9 AM and

the program at 9:30 am. Special patriotic program featuring Chaplain (Colonel) Dudley Neal, Leigha Martinelli from Duke Children's Hospital. Special Music provided by the Singing Statesmen and the NCSU Men's Ensemble.

Lunch is included with the menu of Beef Tips with rice, green

peas, carrots, cornbread muffins, chocolate pie or banana pudding and tea.

Mail your \$11 registration in and make your check payable to Raleigh Baptist Association, PO Box 46659, Raleigh, NC 27620-6659 by September 15.

# Fresh flowers a blessing ...

Lydia M. Child is credited with saying, "Flowers have spoken to me more than I can tell in written words. They are the hieroglyphics of angels, loved by all men for the beauty of their character, though few can decipher even fragments of their meaning." Hopefully the



beautiful sanctuary flowers have spoken to many and are enjoyed by all who have entered Falls Baptist Church. We have been

blessed with fresh flowers at Sunday service this past year. Should you wish to honor someone's birthday, anniversary or memory with lovely flowers, please contact Barbara Barham and she will arrange to have flowers at church for you on that special Sunday. The beautiful arrangements are \$60 and will grace your presence for the next week, if properly attended to.

## Calendar

September 11, 2011  
111th Annual Homecoming

September 20, 2011  
Senior Adult Rally

October 1, 2011  
Fall Fest

October 16, 2011  
Regular Church Conference

October 25, 2011  
RBA Semi-Annual Meeting

October 28, 2011  
Spooky Movie Night for Youth

November 20, 2011  
Thanksgiving Service/Lord's Supper

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